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Mrs. IRA W. KINGREY, RFD 1, advised as follows:

Her telephone number is 743-5577 and she has had the number for several years and had it on December 16, 1967. She could not specifically recall who called her from Texas on December 16, 1967, but it most likely was her daughter, who lives in Beaumont, Texas. It is also possible her daughter might have called her from a pay telephone.

Mrs. KINGREY was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942G. She stated she did not recognize these photographs and the man was not known to her.

On 6/5/68 at Starks, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-201
by SA GEORGE M. CAMPBELL -epk Date dictated 6/6/68

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Mrs. BLANCHE DOOLEY, General Delivery, advised of the following:

She operates a small used furniture store in Starks. Her home telephone number is 743-6241 and she had that number on December 16, 1967. The only person she could think of who might have called her from a pay telephone in Texas on December 16, 1967, is a Mexican truck driver friend of hers whom she met over a year ago when she was working as a waitress in the Big "T" Truck Stop in Starks.

Mrs. DOOLEY was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942G. She stated she has seen some of the photographs in the newspaper concerning the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING. She advised she does not know RAY or anything about him.

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Mr. J. R. BATCHELOR, Owner, Batchelor's Gulf Station, advised as follows:

His home telephone number is 743-5393 and this was his telephone number on December 15, 1967. He does not remember who called him on December 15, 1967. He has relatives in San Antonio and Beaumont, Texas, and also in several smaller cities in Texas. It is very possible that one of these relatives called him on that date and could have called from a pay telephone.

Mr. BATCHELOR was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942G. He stated he recognized the photographs from newspaper photographs as the man accused of killing MARTIN LUTHER KING. He does not know RAY.

On 6/5/68 at Starks, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2603
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Mr. SAMUEL WINDHAM, Owner, Windham's Service Station, and Garage, Box 203, advised as follows:

His home telephone number is 743-5558 and this was his telephone number on December 15, 1967. He does not recall who called him from Texas on that date, but he has relatives in Conroe and Beaumont, Texas, and it is very possible that one of these relatives could have called him from a pay telephone on December 15, 1967.

Mr. WINDHAM was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942G. He stated the photographs were not familiar to him and that he has never seen this man.

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Mr. W. H. FOSTER, General Delivery, advised as follows:

He has had telephone number 743-5347 for several years. He does not specifically recall who might have called him on December 15, 1967, from a pay telephone in Texas, but he has numerous relatives in several cities in Texas, and the call undoubtedly was from one of them.

He was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942G. He stated the photographs were not familiar to him and he does not know the man.

On 6/5/68 at Starks, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-605
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Mrs. LUSTER C. FOSTER, RFD 1, Box 92, advised of the following:

She has had telephone number 743-5591 for quite some time and she had the number on December 15, 1967. Her husband was working in the Beaumont, Texas, area in December, 1967, and if she received a telephone call from a pay station in Texas on December 15, 1967, it undoubtedly was from her husband.

Mrs. FOSTER was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942G. She stated she did not know the man in the photographs and she has never been him before.

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Mrs. ISABELL BROOKS, 216 Jefferson Street,
DeQuincy, Louisiana, advised of the following:

Her telephone number is 786-6810, and she has had that number for several years. She could not remember specifically that she received a telephone call on December 17, 1967, from Texas, but it was very possible, since she has relatives living all over East Texas, and it is also very likely that any of them could have called from a pay telephone.

Mrs. BROOKS was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G. She stated she has previously seen some of the photographs in the newspapers in connection with the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING. She stated she does not know RAY.

On 6/11/68 at DeQuincy, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-607
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J. CECIL MITCHELL, Route 1, DeQuincy, Louisiana, advised of the following:

He has had telephone number 789-6125 for quite a few years. He could not recall receiving a telephone call from Texas, on December 16, 1967, but most likely he did, since both his son and daughter live in Southeast Texas. They call him quite often, and they did call a lot before Christmas, 1967.

Mr. MITCHELL was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G. He advised he recognized some of the photographs as having been in the newspapers concerning the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He stated that he did not know RAY.

