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AT LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA

On May 21, 1968, Chief Deputy ALBERT MANUEL, Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office, advised Special Agent JAMES FRANCIS WRIGHT that there has not been an approximate \$50,000.00 bank burglary or robbery in Southwest Louisiana. He further advised that no other burglary or robbery of this magnitude has occurred anywhere in the Southwest Louisiana area, particularly in the summer of 1967.

He advised after checking with the following parish sheriff's offices that there is no record of any such burglary or robbery:

Sheriff CLAUDE EAGLESON,
Cameron Parish Sheriff's Office,
Cameron, Louisiana

Sheriff W. C. COWART,
Allen Parish Sheriff's Office,

Sheriff LOUIS de LAUNAY,
Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff's
Office

On May 23, 1968, Chief Deputy ALBERT MANUEL, Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office, advised that his department handles all unidentified deceased persons in the entire parish area and fingerprints as a matter of routine, are taken of all unidentified bodies and forwarded to the state police, Baton Rouge, and to the FBI, Washington, D. C., in order to identify the deceased. He stated, however, that no unidentified bodies have been found during the period of April 5, 1968, to May 21, 1968.

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On the same date, the following persons advised that their respective departments are responsible for identifying unknown deceased persons and that they have had no unidentified deceased males during the period of April 5, 1968 to May 21, 1968:

Sheriff CLAUDE EAGLESON,
Cameron Parish Sheriff's Office,
Cameron, Louisiana

Sheriff W. C. COWART,
Allen Parish Sheriff's Office

Sheriff LOUIS de LAUNAY,
Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff's
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The following investigation was conducted at New Orleans, Louisiana, by SA PATRICK J. DENTE on May 9, 1968:

Mr. DONALD J. HYDEN, Supervisor, Personnel Department, McDermott International, Incorporated, 615 de Montluzin Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that JOE BAILEY MUSGROVE has been employed with McDermott International as a pipeline welder since October 9, 1967, under a one year contract to be served in Nigeria. Mr. HYDEN further stated that Mr. MUSGROVE departed for Nigeria in 1967 and is due to return at the termination of his contract in October, 1968.

A review of the personnel file of JOE BAILEY MUSGROVE revealed the following identifying and background information:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Seminole County, Oklahoma
Height	5'9"
Weight	155 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Marital Status	Married to BETTY LUE RAMSEY MUSGROVE Box 1002 Farmington, New Mexico
Social Security No.	
Previous Employment	Fouty D. Bursun Farmington, New Mexico 1954-1967

Mr. HYDEN advised that Mr. MUSGROVE can be located through the Overseas Office, care of McDermott Overseas, Incorporated, Post Office Box 2841, Lagos, Nigeria. He further stated that it is very possible Mr. MUSGROVE may have resided at the Bristol Hotel, Lagos, Nigeria, during his days off or for any vacation.

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Bureau Agent viewed a photograph of MUSGROVE which appeared on his application for employment and this picture does not appear to be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

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CHARLES METHVIN, residing at George's Rooming House, advised that for a period of about two months during the Spring of 1967, he occasionally hired two individuals, whom he described as a two-man band, to play a couple of nights a week in the Music Box Bar on Canal Street in New Orleans. He said the smaller of the two, name not recalled, who played the guitar in somewhat of an acceptable manner, but not expertly, resembled the photograph and description of JAMES EARL RAY as appears in the 1968 photograph on the Identification Order of RAY.

He said this individual dressed similarly to RAY in this photograph and always wore a bow tie.

He advised he does not recall the name of the taller of the two; however, this individual played the harmonica and drums.

He said he believes this pair also played in the area of Denham Springs, Louisiana. He said they may have played elsewhere in the New Orleans area, but he does not know where.

He said he paid them cash for each night they played, \$25.00 per night for the two of them. He said he thought it somewhat unusual that they could travel in a late model white Cadillac convertible and play for such low wages. He said he believes the car had California license on it.

He advised that he had a bartender, an ex-convict from Ohio, named BILL MILLER, who last resided at Dutch's Hotel, 2800 to 3000 block of Magazine Street in New Orleans about three weeks ago, who would have paid more attention to the two musicians and possibly MILLER could provide more information.

METHVIN said BILL MILLER has a son, NICKIE MILLER; that both are married and their wives sometimes during hard

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by SA L. M. SHEARER, JR. -epk Date dictated 5/14/68

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times are prone to hustle to make ends meet.

