

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW ORLEANS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE NOV 27 1968	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/20-21/68
TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, aka; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA ALBERT B. MILLER	TYPED BY bab
		CHARACTER OF CASE CR - CONSPIRACY UFAC - ROBBERY	

REFERENCE:

Bureau airtel, 11/14/68

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ENCLOSURES:TO MEMPHIS

Provincial Motel, New Orleans, Louisiana, original data as follows:

1. Complete telephone bills, 3 pages of which have been xeroxed in this report, dated 12/19/67 (7 pages)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN: PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			
APPROVED						SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		
COPIES MADE:						DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW		
1 - Bureau (44-38861) 3 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc-153) (RM) 2 - Mobile 2 - Omaha (Enc-2) 2 - San Diego (Enc-1) 2 - New Orleans (157-10673)						57 10673-1207 D. B. Miller 11/27/68		
Dissemination Record of Attached Report						Notations		
Agency						index No 165 thru 172 4 p. 1 & 2		
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and 1/19/68 (11 pages).

2. Nine (9) work sheets. (Xeroxed in this report.)
3. 142 registration cards. (Xeroxed in this report.)

As indicated in instant report this material is to be returned to Mr. BRYAN DUPEPE, owner manager of the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, La., when it has served its purpose. On 11/20/68 SA ALBERT B. MILLER, FBI, New Orleans, La., gave Mr. DUPEPE a receipt to that effect, a copy of which is NO 157-10673-1A68

TO OMAHA

One copy of Buairtel dated 11/14/68 .(NO 157-10673-1198)
One copy of New Orleans airtel, 5/7/68. (NO 157-10673-851)

TO SAN DIEGO

One copy of Buairtel 11/14/68.(NO 157-10673-1198)

LEADS:

MOBILE

AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. Will locate and interview H. R. QUINN and JOE LACEY, JR., 1211 Westmoreland, Montgomery, Ala., make of car S.W. (probably station wagon), Alabama license 3-2146, 2 in party.

OMAHA

AT SIOUX CITY, IOWA. Will locate and interview Mr. and Mrs. DONALD C. (illegible) SMITH, 3319 Dodge Ave., Sioux City, Iowa, no car or license indicated, 2 in party.

SAN DIEGO

AT LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA. Will locate and interview Mr. and Mrs. VIRGIL L. LARSON, 5646 Taft Avenue, LaJolla, California, arrived by taxi, 2 in party.

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Will locate and interview Mrs. LOUISE LARSON, 5231 LaJolla Boulevard, LaJolla, California, arrived by taxi, 1 in party.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The Bureau and Memphis will recall that New Orleans report of SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER, 4/29/68, (NO 157-10673-802) sets forth investigation at the Provincial Motel and information regarding motel records as furnished by owner manager, DUPEPE at that time.

New Orleans airtel 5/7/68 (NO 157-10673-851) to Memphis and other offices, including Mobile and San Diego, set forth leads to have the motel registrants interviewed.

As indicated in instant report Mr. DUPEPE has located additional motel registrants.

In view of the instructions set forth in re Buairtel 11/14/68 (NO 157-10673-1198) New Orleans is not setting forth leads to interview all the registrants not previously interviewed. However, because of the proximity of certain registrants, i.e., the LARSONs, the SMITHs and QUINN and LACEY, New Orleans has set forth leads to interview them. These interviews should be conducted along the lines set forth in New Orleans airtel 5/7/68. To possibly identify some of the long distance calls shown in this report they should be asked whether they made calls or know anyone who did. Also during the interviews they should be questioned for possible identification of "RAOUL".

Mobile, Omaha and San Diego will submit results of investigation by report rather than insert.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA ALBERT B. MILLER Office: NEW ORLEANS
Date: NOV-27-1968
Field Office File #: NO 157-10673 Bureau File #: 44-38861
Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: Records of Provincial Motel, New Orleans, La., indicate RAY using alias of GALT, stayed at the motel December 17-19, 1967. Data concerning occupants of motel December 14-22, 1967, obtained. It shows RAY as GALT was in Room 126. Prior to RAY occupying Room 126 it was occupied by H. R. QUINN and JOE LACEY, JR., 1211 Westmoreland, Montgomery, Ala., make of car S.W. (probably station wagon), Alabama license 3-2146, 2 in party. While RAY was in Room 126 Mr. and Mrs. DONALD C. (illegible) SMITH, 3319 Dodge Avenue, Sioux City, Iowa, 2 in party, occupied Room 125 which is next to Room 126. Mrs. LOUISE LARSON, 5231 LaJolla Blvd., LaJolla, Calif., 1 in party, registered in Room 126, 12/19/67, after RAY checked out of Room 126. Probably with Mrs. LARSON, occupying a nearby room, were Mr. and Mrs. VIRGIL L. LARSON, 5646 Taft Ave., LaJolla, Calif., 2 in party. It would appear the three LARSONs arrived by taxi rather than personal car. Toll cards December 14-22, 1967, from public phone at Provincial Motel not available. Clerk who registered RAY and owner-operator of laundry and dry cleaning which does work for Provincial Motel interviewed and no additional info obtained.