On 6/11/68 at DeQuincy, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-608
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Mrs. J. L. ABDALLA, Administrator's Office, DeQuincy, General Hospital, 213 Pine Street, DeQuincy, Louisiana, advised telephone number 786-4131, is that of the hospital, and has been so for several years. She advised as follows:

As she could best determine, she would have been answering the hospital telephone on Saturday, December 16, 1967. It is very possible she received a telephone call from Texas, on that day, but she could not recall any specific call, since that was so long ago. Since DeQuincy is not too far from the Texas State Line, they often have patients from Texas, and receive calls from Texas concerning these patients.

Mrs. ABDALLA was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G. She stated she had seen some of the photographs in the newspapers concerning the MARTIN LUTHER KING shooting. She advised she did not know RAY.

On 6/11/68 at DeQuincy, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-609
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Mrs. LEONE ROBINSON, Route 2, Box 111, advised that she is the subscriber to telephone number 276-6148, Jeanerette, Louisiana. She stated that she was uncertain as to who could have placed the call to her on December 15 through 17, 1967, but commented it possibly could have been her daughter-in-law, MARY ROBINSON, in Orange, Texas.

A photograph of the subject was displayed to Mrs. ROBINSON, who said that she did not recognize the individual, nor had she received any calls from a white male.

On 5/9/68 at JEANERETTE, LOUISIANA File # NO 157-10673 sub 2.610
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Mrs. MARY CARTIMIGLIO, 140 Prairie Avenue, advised that she is the subscriber of telephone number 364-5517, New Iberia, Louisiana. She stated that she does not recall receiving any long distance telephone calls, during the month of December, 1967. She commented that she did rent an apartment of Mrs. GILDA (LAST NAME UNKNOWN), who received telephone calls, at her number, from her daughter who lives in Texas.

Mrs. CARTIMIGLIO says that she is a widow, and would recall is any male had called her in the recent past.

The photograph of the subject was shown to Mrs. CARTIMIGLIO, and she stated that she did not recognize this individual.

On 5/9/68 at NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA File # 157-10673-sub 2-611
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Mr. CLOMIRE J. ROMERO, 509 Corinne Street, advised that he is the subscriber to telephone number 365-9154, and it is a pay phone, which is located in his business, Romero's Bar. He stated that he did receive a long distance phone call from Texas in mid December of 1967, from a former employee, JANICE (LAST NAME UNKNOWN), who was coming to New Iberia to visit.

He was shown a photograph of the subject, and stated that he did not recognize this individual. Mr. ROMERO commented that he was not a member of any hate organization.

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LARRY VIATOR, 816 West Washington Street, advised that he is the subscriber to telephone number 365-2772. He commented that to the best of his knowledge, he had received no long distance telephone calls during the month of December, 1967.

A photograph of the subject was shown to Mr. VIATOR, and he said that he was unfamiliar with the subject. Mr. VIATOR commented that he was not a member of any hate group.

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Mrs. LUCILLE MYERS, 1304 Pelican Street, advised that she is the subscriber to telephone number 364-5322. She stated that her husband is a truck driver for Trappey Truck Lines, and calls home when he is on the road. She commented that she could not recall whether he had done so during the month of December, but it is very probable that he had.

She said that she did not recognize the subject's photograph, and was not a member of any hate group.

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MARY ALEXANDRIA, Route 1, Box 52, St. Gabriel, Louisiana, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and furnished the following information:

ALEXANDRIA advised that her telephone number is 642-8156. ALEXANDRIA stated that she receives telephone calls two or three times a week from her daughter, LOUISE DAVIS, who lives in Houston, Texas, and also from a cousin by the name of ELLEN WALKER who also lives in Houston, Texas.

ALEXANDRIA stated that these are the only people she receives calls from and if she received a call on December 17, 1967, from Texas, this would have to be who made the call.

ALEXANDRIA advised that she lives alone at this residence and was born and lived in St. Gabriel, Louisiana area all her life.

ALEXANDRIA was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that this individual was not known to her.