METHVIN stated that a reliable barmaid at the Music Box who possibly could provide some information concerning the two musicians is DIANE SHAW, residing in New Orleans. Her telephone number is 247-2009, and she resides at the following described residence: a green residence one-half block past a grocery on the left side, the grocery being before coming to the Missile Lounge, going out of town.

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Date 5/6/68

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LARY KENT HALE, Route 1, Box 20, Calhoun, Louisiana, who is a student at Northeast State College, Monroe, Louisiana, and who is employed part time in the mail room of the Fourth Street Branch of the Central Savings Bank & Trust Company, Monroe, Louisiana, furnished the following information:

HALE observed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated he had never seen RAY and could furnish no information relative to RAY except what he has learned from public news sources. He stated he could furnish no information that might assist in an investigation to identify or locate the person or persons connected with the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. HALE stated he had never been connected with any klan-type organization.

HALE stated that when he was a junior in high school, in May, 1965, he and four other students prepared a letter one day at school and in the letter, which was addressed to the Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, the students offered to exterminate MARTIN LUTHER KING for \$5,000,000 and they also offered to kill the President for an additional \$1,000,000. It was never intended that the letter would be mailed and it was merely prepared as a joke. One of the boys lost his wallet with the letter in it and the letter was turned in to the police. Subsequently, in the summer of 1965, the five students were interviewed by Secret Service Agents. Of those five students, three are college students still residing at Calhoun, Louisiana; one is married and living at Calhoun and one is married and living about 20 miles away at Ruston, Louisiana.

HALE stated he and the other boys involved in the writing of the letter in May, 1965, did not know how to send a letter to a Ku Klux Klan organization and they were not serious in the offer to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING and the President. He stated he had never been connected with a klan-type organization.

On 5/2/68 at Monroe, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-404
by SA EARL COX -epk Date dictated 5/3/68

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HALE stated he was at Northeast State College on April 4, 1968, that he worked at the Bank in Monroe that day and that he spent the night with his father, KENNETH B. HALE, and family near Calhoun that night. He stated he could furnish no information pertinent to an investigation to identify or locate the person or persons connected with the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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RICHARD HENRY "DICKIE" McINTOSH, student at Northeast State College, Monroe, Louisiana, and a resident of Calhoun, Louisiana, furnished the following information:

McINTOSH and four fellow students in high school at Calhoun, in May, 1965, wrote a letter to the Ku Klux Klan offering to exterminate MARTIN LUTHER KING for \$5,000,000 and to kill the President for an additional \$1,000,000. It was not intended that the letter be mailed or be delivered to the klan and there was never any intention on the part of the boys to harm MARTIN LUTHER KING or the President. The letter was merely written by them as a joke one day when they were in a classroom at school. Later the boys were interviewed by Secret Service Agents, after the letter was lost in the wallet of one of the boys and turned in to the police. The boys were about 16 or 17 years old at the time. Four of the boys still reside at Calhoun and three of them go to nearby colleges; one lives at Ruston, Louisiana, and operated a service station. McINTOSH is reasonably sure that none of them know anything that might assist in an investigation of the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. McINTOSH resides with his father, FLOYD H. McINTOSH, at Calhoun and he commutes to Northeast Louisiana State College at Monroe, Louisiana, daily.

McINTOSH observed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated he had never seen RAY and could furnish no information regarding him except what he has learned from newspapers, radios and television.

McINTOSH stated he had never been connected with a klan-type organization.

McINTOSH stated he could furnish no information that might assist in an investigation relative to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Dean JACK V. COLLINS, Dean of Men, Northeast Louisiana State College, advised on June 3, 1968, that records of that college show that LARY KENT HALE and RICHARD HENRY MCINTOSH were enrolled at that college on April 4, 1968, and they were in school at the college on that date.

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DALE TAYLOR, student at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Ruston, Louisiana, who resides with his father, J. CHESTER TAYLOR, Calhoun, Louisiana, furnished the following information:

TAYLOR observed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated he had never seen RAY and could not furnish any pertinent information relative to RAY. He stated he knew nothing that might assist in identifying the person or persons responsible for the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

TAYLOR and a group of his fellow classmates in Calhoun High School in May, 1965, prepared a letter in the classroom one day just before school was out; they addressed the letter to the Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan and they proposed to exterminate MARTIN LUTHER KING for the sum of \$5,000,000; they then added a postscript to the letter suggesting they would also kill the President for an additional \$1,000,000. The five boys who prepared the letter were juniors in high school and they had no intention of mailing the letter, the preparation of which was a mere frivolity with which they occupied a few moments of their time during an English class when the teacher was away. They thought the letter had been destroyed and they did not even know how to address a letter to send it to the Imperial Wizard of any Ku Klux Klan group. None of them was ever a member of a klan-type organization. The five boys who participated in preparing the letter were WILLIAM R. DAVID, DALE TYLER, G. E. JOHNSON, DICKIE MCINTOSH and KENT HALE, four of whom still reside at Calhoun, Louisiana, and one, WILLIAM R. DAVID, resided at Ruston, Louisiana, and operates a service station.