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DETAILS: AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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Date 11/21/68

Mr. BRYAN DUPEPE, Owner Manager, Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, French Quarter, New Orleans, Louisiana, was contacted concerning guests residing at the motel during the period December 17-19, 1967, which was when JAMES EARL RAY was reportedly registered at the Provincial Motel as ERIC S. GALT, and for guests residing at the motel three days before, i.e., December 14-16, and three days after, i.e., December 20-22, 1967.

After an exhaustive search of motel records, Mr. DUPEPE made available the following work sheets and motel registration cards and long distance phone bills which have been xeroxed and are attached. The originals are being retained in the files of the Memphis Office of the FBI and are to be returned to Mr. DUPEPE after they have served their purpose.

In explanation of the records Mr. DUPEPE furnished the following information:

Each workday has a work sheet. The date is shown at the top, e.g., Thursday, December 14, 1967. The entries on the sheet are made by the morning desk clerk and the afternoon desk clerk. The numbers on top of the sheet, e.g., 36967-36975, are ledger numbers and are used for internal bookkeeping purposes. The other numbers, e.g., X 12, S/O 17, R 8, T 25, mean 12 rooms are ready because the occupants have paid and checked out, 17 persons are staying over, 8 rooms were rented the day in question, and a total of 25 rooms were occupied the day in question.

In further explanation, using the Thursday, December 14, 1967, work sheet as an example, Mr. DUPEPE explained, Room 101 was not rented although as indicated by the circle it was ready for renting. S/O, staying over in Room 102 was TAGLAVORE. Further down in the rooms, room 109 was rented for the first time on December 14, 1967 to JOHNSON. The number 36968, under JOHNSON, means that was his ledger card number. Each guest is assigned a

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On 11/20/68 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673

by SA ALBERT B. MILLER /bab Date dictated 11/20/68

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ledger card whereon are recorded charges for room, food, beverage, valet and phone calls. All the ledger cards for December, 1967, have been destroyed and whatever charges each guest had are unavailable at the motel. All these services are rendered by the motel except valet which is handled by Lee Laundry and Cleaners, 830 Chartres Street. Every two weeks or so this company sends the motel individual slips showing valet work done for the applicable room. These slips are checked against valet slips in the motel and are then destroyed at the motel. Mr. DUPEPE advised he does not know what records Lee Laundry and Cleaners maintain.

As far as telephone calls are concerned local calls are dialed through the switchboard at the motel and the phone company has no record of them. Collect long distance calls going out are not recorded at the motel. Other long distance calls going out and collect calls coming in are paid by the motel and recorded. These are recorded by the switchboard operator at the motel and then checked against the monthly bill submitted by the phone company. The calls for December, 1967, recorded by the motel switchboard operator have been destroyed. Mr. DUPEPE made available the phone bill dated December 19, 1967 which shows long distance calls from November 9, 1967 to December 18, 1967. Page 7 a copy of which is attached shows calls from December 11, 1967 to December 18, 1967 and one for December 3, 1967. Pages 1 and 2 of the following month's bill, dated January 19, 1968, shows calls from December 19, 1967 to part of December 25, 1967 and one for December 8, 1967. Mr. DUPEPE explained occasionally, such as December 8, 1967 in this instance, a call is not recorded in the period of the bill. The check marks against the amounts shows these have been checked against the individual ledgers. Mr. DUPEPE stated from the phone bill he has no way to determine from which rooms the calls were made. The ledger cards, which have been destroyed, would have shown that information.

Further in regard to phone calls, Mr. DUPEPE advised the motel has only one public pay phone. This is located in the motel's outdoor alcove between the office and the swimming pool. The phone number is 523-8802.

The procedure for registering at the motel is as follows, Mr. DUPEPE explained: If a guest has a reservation

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notice of the reservation is kept at the registration desk. At the time the guest comes in the work sheet is consulted and the guest assigned the appropriate room. The guest then normally fills out a registration card. In a rare instance the card is filled out by the clerk. After the card is filled out the reservation notification is generally stapled to the registration card. After it has served its purpose and prior to filing, the reservation notification is taken from the registration card and destroyed. The registration card, copies of which have been xeroxed and are attached, are filed. If the registration card bears the imprint of a staple in all probability that person had a reservation. Generally speaking if the card bears no such imprint chances are the person had no reservation. Mr. DUPEPE explained this is no hard and fast rule because the reservation notification could have been fastened to the registration card by paper clip. Generally written on the bottom of the card is the time or, at least tentative time the registrant will check out.

Concerning the work sheet, taking December 14 again as an example, Mr. DUPEPE stated Rooms 116 and 220 are not rented and the "H" means hold and as indicated they required plumbing work.

Xeroxed and attached are work sheets for December 14, 1967, through December 22, 1967. Motel registration cards which are xeroxed and attached were located for everyone on the work sheets except Room 115 HIGGINS on December 14, 1967, Room 112 FISHER and Room 234 MADDEN on December 21, 1967, and no registration card was found for CRISSEY, Room 212, on December 22, 1967. Information regarding BRANCH and PRUET is set forth herein. Mr. DUPEPE advised in all probability data are misfiled among the various records of the motel.