The following description was obtained through interview and observation:

Name	MARY ALEXANDRIA
Race	Negro
Sex	Female
Date of Birth	
Height	5'3"
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Weight	120
Address	Route 1, Box 52, St. Gabriel, Louisiana

On 5/9/68 at St. Gabriel, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-1/15
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LILLIE MAE POOL, 1202 Iron Farm Road, Plaquemine, Louisiana, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and furnished the following information:

POOL advised that her telephone number is 687-4144. POOL stated that she receives several telephone calls throughout the year for her next door neighbor by the name of BERNICE JOHNSON. POOL advised that her daughter, EVELYN JOHNSON, who lives in Houston, Texas, calls her mother, BERNICE JOHNSON, a number of times during each month. POOL advised that if a long distance telephone call was made on December 17, 1967, to her number, it would have to be for BERNICE JOHNSON since she has received no other long distance telephone calls from the State of Texas besides those for JOHNSON.

POOL was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that this individual was not known to her.

The following description was obtained through interview and observation:

Name	LILLIE MAE POOL
Race	Negro
Sex	Female
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Plaquemine, Louisiana
Height	5'5"
Weight	125
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Address	1202 Iron Farm Road, Plaquemine, Louisiana

On 5/9/68 at Plaquemine, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 *sub 2-66*
by SA RICHARD G. RIZER/lrs Date dictated 5/9/68

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Chief of Police DENNIS SONGY, Plaquemine, Louisiana, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and furnished the following information:

SONGY advised that they have no arrest record in their files for a LILLIE MAE POOL at 1202 Iron Farm Road, Plaquemine, Louisiana. SONGY stated that POOL is a Negro woman who has lived in Plaquemine, Louisiana, nearly all her life and lives in a predominantly Negro area of Plaquemine.

On 5/9/68 at Plaquemine, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 *sub 2-617*
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Chief Deputy EARL WILLIAMS, Iberville Parish Sheriff's Office, Plaquemine, Louisiana, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and furnished the following information:

WILLIAMS advised that MARY ALEXANDRIA, who lives at Route 1, Box 52, St. Gabriel, Louisiana, is an elderly Negro woman who lives in a small Negro settlement in St. Gabriel, Louisiana, across the Mississippi River from Plaquemine, Louisiana. WILLIAMS advised that ALEXANDRIA has lived in the St. Gabriel area nearly all her life and that there is no arrest record in the Iberville Parish Sheriff's Office concerning MARY ALEXANDRIA.

WILLIAMS stated that LILLIE MAE POOL who resides at 1202 Iron Farm Road, Plaquemine, Louisiana, is a Negro female living in the predominant Negro area of Plaquemine, Louisiana. WILLIAMS stated that there is no arrest record in their files for a LILLIE MAE POOL.

On 5/9/68 at Plaquemine, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-618
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Mrs. BILL DICKEY, 400 Talbot Street, after being apprised of the identity of the interviewing Agent, voluntarily furnished the following information:

Mrs. DICKEY advised her husband is not a member of the klan or any hate-group organization.

She advised that at one time her daughter, DOROTHY BROWN, lived in Houston, Texas, and occasionally telephoned from there to Thibodaux, making collect calls; however, she advised that from December 11 to 25, 1967, her daughter was in Thibodaux with her, but may have received calls from Houston, Texas. She advised she answered the telephone most of the time and did not recall any calls from Houston, Texas, on the dates of December 16 through 18, 1967, but that possibly her husband, presently working offshore, could provide further information.

Mrs. DICKEY was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised she was not familiar with anyone, either locally or in Houston, Texas, resembling RAY.

She advised that she and her husband are the subscribers to telephone number 446-5166.

On 5/8/68 at Thibodaux, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673-2619
by SA ROGER A. BOMBARDIER :epk Date dictated 5/10/68

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BILL DICKEY telephonically contacted the New Orleans Office from Cameron, Louisiana, and advised he was presently assigned to a boat and returning to offshore employment.

DICKEY stated that during the period from December 16 through 18, 1967, he was working offshore on a boat; however, he advised that his daughter, DOROTHY BROWN, at one time worked in Houston, Texas, and received many calls from her boyfriend, BILL COMBS, manager, Dutch Kettle, Houston, Texas.