TAYLOR stated he was in school at Louisiana Polytechnic, Ruston, Louisiana, during the day on April 4, 1968, and he was staying at home with his parents at night during that time. He stated he could furnish no information whatever pertinent to the investigation relative to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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E. S. FOSTER, JR., Dean of Men, Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, advised the records of that office indicate that DALE TAYLOR is a student at that school. The records further reflect TAYLOR did attend classes at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute during the day of April 4, 1968.

On 6/3/68 at Ruston, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-408
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WILLIAM ROBERT DAVID was contacted at David's Mobil Service Station, 901 Georgia Avenue. He was advised of the nature of the investigation and the identity of the interviewing Agents.

DAVID advised that sometime during his Junior year at the Calhoun High School, Calhoun, Louisiana, he and several of his friends were writing notes in class as a joke. He recalls starting one to the Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan. This note was started by him, but he passed the note on to several of his friends. They all wrote something on the note and the final form was a note to the Imperial Wizard saying that the undersigned were willing to exterminate MARTIN LUTHER KING for the sum of \$5,000,000 and would also exterminate President JOHNSON for an additional \$1,000,000. Then he and his friends all signed the note.

DAVID stated this note was written as a joke and no threat against the life of either KING or JOHNSON was intended. He cannot recall at this date exactly why he put the note in his wallet, but he had forgotten the note was there until he lost his wallet a short time later. An agent of the Secret Service then contacted him concerning the note. DAVID advised he completely forgot the note existed until these agents asked him about it.

DAVID advised he does not know anything further about the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., other than what he has read in the papers. He does not know or recognize the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and certainly has not conspired with RAY, or any other person, in connection with KING's death. He denied ever having been a member of the klan or any hate-type group and further denied knowing anyone who was connected with such a group.

The following description was obtained through

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by SA CHARLES D. NEUDORFER and
SA THOMAS J. FAY CDN-epk Date dictated 5/2/68

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observation and interview:

Name	WILLIAM ROBERT DAVID
Nickname	<u>BILLY BOB DAVID</u>
Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	<input type="text"/> Arkadelphia, Ark.
Height	5' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	155 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue, glasses
Marital status	Married
Occupation	Operator, David's Mobil Service Station, 901 East Georgia Avenue, Ruston, Louisiana
Address	901 East Georgia Avenue Ruston, Louisiana
Driver's License Information	Date of issue: 8/3/66 License Number: 1915354 Examining Office: 37-A Picture Number: 291

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~~JOHNNIE RINEHART~~, Night Radio Operator, Lincoln Parish Sheriff's Office, advised he is also a parttime salesman at a used car lot located behind Grafton's Service Station on Georgia Avenue. This station is located across a small side street from the Mobil Service Station operated by ~~WILLIAM~~ DAVID. RINEHART advised he is acquainted with DAVID and he can say that he is sure DAVID has been working at this station every weekday since the beginning of the year. RINEHART advised he would be certain that DAVID was not away from his station on April 4, 1968.

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G. E. JOHNSON, Calhoun, Louisiana, observed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised he had never seen RAY and could furnish no information that might assist in locating him. He stated he could furnish no information which might assist in identifying or locating the person or persons responsible for the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

JOHNSON stated that in May, 1965, he and four of his classmates in high school at Calhoun High School, prepared a letter to the Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan suggesting they would exterminate MARTIN LUTHER KING for \$5,000,000 and then for an additional \$1,000,000 they would kill the President. The letter was prepared as a joke, he said, and there was never any intention of mailing the letter or killing the President or killing MARTIN LUTHER KING. JOHNSON stated that in the Summer of 1965, Secret Service Agents interviewed and reprimanded him and the other boys connected with writing the letter, after one of the boys lost his wallet with the letter in it and the wallet and letter were turned in to the police.