It is observed there is a registration card for Mr. and Mrs. BARNEY BRANCH, 4334 Stern Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California, 1968 Chevrolet, license US 6320, California; (not too legible), on December 14, 1967, Room 108, but the work sheet shows that room vacant. Written in but erased appears to be BRANT (not too legible) and in all probability they registered and then decided they did not want the room.

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Further in connection with registrations, the work sheet for December 15, 1967 shows one PRUET in Room 217. There is no registration card for him however, which indicates the room was reserved for him but he did not show. Mr. DUPEPE advised there are two PRUETS who occasionally stay at the Provincial Motel. One of them is JIM PRUET, 3130 SW Freeway, Houston, Texas, believed to be in the electronics business. The other PRUET is from Dallas, Texas, and is known as JAMES PRUET. Off hand the address and business connection of JAMES PRUET of Dallas are not available to Mr. DUPEPE.

Specifically in regard to GALT, Mr. DUPEPE advised as follows:

The work sheet for Sunday, December 17, 1967, is where GALT first appears. This is indicated by Room 126. The R, as previously explained, means December 17 is the first day he rented the room. The 2 by his name means either he said he wanted the room for 2 days or that a reservation had come in and that because of the reservation the room would be available only for 2 days. The number under GALT, i.e., 37263, means GALT had a ledger card with that number on it. The ledger card which has been previously explained has been destroyed. Mr. DUPEPE stated from the writing GALT on the work sheet it appears to him that Mr. B. C. DUKE, a clerk at the motel, registered GALT.

In connection with the 2 days as above, the registration card of Mr. and Mrs. VIRGIL L. LARSON, 5646 Taft Avenue, LaJolla, California, 92037, bears the imprint of a staple indicating, according to DUPEPE, they had a reservation for December 19, 1967 as shown on the card. With them was probably Mrs. LOUISE LARSON, 5231 LaJolla Boulevard, LaJolla, California, 92037, who registered in Room 126, December 19, 1967, after GALT checked out of Room 126. The cards indicate the LARSONs arrived by taxi rather than personal car. Mr. and Mrs. LARSON as indicated by the card and work sheets were moved from Room 124 to Room 125 on December 20, 1967, apparently to be next to Mrs. LOUISE LARSON who was in Room 126. Rooms 124 and 125 have a connecting door. Rather than the 3 LARSONs occupying Rooms 124 and 125 it would be \$6 cheaper for Mr. and Mrs. VIRGIL L. LARSON to move into Room 125 instead of Mrs. LOUISE LARSON moving from 126 into 125.

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In connection with the physical layout of the rooms it was observed Room 126 is in the back of the motel and on the first floor. It fronts on the parking area. Room 126 is a two level room 10 feet by 10 feet and has a spiral stairway to an upper bedroom. In other words, it has two beds, one on the first floor and one up the spiral stairway. Next to Room 126 on the first floor is Room 125. Room 125 has one level only and is the only room next to the lower level of Room 126. Next to the upper level of Room 126 is Room 234.

The work sheet for Sunday, December 17, 1967, which indicates GALT checked in that day, shows SMITH was in Room 125 as a stay over. The work sheet for Friday, December 15, 1967 shows SMITH first checked in Room 125 on December 15, 1967. SMITH is last shown on the work sheets on December 19, 1967 which according to DUPEPE means in all probability SMITH checked out on December 20, 1967. It would therefore appear SMITH was next to GALT all the time GALT was in the Provincial Motel, i.e., December 17 - 19, 1967. The registration cards shown SMITH to be Mr. and Mrs. DONALD C. (illegible) SMITH, 3319 Dodge Avenue, Sioux City, Iowa, no car or license indicated.

It is observed that none of the registration cards have anything written on the back of them such as check out time. In connection with times, Mr. DUPEPE explained, the time of registration is not recorded nor is the time of check out. Check out time is 1:00 PM, but occasionally people stay over the check out time so he cannot say exactly when anyone checked out. Mr. DUPEPE advised he previously furnished the FBI the registration card of GALT. From the work sheets, however, particularly since GALT is shown on two days, i.e., December 17 and 18, 1968, and not on December 19, 1968, it would appear he checked out of the motel on December 19 prior to 1:00 PM. The next occupant of this room, Room 126, was Mrs. LOUISE LARSON on December 19, 1967.

As to who was in Room 126 immediately prior to GALT, it is noted this would be nobody as indicated by the work sheet for Saturday, December 16, 1967. QUINN and LACEY and stay over were written on the work sheet for that day for Room 126 but erased. It is observed from the work sheet of Thursday, December 14, 1967, that QUINN and LACEY first

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rented Room 126 that day. The registration card indicates they, however, checked out Saturday, December 16, the day before GALT was assigned Room 126. The registration card shows QUINN and LACEY to be H. R. QUINN and JOE LACEY, JR., 1211 Westmoreland, Montgomery, Alabama, make of car S. W. (probably stationwagon), Alabama license 3-2146.