DICKEY stated he is not now, nor has he ever been a member of the klan and advised he had observed many photographs of JAMES EARL RAY in the local newspapers and that he did not know anyone resembling this individual.

He advised that he and his wife are the subscribers to telephone number 446-5166.

On 5/10/68 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-620
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Mrs. VIRGINIA WALSDORF, Liberty Pines Sub-Division, advised she has rented that residence from HOWARD McCREA, who now operated the Billups Service Station in Lacombe, Louisiana. She stated that he obtained telephone number 643-7226, but she continues to keep the telephone in his name, although she had exclusive use of the telephone during December, 1967.

Mrs. WALSDORF added that her husband, DONALD WALSDORF, has been in a nursing home in New Orleans, Louisiana, for a long time because of mental illness resulting from military service. She advised he did not have access to their residence telephone.

She stated she could not recall having received any telephone calls from Texas during December, 1967. She knows no one in Texas, except BILL CUSIMANO, a friend of her son.

She said that she made inquiry of her son, CHARLES, and he advised her that CUSIMANO and he were making plans about a visit shortly before Christmas and they had conversed telephonically about their plans. He did not recall whether the telephone call was made on December 17, 1967, nor whether CUSIMANO had used a pay telephone or not.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to the WALSDORFs. RAY is unknown to them except for newspaper accounts of his apparent involvement in the murder of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On 5/10/68 at Slidell, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2621
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The records of the Slidell Office, Southern Bell Telephone Company, 216 Cousin Street, Slidell, Louisiana; show that Area Code 504, number 863-9200 is a non-working number and has never been used. Area Code 504, number 643-7226 is assigned to HOWARD McCREA, Liberty Pines Sub-Division, Slidell, Louisiana. This telephone was installed during August, 1967.

McCREA's employment was shown as a superintendent for the Louisiana Department of Highways for 20 years. His wife's employment was listed as Waldsdorph Drug Store. A notation dated "3/27" showed "very bad payer - Mr. unemployed at present."

The above information can only be made public by issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to MILTON H. PARELEE, Manager, Southern Bell Telephone Company, 216 Cousin Street, Slidell, Louisiana.

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Mrs. CHARLES GODSO, 2633 Duke Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and furnished the following information.

GODSO advised that their telephone is 355-0013.

GODSO advised that her daughter receives a number of telephone calls from her boy friend MIKE SHERILL, who is a student at Larmer Tech College in Beaumont, Texas. GODSO advised that this would be the individual who made the phone call on December 17, 1967 to their residence here in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

GODSO was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that this individual was not familiar to her. GODSO advised that neither she nor her husband are members of any klan organizations. She advised that they have lived in the Baton Rouge area for nearly 20 years and they lived at their present address during this time.

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BETTY O'NEAL, 1735 Madison Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and furnished the following information:

O'NEAL advised that they receive a number of phone calls from Houston, Texas, from CLIFFORD WOMACH, her daughter's boy friend who lives in Houston, Texas, and also from her son STEPHEN O'NEAL who lives at 825 Westway, Houston, Texas. O'NEAL advised that her telephone number is 355-6092.

O'NEAL stated that any phone call received on December 17 or 16, 1967 would be from one of the two above individuals.

O'NEAL was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that this individual was not known by her. O'NEAL stated that neither she nor her husband, SIDNEY O'NEAL, belong to any klan or hate type organizations in the Baton Rouge area.

O'NEAL stated that they have lived in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, nearly all their lives except for approximately 5 years when her husband was employed in Houston, Texas.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent EMIL HENRY BECKER:

On May 9, 1968, Deputy Sheriff FRANK MILLER, Beauregard Parish Sheriff's Office, DeRidder, Louisiana, advised their office was the subscriber to telephone number 318 463-6802. He advised they did not maintain a log of incoming calls and it would be, therefore, impossible to tell who made a call to that number on December 15, 1967.

On May 9, 1968, a check of the telephone number 318 578-2911 revealed this to be the information operator at Fort Polk, Louisiana. A check of this number indicated that there was no log maintained of incoming paid calls.