JOHNSON stated he was never connected with any klan-type group. He stated he is now married and he was at home in Calhoun with his wife and baby on April 4, 1968. He said he is employed as a switchman with Illinois Central Railroad at Monroe, Louisiana, and he was probably on the job at Monroe, Louisiana, on April 4, 1968.

JOHNSON stated he knew absolutely nothing pertinent to an investigation relative to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On 5/2/68 at Calhoun, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-411
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Mr. R. GEBHARDT, Yardmaster, Illinois Central Railroad, advised that ~~G. E. JOHNSON~~, resident of Calhoun, Louisiana, is an employee of Illinois Central Railroad and he was on the job on Thursday, April 4, 1968. He stated that JOHNSON works as an extra and he works out of Monroe, Winnfield and Bossier City, Louisiana, to fill openings in those divisions on various days.

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RE: CARLOS LEE BILLINGS

On May 27, 1968, FRANCIS NELSON, Reservations Manager, Monteleone Hotel, Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised SA THOMAS E. DU HADWAY that an individual using the name of LAURENT J. REQUIER registered at the hotel on September 24, 1965 and checked out on September 29, 1965. On the registration card REQUIER indicated that he resided at 404 Hull Street, Bristol, Connecticut. No vehicle was shown on the registration card.

Mr. NELSON advised that REQUIER left the hotel owing a bill of \$47.87 and a notation on his bill indicated that he did not sleep in his room, number 435, for two nights previous to the 29th of September. Two suitcases were left in this room but their current location was unknown.

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Mrs. JAMES E. HAMILTON, 1337 North Main, advised that she is the subscriber to telephone number 948-1294, and that the person making the long distance telephone call to her on December 17, 1967, was JAMES CLARK, who is employed in either Beaumont, Port Arthur, or Orange, Texas. CLARK is originally from Port Barre, Louisiana, and she has been dating him. CLARK resides with his mother in one of those cities. Mrs. HAMILTON said she has seen the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and RAY is unknown to her.

On 5/10/68 at Opelousas, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-414
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Mrs. CORA EAGLIN, 838 Jenkins Street, advised she is the subscriber to telephone number 948-8867, and that she has both sons and daughters residing in Houston, Texas, and that it is likely that one of them had called her on December 17, 1967, from Houston, Texas. Mrs. EAGLIN stated that she has seen the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and RAY is unknown to her.

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~~Mrs. LOUIS CARRIERE~~, 866 St. Charles, advised she is the subscriber to telephone number ~~948-8153~~, and that she has several relatives living in Houston, Texas. She does not recall specifically a long distance call on December 16, 1967, from Houston, but that more than likely, it was from one of her relatives. She stated that definitely she does not know JAMES EARL RAY and that his photographs are unknown to her.

On 5/10/68 at Opelousas, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 *sub 24/6*

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Mrs. LOUISE RICHARD, 750 West Joseph, advised that she is the subscriber to telephone number 948-1613, and that she has a daughter residing in Beaumont, Texas. Mrs. RICHARD is a Negro. Mrs. RICHARD stated it was her daughter who had called her on December 15, 1967, from Beaumont. Mrs. RICHARD has seen the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and he is unknown to her.

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Mrs. HAZEL ANGUS, 1023 East Madison, advised she is the subscriber to telephone number 948-1321. She was unable to explain the telephone call from Texas on December 16, 1967. Mrs. ANGUS is a Negro. Mrs. ANGUS said she has seen the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and RAY is unknown to her.

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Mrs. MARIE KIDDER, 710 East Perrault, advised she is the subscriber to telephone number 948-3282, and that she received a long distance telephone call from her boyfriend, BILL EZERNECK, in Houston, Texas, on December 16, 1967. This call was from a pay station because EZERNECK is a married man. EZERNECK drives for the Magnolia Company in Houston, Texas. Mrs. KIDDER said she has seen the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and RAY is unknown to her.

On 5/10/68 at Opelousas, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2419
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Mr. BOBBY DALLAS, Manager, Seven Flags Truck Stop, Highway 190, advised that telephone number 585-6288 is for the Seven Flags Truck Stop and that he receives numerous telephone calls from truckers throughout the United States, including the State of Texas. He stated he has seen the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and RAY is unknown to him.

On 5/10/68 at Port Barre, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-420
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Mrs. LOUIS SYLVESTER, a Negro, P. O. Box 458, Port Barre, Louisiana, advised that she is the subscriber to telephone number 585-6550 and that she has no recollection of any long distance telephone calls from Texas on December 17, 1967. She stated that she has seen the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and that RAY is unknown to her.