In regard to Room 234, immediately above GALT's room 126, it is observed from the work sheets that this room was unoccupied Sunday, December 17, 1967, the day GALT checked into Room 126. Work sheets from December 14, 1967 which are attached indicate it was unoccupied from that day on until December 21, 1967 when it was occupied by MADDEN for the first time. No registration card could be located for MADDEN, it apparently having been misfiled according to DUPEPE. Work sheets prior to December 14, 1967, available in Provincial Motel records, i.e., December 13, 1967 back to December 8, 1967 show Room 234 to be unoccupied. Mr. DUPEPE explained from Thanksgiving roughly to the Christmas weekend business is generally slack and for that reason Room 234 was unoccupied as indicated.

In regard to auto parking, the motel has a parking area, which is all open, and which Room 126 fronts. This parking area is free to all guests and guests use it particularly because it is available and parking in the French Quarter, where the Provincial Motel is located, is very limited. Other motels in the immediate area have parking that entails attendants handling the cars.

Mr. DUPEPE advised the name "RAOUL" meant nothing to him.

LIST OF CALLS

T & C - SEE REVERSE FOR EXPLANATION

DATE	PLACE CALLED					T/C	AMOUNT	YOUR NUMBER
1211	LANCASTER	OHIO	614	653	0032	1K	✓245	524 6446
1211	SIoux FLs	SDAK	605	338	4995	1S	✓175	
1212	BATONROUGE	LA		355	6706	1S	✓55	
1212	FM BATONRU	LA				4C	✓105	
1213	MORRISTOWN	NJ	201	539	0804	1B	✓595	
1213	NIAGARAFLS	NY	716	282	0367	1S	✓100	
1213	LACKLAND	TEX	512	674	2916	1S	✓85	
1215	CHARLESTON	W VA	304	346	6538	1B	✓250	
1215	CINCINNATI	OHIO	513	922	8857	1B	✓270	
1216	MONTGOMERY	ALA	205	262	5180	1C	✓168	
1216	OCEAN SPGS	MISS	601	875	5493	1B	✓50	
1218	HATTIESBG	MISS	601	583	4091	1B	✓165	
1218	PATTERSON	LA		395	5296	1S	✓98	
1203	NEW ALBANY	OHIO	614	855	1101	1C	✓130	524 6447

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1208	NEWORLEANS LA	522	9512	21	825524 6446
	FM CHICAGO ILL				
1219	DOWNERSGRV ILL	312	964 1519	1S	143
1219	CHARLESTON W VA	304	346 6538	1B	271
1219	MOBILE ALA	205	473 3423	1K	245
1219	KANSASCITY MO	816	276 2731	1L	260
1219	BLUE ASH OHIO	513	793 1950	1B	230
1220	PEORIA ILL	309	685 6511	1B	130
1220	MINNEAPOLS MINN	612	884 3726	1S	123
1221	WASHINGTON DC	202	387 3051	1C	255
1221	ATLANTA GA	404	766 5337	1B	670
1221	HATTIESBG MISS	601	583 4091	1K	90
1221	DAYTONABCH FLA	904	767 5406	1B	85
1221	MEMPHIS TENN	901	275 8430	1C	2210
1222	DENVER COLO	303	388 2524	1B	195

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LIST OF CALLS

T & C - SEE REVERSE FOR EXPLANATION

DATE	PLACE CALLED	T	C	AMOUNT	YOUR NUMBER
1222	ENTERPRISE ALA 205 347 6885	1B		90	524 6446
1222	GREENFIELD IOWA 515 743 2015	1S		90	
1222	MINNEAPOLIS MINN 612 823 5774	1B		75	
1223	ENGLEWOOD NJ 201 568 5749	1B		85	
1223	ENGLEWOOD NJ 201 568 5749	1B		75	
1223	MIAMI FLA 305 866 5488	1B		105	
1224	GROVEPORT OHIO 614 836 5933	1B		90	
1224	OSAGE BEACH MO 314 348 2223	1C		330	
1224	DEBARY FLA 305 668 6788	1C		285	
1224	ROME IT	1K		900	
1225	NATCHEZ MISS 601 442 6221	1B		65	
1225	FARMINGTON MICH 313 476 3409	1C		205	
1225	SHREVEPORT LA 318 686 6244	1S		82	
1225	MANHATTAN KANS 913 778 3674	1B		110	
1225	KANSAS CITY MO 816 363 6217	1B		70	

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101		112	X R ¹ HARTMAN 36975	204	
102	S/O TAGLAVORE From 112	113	S/O FAGER	205	
103		114	X R ¹ TIDEBACK 36369	206	X
104	S/O BIZER	115	S/O HIGGINS	207	
105		116	X H-plumber	208	
106		117	S/O EASTERWOOD	209	
107	S/O Rawson	118	R. WALSH 36967	210	
108	X R ³ 36470	124		211	
109	R ¹ JOHNSON 36968- S/O Scanlon CLINE	125		212	
110	S/O REED	126	X R ¹ QUINN LACY 36971	213	
111		201	S/O EASTERWOOD	214	
		202	S/O MOLAUSKI	215	X
		203	S/O WATTERS	216	X