On May 11, 1968, First Sergeant GENE M. LOW, Company E, 2nd Battalion, Fourth Training Brigade, Fort Polk, Louisiana, advised their unit has Fort Polk number 578-2315. He advised this telephone is available to all of the cadre personnel and no log is maintained of incoming calls. He advised that on December 16, 1967, all trainee personnel were on Christmas leave.

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Mr. WALLACE COOLEY, Administrator, Merryville General Hospital, advised that his hospital is the subscribers to telephone numbers 337-2041 and 337-4921. He further advised they do not maintain any record of incoming paid calls and all calls at the hospital come in through a switchboard.

On 5/13/68 at Merryville, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-626
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Mrs. EDWINNER ENGRUM, 102 Cedar Street, after being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the inquiry, advised she is the subscriber to telephone number Area Code 318 463-5126.

She advised she was sure a call to the aforementioned telephone number on December 15, 1967, was from her daughter, ROSEMARY ERVIN, who was attending school in Houston, Texas.

She was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and thereafter stated this individual was unknown to her.

On 5/13/68 at DeRidder, Louisiana File # NO 167-10673 sub 2-627
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Mrs. LEON SCOTT, 505 Banks Street, after being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the inquiry, advised she is the subscriber to telephone number 318 463-7493.

7 She advised she was sure a call to the aforementioned telephone number on December 17, 1967, was from Mrs. LENA BELL SMITH, her sister-in-law, who resided at 1904 $\frac{1}{2}$ Pannel Street, Houston, Texas.

She was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and thereafter stated this individual was unknown to her.

On 5/13/68 at DeRidder, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-628
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Mr. WALTER PREJOHN, 714 Calcasieu Street, after being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the inquiry, advised he was the subscriber to telephone number 318 463-6776; however, this telephone number was still in the name of Mrs. LAURA SINGLETON.

He advised he was sure a call to the aforementioned telephone on December 17, 1967, was from his wife, JONNIE PREJOHN, who had been visiting in Beaumont, Texas.

He was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and thereafter stated this individual was unknown to him.

On 5/13/68 at DeRidder, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-629
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Mrs. W. D. JACKSON, General Delivery, after being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the inquiry, advised she is the subscriber to telephone number 318 358-4372.

She advised she was sure a call to the aforementioned telephone number on December 17, 1967, was from her son, DORMAN H. JACKSON, who resided at 12437 Dorwayne Street, Houston, Texas.

She was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and thereafter stated this individual was unknown to her.

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Mr. J. W. SHANKLE, Highway 8, after being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the inquiry, advised he was the subscriber to telephone number 318 286-5279.

He advised he was sure a call to the aforementioned telephone number on December 16, 1967, was from his daughter, ELAINE MORRISON, who resided at 1740A Janacek Road, Crosby, Texas.

He was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and thereafter stated this individual was unknown to him.

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Mrs. E. M. CRAFT, Highway 1212, after being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the inquiry, advised she is the subscriber to telephone number 318 239-2071.

She advised she was sure a call to the aforementioned telephone number on December 16, 1967, was from her daughter, Mrs. MELBA LAUMONTAIN, who resides at Hillcrest Drive, Houston, Texas.

She was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and thereafter stated this individual was unknown to her.

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Mrs. HAL LEE TAYLOR, 1014 Industrial Street, advised she presently has telephone number 589-7788 and had this number in December, 1967. Mrs. TAYLOR, Negro, advised her husband works for the Livingston Shipyards in Orange, Texas, and the only calls she has received from the East Texas area would be from her husband. She does not specifically recall any such call on December 16, 1967, but it is very possible her husband called her on that date.

Upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, she advised this individual is not known to her.

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JOHN DALLAS, owner and manager, Palamino Club, U. S. Highway 90 East (near Texas State Line), advised the club has had telephone number 589-9313 for some time and the club had this number in December, 1967. He advised that employees, as well as customers, have access to the telephone and it would be impossible to know who may have received a telephone call from Texas on December 17, 1967, due to the numerous employees and customers. He personally does not recall receiving any call on that date, but has received calls. He explained the club is located near the Texas State Line and most of the customers are from the Beaumont-Orange, Texas, area.

Upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, he advised he has seen photographs of RAY on television and in newspapers, but does not know him personally.

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Mrs. DELLA D. WHITE, 1125 West Street, advised she and her husband have had Vinton telephone number 589-4381 for several years. She advised her husband is just recuperating from a heart attack and she has been ill for several months. She cannot recall receiving a long distance call from Texas on December 17, 1967, and she added they have no relatives in Texas. She advised they do have friends in Orange, Texas, but does not recall receiving a long distance call from any friend in December, 1967.

Upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, she advised RAY did not appear familiar to her.

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Mrs. ALEC J. JARDELL, employee, Rexall Drug Store, advised her husband is deceased, but Vinton telephone number 589-6852 is listed in his name and she has had the telephone for several years. She stated she has several friends in Orange, Texas, and prior to Christmas, 1967, she was dating a JAMES SHAKELFORD, Beaumont, Texas, who would call her from pay telephones in the Beaumont - Orange, Texas, area in December, 1967. She cannot specifically recall any telephone call on December 15, 1967, but is of the opinion the call was from SHAKELFORD.

Upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, she advised she did not know RAY.

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A review of the Southern Bell Telephone Directory for Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana, August, 1967, issue, indicated that telephone number 229-8227 belongs to Mrs. W. E. JORDAN, Avenue A, Kentwood, Louisiana, and telephone number 229-2491 belongs to the City Drug Store, Avenue F, Kentwood, Louisiana.

On 5/10/68 at Covington, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 1637
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JAMES WOODS, Pharmacist, City Drugs, 220 Avenue F, advised that he had no idea who might have called the Drugstore from Texas on December 15, 1967.

WOODS was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and he advised he saw RAY's picture in the newspaper, but that he did not know RAY.

WOODS advised he lives in Brookhaven, Mississippi, but used the drugstore's address as his mailing address. The drugstore telephone number is 229-2491.

On 5/10/68 at Kentwood, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-638
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ROY SHULTZ, owner, City Drugs, 220 Avenue F, Kentwood, Louisiana, advised JOHN M. DUNAY, who had identified himself as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, that telephone number 229-2491 is the number of the drugstore and has been for a number of years. He advised he did not have any idea who might have called the drugstore from Texas on December 15, 1967, unless it was another drugstore calling for a prescription. He advised that he did purchase novelties for the store from the Skidmore Company, Tyler, Texas, and the Penguin Candy Company, Fort Worth, Texas, but he could not recall receiving any telephone calls from these companies or their salesmen and believes this would be unlikely.

SHULTZ was shown pictures of JAMES EARL RAY and he advised he did not know RAY and has not seen him except for his picture in the newspapers.

On 5/10/68 at Kentwood, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-639
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Mrs. WILLARD EDGAR JORDAN, Clerk, City Drugs, 220 Avenue F, Kentwood, and residence on Avenue A, Kentwood, furnished the following information:

The telephone number at the drugstore is 229-2491 and the telephone number at her residence is 229-8227. During December, 1967, her ex-husband, WILLARD EDGAR JORDAN, called the drugstore from Texas and asked to speak with her. A clerk whose name she could not recall, answered the telephone and told WILLARD EDGAR JORDAN that she, Mrs. JORDAN, was not in. Mrs. JORDAN advised the clerk did this on her instructions.

Mrs. JORDAN advised that her ex-husband then called her residence and talked with their son, JACKSON JORDAN, age sixteen. JACKSON JORDAN mentioned to her that his father had called the house and wanted JACKSON to visit him in Texas. Mrs. JORDAN advised she believed that her ex-husband had called the house on the same day he called the drugstore. This was sometime before the Christmas of 1967.

Mrs. JORDAN advised she did not remember exactly where in Texas WILLARD EDGAR JORDAN called from, but that she called him on December 24, 1967. He was at a Site gasoline station in Orange, Texas, his place of employment. Mrs. JORDAN advised she got the telephone number by calling information and that there was only one Site gasoline station in Orange.