On 5/10/68 at Port Barre, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 *sub 2-421*
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Mrs. JOSEPH E. WILLIAMS, Route 2, Box 324, a Negro, advised she is the subscriber to telephone number 754-5777. Mrs. WILLIAMS stated that she has relatives residing in Houston and Beaumont, Texas, and that it is possible they may have called her on December 16, 1967, long distance from that area. However, she has no specific recollection of this telephone call. Mrs. WILLIAMS said she has seen the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and that RAY is unknown to her.

On 5/10/68 at Arnaudville, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-422
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Mr. ADAM GRANT, P. O. Box 42, Basile, Louisiana, advised he is the subscriber to telephone number 432-6712, and that he has relatives residing in the State of Texas. Mr. GRANT is a Negro. Mr. GRANT stated that he does not recall a long distance telephone call to his home on December 16, 1967, from Texas, but that it is possible this did occur. Mr. GRANT said he has seen the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and that RAY is unknown to him.

On 5/10/68 at Basile, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-423
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Mrs. ~~MARY LOUISE TYLER~~, Route 1, Box 99A, advised that her daughter, ~~MARY LOU WOLF~~, resides in Houston, Texas, and called her on December 15 and 16, 1967, to her telephone number ~~879-2248~~. Mrs. TYLER is a Negro. Mrs. TYLER said she has seen the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and RAY is unknown to her.

On 5/10/68 at Leonville, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-424
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Mrs. ELAINE CHRETIEN, Route 1, Box 146A, advised she is the subscriber to telephone number 879-2366. Mrs. CHRETIEN is a Negro. Mrs. CHRETIEN was unable to explain a long distance telephone call to her telephone on December 15, 1967, from the State of Texas. Mrs. CHRETIEN said she has seen the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and that he is unknown to her.

On 5/10/68 at Leonville, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2425
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Mrs. ROSA CASTILLE, 939 Abe Lincoln, advised she is the subscriber to telephone number 942-4472. Mrs. CASTILLE is a Negro. Mrs. CASTILLE stated that she has relatives residing in Texas, but that her granddaughter was home in December, 1967, and probably received telephone calls from her boyfriends named ALSTON FALSTON and WILLIE CABLES, both in Houston, Texas. Mrs. CASTILLE stated that she has seen the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and that RAY is unknown to her.

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Mr. JIM BUCK, 1745 Chevis Street, advised he is the subscriber to telephone number 942-6059. Mr. BUCK is a Negro and he was unable to explain a long distance telephone call made to his residence on December 17, 1967. Mr. BUCK stated that he had seen the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and that RAY is unknown to him.

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Mrs. AARON FOUNTAIN, 1323 West Julia, advised that her daughter lives in Houston, Texas, and her name is DELZA FERGUSON. Mrs. FOUNTAIN is a Negro. Mrs. FOUNTAIN said she is the subscriber to telephone number 942-6144, and that she does not recall specifically a long distance call from Texas, on December 17, 1967. She stated that she has seen the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and that RAY is unknown to her.

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RITA D. EGLIN, 1342 East Leo, advised that she has a sister residing in Houston, Texas, named RITA MAE LEWIS and it is possible she made a long distance telephone call on December 15, 1967, to Mrs. EGLIN. Mrs. EGLIN said she is the subscriber to telephone number 942-7071. Mrs. EGLIN is a Negro. Mrs. EGLIN advised she has seen the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and RAY is unknown to her.

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Mr. ZANNY OLIVIER, Eunice Road, owner, Rainbow Motel, advised that telephone number 942-9987 is the number for the Rainbow Motel. Mr. OLIVIER stated that he receives numerous telephone calls for reservations and that it is possible he received two calls on December 16, 1967, from the State of Texas. Mr. OLIVIER stated that he has seen the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and that RAY is unknown to him. Mr. OLIVIER caused a search of his records to be made for the name JAMES EARL RAY and his known aliases, and this met with negative results.

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Mr. CECIL BUNN, Manager, Nicklos Drilling Company, 350 South 13th, advised that his office is the subscriber to telephone number 457-5262, and that the nature of his business results in many long distance telephone calls, especially from the State of Texas. He was unable to recall specifically a telephone call on December 15, 1967, but stated that it was probably in connection with a drilling matter. He stated that he has seen the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and that RAY is unknown to him.