8. J 25 36967-36975 Thurs Nov 14 1967				
112	X R HARTMAN 36975	204	SIO PETHOVSEK	217
113	SIO FAGER	205		SIO CLARK
114	X R TIDE BACK 36369	206	3	SIO KRAMER
115	SIO HIGGINS	207		H PLUMBER
116	X H-plumber	208	5	SIO DIETZ
117	SIO EASTERWOOD	209	R' Davis 36974	222
118	R. WALSH 36967	210	8	
124		211	8	
125		212	3	
126	X R Quinn LACY 36971	213	SIO MURRAY	231
201	SIO EASTERWOOD	214	SIO SALTZMAN	232
202	SIO MOLAUSKI	215	X R PELHAM 36972	233
203	SIO WINTERS	216	X R ROSTON 36973	234

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

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PROVINCIAL MOTEL

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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Michael RawsonAddress 539 DUMAINE STCity NEW ORLEANS State LA

Representing _____

Make of Car Ford License No. _____ State _____

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-13-67	2	107	16.00	.88	16.88	—

TVE

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

~~LELAND~~
SCANLON
CLINE

Name JACK CLINE

Address 502 E. SPRUCE ST.

City CHATSWORTH, ILL. State ILLINOIS

Representing _____

Make of Car Chevelle License No. RH 7531 State ILLINOIS

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
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(THURS) 12/1

REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

REED

Name Mr & Mrs JS Reed, Jr.
Address 1334 Wadanga St.
City Kingsport State Tenn.
Representing _____
Make of Car PONTIAC - License No. 2Y6008 State TENN.

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(~~111~~) (111) 1120
SAT 40

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name *Mr. & Mrs. Wm. J. Leger*
 Address *221 No. Chestnut St.*
 City *Princeton* State *Ill.*
 Representing _____
 Make of Car *Buick* License No. _____ State *Ill.*

Date	No. in Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
<i>12-12-67</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>112</i>	<i>15.00</i>	<i>.83</i>	<i>15.83</i>	<i>15.83</i>

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PROVINCIAL MOTEL

TIDE BACK.

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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Ray Eastwood
Address 134 Buin La.
City Atlanta State Ga.
Representing National Car Rental
Make of Car _____ License No. _____ State _____

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-13-67	1	117	14.00	77	14.77	

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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

WATSH

Name Dr & Mrs CM WASH
Address 2201 No Leach Dr
City Mobile State Alabama
Representing 2-8233
Make of Car Lincoln License No. 2-8233 State Ala

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-14-67	2	118	17	94	17.94	

REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

H.R. Quinn
Name JOE LACEY, JR -
Address 1211 Westmeland
City Montgomery State Ala -
Representing _____
Make of Car SW License No. 3-2146 State Ala -

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-14-67	2	126	15.00	.83	15.83	—

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/21/68

Mr. BRYAN DUPEPE, Owner Manager, Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, French Quarter, New Orleans, Louisiana, was contacted concerning guests residing at the motel during the period December 17-19, 1967, which was when JAMES EARL RAY was reportedly registered at the Provincial Motel as ERIC S. GALT, and for guests residing at the motel three days before, i.e., December 14-16, and three days after, i.e., December 20-22, 1967.

After an exhaustive search of motel records, Mr. DUPEPE made available the following work sheets and motel registration cards and long distance phone bills which have been xeroxed and are attached. The originals are being retained in the files of the Memphis Office of the FBI and are to be returned to Mr. DUPEPE after they have served their purpose.

In explanation of the records Mr. DUPEPE furnished the following information:

Each workday has a work sheet. The date is shown at the top, e.g., Thursday, December 14, 1967. The entries on the sheet are made by the morning desk clerk and the afternoon desk clerk. The numbers on top of the sheet, e.g., 36967-36975, are ledger numbers and are used for internal bookkeeping purposes. The other numbers, e.g., X 12, S/O 17, R 8, T 25, mean 12 rooms are ready because the occupants have paid and checked out, 17 persons are staying over, 8 rooms were rented the day in question, and a total of 25 rooms were occupied the day in question.

In further explanation, using the Thursday, December 14, 1967, work sheet as an example, Mr. DUPEPE explained, Room 101 was not rented although as indicated by the circle it was ready for renting. S/O, staying over in Room 102 was TAGLAVORE. Further down in the rooms, room 109 was rented for the first time on December 14, 1967 to JOHNSON. The number 36968, under JOHNSON, means that was his ledger card number. Each guest is assigned a

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ledger card whereon are recorded charges for room, food, beverage, valet and phone calls. All the ledger cards for December, 1967, have been destroyed and whatever charges each guest had are unavailable at the motel. All these services are rendered by the motel except valet which is handled by Lee Laundry and Cleaners, 830 Chartres Street. Every two weeks or so this company sends the motel individual slips showing valet work done for the applicable room. These slips are checked against valet slips in the motel and are then destroyed at the motel. Mr. DUPEPE advised he does not know what records Lee Laundry and Cleaners maintain.

