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Mrs. CLARENCE HARRINGTON, 1501 East Street, advised she had telephone number 589-7141 in December, 1967. Mrs. HARRINGTON, a Negro, advised she does not recall receiving a long distance telephone call from Texas, on December 15, 1967, although it is quite possible she did receive such a call. She explained that Vinton is very close to Orange and Beaumont, Texas, that she does not really consider the calls from Texas as being long distance. She does recall that in December, 1967, a call to her residence was made by a long distance operator, but the party at the other end had the wrong number.

Upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, she advised that while he appeared familiar to her, she does not know him.

On 5/22/68 at Vinton, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-650
by SA JAMES FRANCIS WRIGHT -epk Date dictated 5/28/68

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MARY ANN COLEMAN, Negro, 916 Industrial Street, advised she has telephone number 589-7726 and had this number in December, 1967. She advised her sister, Mrs. LORETTA THIBODEAUX, 211 Dewey Street, Orange, Texas, calls her frequently and this is the only person she can think of who may have called her on December 15, 1967.

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

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Mrs. DOROTHY RUSSELL, General Delivery, Denham Springs, Louisiana, advised as follows:

Mrs. RUSSELL stated that she has a number of relatives in the Houston, Texas, area including her mother, who lives in Cloverleaf, Texas, an ex-husband and a brother who both live in Pasadena, Texas. She advised she receives many long distance telephone calls from the Houston, Texas area from her relatives. She stated that up until several months ago, she also received occasional calls from her ex-husband. Mrs. RUSSELL stated she does not recall the exact dates during December when she received phone calls from Texas, but she is sure that she would receive a number of calls from various relatives prior to Christmas, 1967.

Mrs. RUSSELL further stated neither she nor her husband, DALE RUSSELL, are members of the Ku Klux Klan or any similar organization. She viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated she did not know this individual and further advised that the names ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER and JOHN WILLARD are unknown to her.

She advised that she is the subscriber to telephone number 664-3985.

On 5/9/68 at Denham Springs, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-652
by SA WILLIAM E. DOYLE/cst Date dictated 5/10/68

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ROBERT MUSE, Route 2, Box 30A, Clinton, Louisiana, advised that he ~~is~~ the subscriber to Clinton, Louisiana, phone number 683-5749.

Mr. MUSE advised that sometime during December, 1967 he received a long distance phone call from an individual by the name of ROBERT (last name unknown) who had been dating his daughter, CORA MAE MUSE. MUSE stated the phone call originated somewhere in the state of Texas; however, he could not furnish the exact location nor could he furnish any address for a ROBERT (last name unknown). He stated that his daughter, CORA MAE, presently resides in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, address unknown.

Mr. MUSE was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, and he stated to the best of his knowledge he had never seen RAY.

Mr. MUSE, a Negro male, advised that he does not belong to any racial-type organization.

On 5/10/68 at Clinton, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-653
by SA MICHAEL BARON:med Date dictated 5/13/68

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SANDRA DAIGLE, 222 Pin Oak Street, advised that her telephone number, 664-4009, is listed in her father's name, R. V. COOK, inasmuch as she lives alone with her two children and does not wish to have her number listed in the telephone book. Mrs. DAIGLE stated that she received a telephone call from Houston, Texas, on December 15, 1967, from one DAVID HERN, an ex-boyfriend. She stated that she recalls the exact date because of the fact that this was the last time he called her and she knows that it was exactly ten days before Christmas. She stated she had received a number of long distance calls from HERN prior to December 15, 1968, but has received none since that time.

Mrs. DAIGLE stated that the names JAMES EARL RAY, ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER and JOHN WILLARD are unknown to her. She viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated she did not know this individual.

Mrs. DAIGLE stated that neither she nor any member of her family are members of the Ku Klux Klan or any similar-type organization.

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Chief of Police ALVIN CORLEY, Denham Springs, Louisiana Police Department, advised that his office has no record under the names R. V. COOK or SANDRA DAIGLE. Chief CORLEY stated that neither of these individuals are known to him.

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Chief of Police ALVIN CORLEY, Denham Springs, Louisiana Police Department, advised that the name DOROTHY RUSSELL is unknown to him and that the records of his department contain no listing under that name.

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Mrs. CARRIE S. HAMILTON, 121 South 25th Street, advised she has telephone number 322-4945 and had this number as of December 16, 1967. She stated she received a long distance telephone call from her son, JIM HERBERT HAMILTON, from Houston, Texas, on about December 16, 1967. She has received no other calls from Houston, Texas. She stated her son, a Negro, wanders around the country and calls her infrequently from different places. She advised she does not know any address for her son in Houston, or anywhere else, at the present time.

On viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, Mrs. HAMILTON advised RAY is unknown to her.

On 5/17/68 at Monroe, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-657
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Mrs. ROSA HOSTON, 8 Short Wood Street, advised she has telephone number 322-7760 and had this number as of December 17, 1967. She stated she did not recall receiving any long distance telephone call from Houston, Texas, at any time and, particularly, on December 17, 1967. She said she has the only telephone in this all-Negro neighborhood and that numerous neighbors use her telephone and receive calls through her number. She stated she does not recall anyone receiving a long distance call from Houston, Texas, although she does not always know where the incoming calls are from.