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Miss ~~LENA~~ ALLISON, a Negro, advised that telephone number 457-9175 is for a pay station at Shuff's Truck Stop located four miles east of Eunice, Louisiana, and that she, ALLISON, is employed at Shuff's Truck Stop. She stated that JAMES EARL RAY is unknown to her.

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Mr. JESSE JAMES DOUCET, a Negro, 590 Nimitz, advised that he has a cousin living in Houston, Texas, by the name of "FRANCES" (LNU), and that she had telephoned him in December, 1967, from Houston. He was unable to recall the specific date. Mr. DOUCET said he has seen the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and RAY is unknown to him.

TELEPHONE 457-5869

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Mr. EMBRICK MONTEILH, General Delivery, Palmetto, Louisiana, advised that he has relatives residing in Houston, Texas, and that he was unable to recall specifically whether he had received a long distance telephone call in December, 1967, from them or not. However, he stated it was very probable that he had. Mr. MONTEILH stated he had seen the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and RAY is unknown to him. Mr. MONTEILH is a Negro. Mr. MONTEILH said he is subscriber to telephone number 623-5567.

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Mrs. WALTER FRANK, Route 4, Box 86B, advised that she has relatives residing in Cross Bay, Texas, and that if she received any long distance telephone calls on December 16, 1967, to her telephone number 363-3094, the call was probably from her relatives in Cross Bay, Texas. She stated that JAMES EARL RAY is unknown to her. Mrs. FRANK is a Negro.

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Mrs. SAMMIE VIDRINE, 914 Orange Street, advised that she was unable to explain a long distance telephone call from Texas, on December 17, 1967, to her telephone number 363-4586. Mrs. VIDRINE was very difficult to understand inasmuch as she is of French extraction. She stated she had seen the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and that RAY was unknown to her.

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Mr. HOUSTON THOMAS, 1222 West Peach, advised that he is subscriber to telephone number 363-3598, and that he had relatives living in Cheeks, Texas. Mr. THOMAS stated that he does not specifically recall a telephone call from the Beaumont, Texas area on December 17, 1967, but that it is entirely possible that his relatives in Cheeks, Texas, did call. It should be noted that Mr. THOMAS is a Negro. Mr. THOMAS stated that he has seen the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and that RAY is unknown to him.

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Mrs. LEE ROBERTS, General Delivery, St. Landry, Louisiana, advised she is subscriber to telephone number 838-2980, and that she is a Negro. She stated she has relatives living in the Houston, Texas area, and that it is possible she did receive a telephone call in December, 1967, from them; however, she does not specifically recall this. She stated that she has seen the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and that RAY is unknown to her.

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On June 5, 1968, VI PRATHER, Employee, Southwestern Telephone Company District Office, Welsh, Louisiana, advised that a search of company records established that DeQuincy Telephone number ~~786-3231~~ was not a working number in December, 1967.

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Reverend ADAM HEGGER, Garland Avenue, Washington, Louisiana, a Negro, advised he is the subscriber to telephone number 826-3816, and he does not recall receiving a long distance telephone call from Texas on December 16, 1967, although it is possible because he has friends and relatives in Texas. Reverend HEGGER stated that he has seen the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and he is unknown to him.

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Mrs. ~~BEULAH RICHARD~~, Route 3, Box 484, Opelousas, Louisiana, advised she is the subscriber to telephone number ~~942-6835~~ and that her son, who is in the military service, called her from Beaumont, Texas, about December 16, 1967. Mrs. RICHARD is a Negro. Mrs. RICHARD stated she had seen the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and he is unknown to her.

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Mr. HENRY SMITH, SR., General Delivery, Sunset, Louisiana, a Negro, advised that he is the subscriber to telephone number 662-3422, and that he has children living in Houston, Texas, who would probably have telephoned him long distance in December, 1967. He stated that he has seen the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY in the newspapers and on television and that he does not know this person.

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Mrs. S. T. HERROD, 251 West Oak Avenue, advised that she is the subscriber to telephone number 457-2388, and that her husband is in the trucking business and receives numerous long distance telephone calls from truckers. She stated that it is very possible that her husband may have received a long distance telephone call from a trucker in December, 1967, from the State of Texas. She stated that she has seen the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY in the news media and he is unknown to her.

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Mr. ~~CEPHUS~~ BANKS, 451 South Beulah, advised that he is the subscriber to telephone number ~~457~~-4355 and that he has a daughter living in Houston, Texas, who called him on December 16, 1967. He stated that he has seen the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and that RAY is unknown to him.

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