As far as telephone calls are concerned local calls are dialed through the switchboard at the motel and the phone company has no record of them. Collect long distance calls going out are not recorded at the motel. Other long distance calls going out and collect calls coming in are paid by the motel and recorded. These are recorded by the switchboard operator at the motel and then checked against the monthly bill submitted by the phone company. The calls for December, 1967, recorded by the motel switchboard operator have been destroyed. Mr. DUPEPE made available the phone bill dated December 19, 1967 which shows long distance calls from November 9, 1967 to December 18, 1967. Page 7 a copy of which is attached shows calls from December 11, 1967 to December 18, 1967 and one for December 3, 1967. Pages 1 and 2 of the following month's bill, dated January 19, 1968, shows calls from December 19, 1967 to part of December 25, 1967 and one for December 8, 1967. Mr. DUPEPE explained occasionally, such as December 8, 1967 in this instance, a call is not recorded in the period of the bill. The check marks against the amounts shows these have been checked against the individual ledgers. Mr. DUPEPE stated from the phone bill he has no way to determine from which rooms the calls were made. The ledger cards, which have been destroyed, would have shown that information.

Further in regard to phone calls, Mr. DUPEPE advised the motel has only one public pay phone. This is located in the motel's outdoor alcove between the office and the swimming pool. The phone number is 523-8802.

The procedure for registering at the motel is as follows, Mr. DUPEPE explained: If a guest has a reservation

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notice of the reservation is kept at the registration desk. At the time the guest comes in the work sheet is consulted and the guest assigned the appropriate room. The guest then normally fills out a registration card. In a rare instance the card is filled out by the clerk. After the card is filled out the reservation notification is generally stapled to the registration card. After it has served its purpose and prior to filing, the reservation notification is taken from the registration card and destroyed. The registration card, copies of which have been xeroxed and are attached, are filed. If the registration card bears the imprint of a staple in all probability that person had a reservation. Generally speaking if the card bears no such imprint chances are the person had no reservation. Mr. DUPEPE explained this is no hard and fast rule because the reservation notification could have been fastened to the registration card by paper clip. Generally written on the bottom of the card is the time or, at least tentative time the registrant will check out.

Concerning the work sheet, taking December 14 again as an example, Mr. DUPEPE stated Rooms 116 and 220 are not rented and the "H" means hold and as indicated they required plumbing work.

Xeroxed and attached are work sheets for December 14, 1967, through December 22, 1967. Motel registration cards which are xeroxed and attached were located for everyone on the work sheets except Room 115 HIGGINS on December 14, 1967, Room 112 FISHER and Room 234 MADDEN on December 21, 1967, and no registration card was found for CRISSEY, Room 212, on December 22, 1967. Information regarding BRANCH and PRUET is set forth herein. Mr. DUPEPE advised in all probability data are misfiled among the various records of the motel.

It is observed there is a registration card for Mr. and Mrs. BARNEY BRANCH, 4334 Stern Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California, 1968 Chevrolet, license US 6320, California; (not too legible), on December 14, 1967, Room 108, but the work sheet shows that room vacant. Written in but erased appears to be BRANT (not too legible) and in all probability they registered and then decided they did not want the room.

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Further in connection with registrations, the work sheet for December 15, 1967 shows one PRUET in Room 217. There is no registration card for him however, which indicates the room was reserved for him but he did not show. Mr. DUPEPE advised there are two PRUETS who occasionally stay at the Provincial Motel. One of them is JIM PRUET, 3130 SW Freeway, Houston, Texas, believed to be in the electronics business. The other PRUET is from Dallas, Texas, and is known as JAMES PRUET. Off hand the address and business connection of JAMES PRUET of Dallas are not available to Mr. DUPEPE.

Specifically in regard to GALT, Mr. DUPEPE advised as follows:

The work sheet for Sunday, December 17, 1967, is where GALT first appears. This is indicated by Room 126. The R, as previously explained, means December 17 is the first day he rented the room. The 2 by his name means either he said he wanted the room for 2 days or that a reservation had come in and that because of the reservation the room would be available only for 2 days. The number under GALT, i.e., 37263, means GALT had a ledger card with that number on it. The ledger card which has been previously explained has been destroyed. Mr. DUPEPE stated from the writing GALT on the work sheet it appears to him that Mr. B. C. DUKE, a clerk at the motel, registered GALT.

In connection with the 2 days as above, the registration card of Mr. and Mrs. VIRGIL L. LARSON, 5646 Taft Avenue, LaJolla, California, 92037, bears the imprint of a staple indicating, according to DUPEPE, they had a reservation for December 19, 1967 as shown on the card. With them was probably Mrs. LOUISE LARSON, 5231 LaJolla Boulevard, LaJolla, California, 92037, who registered in Room 126, December 19, 1967, after GALT checked out of Room 126. The cards indicate the LARSONS arrived by taxi rather than personal car. Mr. and Mrs. LARSON as indicated by the card and work sheets were moved from Room 124 to Room 125 on December 20, 1967, apparently to be next to Mrs. LOUISE LARSON who was in Room 126. Rooms 124 and 125 have a connecting door. Rather than the 3 LARSONS occupying Rooms 124 and 125 it would be \$6 cheaper for Mr. and Mrs. VIRGIL L. LARSON to move into Room 125 instead of Mrs. LOUISE LARSON moving from 126 into 125.