Mrs. JORDAN advised that her first name is ERMINE.

Mrs. JORDAN was shown pictures of JAMES EARL RAY. She advised she remembers seeing his picture in the newspapers, but that she does not know him.

On 5/10/68 at Kentwood, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-640
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Mr. CHARLES DROST, 601 West Thomas, advised he owns and operates a trailer business at his residence and receives many long distance calls from the East Texas area. He does not specifically recall any call on December 16, 1967, as he receives several a week from Texas, particularly from customers and dealers in the Orange - Beaumont, Texas, area.

Upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY he advised he has seen his picture in newspapers and television, but has not had him as a customer and does not know him personally.

He advised that he is the subscriber to telephone number 527-9993.

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ALTON STEWART, owner and manager, Lou Ann Club, Highway U. S. 90 (on Texas - Louisiana State Line), advised the club has had telephone number 589-9304 for several years. He advised customers use the telephone also for local calls, but he receives several calls a day from the Orange-Beaumont, Texas, area, which is only a mile or so away from the club. He advised it would be virtually impossible to determine who made and who received a call on December 16, 1967, a Saturday, as Saturday is the big day and night at the club and the majority of customers are from the Orange-Beaumont area.

On 5/22/68 at Vinton, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-642
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Mr. WILLIE R. BROUSSARD, home address 2201 Jett Street, owner and manager of Broussard's Grocery, Cemetery Road, advised Sulphur, Louisiana, telephone number 527-7596 is the number of his store.

He advised that just prior to Christmas, 1967, he was ordering an extra supply of hams and recalls receiving a long distance telephone call from a JOHN HALL, representative of the Hormel Company, about the additional order and the call was probably a prepaid call from the Houston-Beaumont, Texas, area. He does not know of any other long distance telephone calls received from a phone booth or pay phone in Texas during the period of December 15-17, 1967.

Upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, he advised he recognized the photographs from newspapers and television, but does not know him personally.

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MARZELL SCOTT, Box 5, advised her telephone number is 318, 256-5372. She stated she recalled that her daughter's boy friend, HAROLD OWENS, called from Beaumont, Texas, on December 17, 1967.

She stated she did not recognize the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.

On 5/24/68 at Many, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-644
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Mrs. LAURA COOPER, 103 South Georgia, advised her telephone number is 318, 872-4056. She stated her three sons reside in Beaumont, Texas, and that one of them called her on December 17, 1967.

She stated she did not recognize the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as anyone she had ever seen before.

On 5/23/68 at Mansfield, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-645
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T. L. LEWING, Post Office Box 562, advised his telephone number is 318, 586-3895. He stated his sister, EMILIE SPENCER, called from Houston, Texas, on December 17, 1967.

He stated he did not recognize the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.

On 5/23/68 at Florien, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-646
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HARRY WALKER, Texas Road, advised his telephone number is 318, 256-3767. He advised he has a brother in Orange, Texas, and it was he who called on December 17, 1968.

WALKER stated he did not recognize the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.

On 5/23/68 at Many, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-687
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Mrs. GEORGIA WALKER, 314 Texas Avenue, advised she has telephone number 387-3048, and had this number as of December 16, 1967. She pointed out that she is an elderly Negro female, who resides alone and stated she does not recall receiving any long distance telephone call from Houston, Texas, at any time and particularly on December 16, 1967.

Mrs. WALKER stated she has several neighbors, all Negro, who use her telephone and receive calls on occasion, but she does not recall anyone saying that any call received was from Houston, Texas.

On viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, Mrs. WALKER stated RAY was unknown to her.

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JOSEPH MILTON, Negro male, 1109 Eddy Street, advised he has had Vinton telephone number 589-7692 for several years. He operates a repair garage next door to his home and receives calls from the East Texas area frequently in connection with his business and he also has friends in the Beaumont - Orange, Texas, area. He cannot specifically recall receiving a telephone call on December 17, 1967, but explained that he gets so many calls from East Texas that it would be virtually impossible for him to advise who may have called him on one particular date last December, 1967.

Upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, MILTON advised he does not know this individual except through photographs he has seen in the newspapers.

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