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In connection with the physical layout of the rooms it was observed Room 126 is in the back of the motel and on the first floor. It fronts on the parking area. Room 126 is a two level room 10 feet by 10 feet and has a spiral stairway to an upper bedroom. In other words, it has two beds, one on the first floor and one up the spiral stairway. Next to Room 126 on the first floor is Room 125. Room 125 has one level only and is the only room next to the lower level of Room 126. Next to the upper level of Room 126 is Room 234.

The work sheet for Sunday, December 17, 1967, which indicates GALT checked in that day, shows SMITH was in Room 125 as a stay over. The work sheet for Friday, December 15, 1967 shows SMITH first checked in Room 125 on December 15, 1967. SMITH is last shown on the work sheets on December 19, 1967 which according to DUPEPE means in all probability SMITH checked out on December 20, 1967. It would therefore appear SMITH was next to GALT all the time GALT was in the Provincial Motel, i.e., December 17 - 19, 1967. The registration cards shown SMITH to be Mr. and Mrs. DONALD C. (illegible) SMITH, 3319 Dodge Avenue, Sioux City, Iowa, no car or license indicated.

It is observed that none of the registration cards have anything written on the back of them such as check out time. In connection with times, Mr. DUPEPE explained, the time of registration is not recorded nor is the time of check out. Check out time is 1:00 PM, but occasionally people stay over the check out time so he cannot say exactly when anyone checked out. Mr. DUPEPE advised he previously furnished the FBI the registration card of GALT. From the work sheets, however, particularly since GALT is shown on two days, i.e., December 17 and 18, 1968, and not on December 19, 1968, it would appear he checked out of the motel on December 19 prior to 1:00 PM. The next occupant of this room, Room 126, was Mrs. LOUISE LARSON on December 19, 1967.

As to who was in Room 126 immediately prior to GALT, it is noted this would be nobody as indicated by the work sheet for Saturday, December 16, 1967. QUINN and LACEY and stay over were written on the work sheet for that day for Room 126 but erased. It is observed from the work sheet of Thursday, December 14, 1967, that QUINN and LACEY first

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rented Room 126 that day. The registration card indicates they, however, checked out Saturday, December 16, the day before GALT was assigned Room 126. The registration card shows QUINN and LACEY to be H. R. QUINN and JOE LACEY, JR., 1211 Westmoreland, Montgomery, Alabama, make of car S. W. (probably stationwagon), Alabama license 3-2146.

In regard to Room 234, immediately above GALT's room 126, it is observed from the work sheets that this room was unoccupied Sunday, December 17, 1967, the day GALT checked into Room 126. Work sheets from December 14, 1967 which are attached indicate it was unoccupied from that day on until December 21, 1967 when it was occupied by MADDEN for the first time. No registration card could be located for MADDEN, it apparently having been misfiled according to DUPEPE. Work sheets prior to December 14, 1967, available in Provincial Motel records, i.e., December 13, 1967 back to December 8, 1967 show Room 234 to be unoccupied. Mr. DUPEPE explained from Thanksgiving roughly to the Christmas weekend business is generally slack and for that reason Room 234 was unoccupied as indicated.

In regard to auto parking, the motel has a parking area, which is all open, and which Room 126 fronts. This parking area is free to all guests and guests use it particularly because it is available and parking in the French Quarter, where the Provincial Motel is located, is very limited. Other motels in the immediate area have parking that entails attendants handling the cars.

Mr. DUPEPE advised the name "RAOUL" meant nothing to him.

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LIST OF CALLS

T & C - SEE REVERSE FOR EXPLANATION

DATE	PLACE CALLED	T	C	AMOUNT	YOUR NUMBER
1211	LANCASTER OHIO 614 653 0032	1K	✓	245	524 6446
1211	SIoux FLS SDAK 605 338 4995	1S	✓	175	
1212	BATONROUGE LA 355 6706	1S	✓	155	
1212	FM BATONRU LA	4C	✓	105	
1213	MORRISTOWN NJ 201 539 0804	1B	✓	595	
1213	NIAGARAFLS NY 716 282 0367	1S	✓	100	
1213	LACKLAND TEX 512 674 2916	1S	✓	85	
1215	CHARLESTON W VA 304 346 6538	1B	✓	250	
1215	CINCINNATI OHIO 513 922 8857	1B	✓	270	
1216	MONTGOMERY ALA 205 262 5180	1C	✓	168	
1216	OCEAN SPQS MISS 601 875 5493	1B	✓	50	
1218	HATTIESBG MISS 601 583 4091	1B	✓	165	
1218	PATTERSON LA 395 5296	1S	✓	98	
1203	NEW ALBANY OHIO 614 855 1101	1C	✓	130	524 6447

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LIST OF CALLS

T & C - SEE REVERSE FOR EXPLANATION

DATE	PLACE CALLED	T	C	AMOUNT	YOUR NUMBER
1208	NEWORLEANS LA	522	9512	2L	B25524 6446
	FM CHICAGO ILL				
1219	DOWNERSGRV ILL	312	964 1519	1S	145
1219	CHARLESTON W VA	304	346 6538	1E	270
1219	MOBILE ALA	205	473 3423	1K	245
1219	KANSASCITY MO	816	276 2731	1L	260
1219	BLUE ASH OHIO	513	793 1950	1E	230
1220	PEORIA ILL	309	685 6511	1E	130
1220	MINNEAPOLS MINN	612	884 3726	1S	125
1221	WASHINGTON DC	202	387 3051	1C	255
1221	ATLANTA GA	404	766 5337	1E	670
1221	HATTIESBG MISS	601	583 4091	1K	90
1221	DAYTONABCH FLA	904	767 5406	1E	85
1221	MEMPHIS TENN	901	275 8430	1C	2210
1222	DENVER COLO	303	388 2524	1E	195

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T & C - SEE REVERSE FOR EXPLANATION

DATE	PLACE CALLED					T C	AMOUNT	YOUR NUMBER
1222	ENTERPRISE	ALA	205	347	6885	1B	90	524 6446
1222	GREENFIELD	IOWA	515	743	2015	1S	90	
1222	MINNEAPOLS	MINN	612	823	5774	1B	75	
1223	ENGLEWOOD	NJ	201	568	5749	1B	85	
1223	ENGLEWOOD	NJ	201	568	5749	1B	75	
1223	MIAMI	FLA	305	866	5488	1B	105	
1224	GROVEPORT	OHIO	614	836	5933	1B	90	
1224	OSAGE BEACH	MO	314	348	2223	1C	330	
1224	DEBARY	FLA	305	668	6788	1C	285	
1224	ROME	IT				1K	900	
1225	NATCHEZ	MISS	601	442	6221	1B	65	
1225	FARMINGTON	MICH	313	476	3409	1C	205	
1225	SHREVEPORT	LA	318	686	6244	1S	82	
1225	MANHATTAN	KANS	913	778	3674	1B	110	
1225	KANSASCITY	MO	816	363	6217	1B	70	

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101		112	X R HARTMAN 36975	204
102	10 TAGLAVORE From 112	113	10 FAGER	205
103		114	X R TIDEBACK 36369	206
104	10 BIZER	115	10 HIGGINS	207
105		116	X H. PLUMMER	208
106		117	10 EASTERWOOD	209
107	10 Rawson	118	R. WALSH 36967	210
108	36970	124		211
109	10 JOHNSON 36968	125		212
110	10 SCANTON CLINE	126	X R QUINN LACY 36971	213
111	10 REED	201	10 EASTERWOOD	214
		202	10 MOLAUSKI	215
		203	10 WATTERS	216

8. J. 25-36967-36975			Thurs Nov 14 1967		
112	X R ² HARTMAN 36975	204	SIO PETHOVSEK	X	217
113	SIO FAGER	205			218
114	X R ² TIDEBACK 36369	206	3		219
115	SIO HIGGINS	207			220
116	X H-PLUMBER	208			221
117	SIO EASTERWOOD	209	R ¹ Davis 36974		222
118	R WALSH 36967	210	8		223
124		211	8		224
125		212	3		225
126	X R ² QUINN LACY 36971	213	SIO MURRAY	X	231
201	SIO EASTERWOOD	214	SIO SALTZMAN		232
202	SIO MOLAUSKI	215	X R ² PELHAM 36972		233
203	SIO WINTERS	216	X R ² RECTOR 36973		234

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License No.

State

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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Michael Ransom
Address 539 DUMAINE ST
City NEW ORLEANS State LA
Representing _____
Make of Car Taxi License No. _____ State _____

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12/3/67	2	107	16.00	.88	16.88	—

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PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-14-07	2	109	1500	.83	1583	
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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

~~LELAND~~
SCANLON
CLINE

Name JACK CLINE

Address 502 E. SPRUCE ST.

City CHATSWOORTH, ILL.

State

Representing

Make of Car Chevelle License No. RH 7531 State ILLINOIS

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-10-67	2	710	15	83	1583	

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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

REED

Name *Mr & Mrs J S Reed, Jr.*
Address *1334 Watanga St*
City *Kingsport* State *Tenn*
Representing _____
Make of Car *PONTIAC* - License No. *CT6008* State *TENN.*

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
<i>12-11-67</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>111</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>83</i>	<i>15.83</i>	

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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name

Address

City

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Representing

Make of Car

License No.

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Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-12-67	2	112	15.00	.83	15.83	15.83

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

R. J. Tidelbach

TIDE BACK

Address

City Belmont

State Delaware

Representing

Make of Car Buick License No. 996603 State Iowa

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