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

On 5/17/68 at West Monroe, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-658
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NICK JOE GORDON, 3408 DeSiard Street, advised he is the subscriber to telephone number 325-9345 and had this number on December 17, 1967. He stated neither he nor his wife could recall receiving any telephone call from Houston, Texas, at any time and, specifically not on December 17, 1967. He stated his wife has a sister, LENA MARX, who resides on RFD, Highway 71, Texarkana, Texas, in a trailer camp, and that his wife receives frequent calls from her, but that none of these calls have come from the Houston, Texas, area. He advised no one else uses his telephone and he is unable to account for such a call.

On viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, GORDON stated RAY was unknown to him.

On 5/16/68 at Monroe, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-659
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Mrs. JOHNNY H. CANADY, 1509 South Third Street, advised she is the subscriber to telephone number 325-1726 and had this number as of December 17, 1967. She advised that on December 17, 1967, she received a long distance telephone call from her sister, Mrs. JAMES COTTON, 3270 Lumberdale Street, Houston, Texas.

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

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Mrs. JOHNNY MOUIER, Owner and Operator of Lil Al's Drive-In Restaurant and Lounge, Causeway Approach, Mandeville, Louisiana, advised the following:

Telephone number 626-9908 is a pay station located in her restaurant at the above location. She stated that this number has been subscribed to for this pay station for approximately three years. According to MOUIER, numerous calls are made and received from this number by various customers, a number of whom are over the road truck drivers. She further stated that messages are left with her by truck drivers for other drivers who call the above number from out of state to receive these messages. She stated that as best as she can remember, she may have received some calls from Houston, Texas, between December 15 and 17, 1967, from some unrecalled truck drivers but due to the number of calls, it would be impossible to pinpoint the exact date and identity of the person who called. She also stated that she is formerly from Beaumont, Texas, and has relatives living in Texas, who may have called the above number from Houston during December, 1967.

She was exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that this individual is unknown to her.

On 5/10/68 at Covington, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-661
by SA JACK EVANS MEHL - jah Date dictated 5/14/68

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Assistant Chief of Police DEWEY NORSWORTHY, Bogalusa, Louisiana, Police Department, advised that he knows PAUL SANDERSON, 1514 Avenue E, Bogalusa, Louisiana, and to the best of his knowledge, SANDERSON does not belong to any Klan or hate-type organization.

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Mr. PAUL SANDERSON, 1514 Avenue E, Bogalusa, Louisiana, advised the following:

He resides at the above address with his wife and children and is employed at the Crown-Zellerbach Corporation, Bogalusa, Louisiana, in the Box Division, as a loader. He is the subscriber to telephone number 735-8344 and has had this number since May, 1966.

He stated that approximately a week to ten days before Christmas, 1967, his wife had received some long distance telephone calls from Houston, Texas, from her sister, HELEN DIXON, who resides on Vicki Lane, Houston, Texas.

SANDERSON stated that he does not know JAMES EARL RAY and stated that he did not recognize photographs of RAY.

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Mrs. MARGETTE JACKSON was contacted at her home at Route 2, Box 28, Downsville. She was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the investigation.

Mrs. JACKSON advised that she and her granddaughter, LINDA FAYE HAYES, live at that address. The phone number at that address is 982-5253. Mrs. JACKSON advised that her husband passed away on December 1, 1967. At that time her daughter, BETTY JEAN HAYES and LINDA FAYE came to Downsville, to be with her from their home in Houston, Texas. Mrs. JACKSON advised that she believes that the call that would have come from Houston, on December 15, 1967, and charged to her number would have been from BETTY JEAN HAYES' husband, LEON HAYES, who had stayed in Houston. Mrs. JACKSON advised that she did not actually know her daughter's address in Houston, as she did not write to her, but her telephone number is 713-674-9451.

Mrs. JACKSON advised that she did not know JAMES EARLE RAY and did not recognize any of the photographs displayed to her.

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by SA CHARLES D. NEUDORFER-kbz Date dictated 5/13/68

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Mrs. GWENDOLYN ELLIS, Carver Street, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the investigation.

Mrs. ELLIS advised that she and her husband are the owners of an off-campus dormitory called Ellis Annex Dormitory. This dormitory houses one dozen female students of Grambling College and is approved off-campus housing for the college. Mrs. ELLIS further advised that the telephone 247-8851 is the phone located in the dormitory and this has been the same number for about two years or as long as the building has been in existence.

Mrs. ELLIS advised that of the twelve girls living in the dormitory at this time, eight were living there in December, 1967. Four of the girls at the dorm in December, 1967, have left the college. Of the girls living in the dormitory now, none live in the State of Texas, and do not have any apparent connection in the State of Texas. Mrs. ELLIS advised that she did not recall the names of the girls who have left Grambling, but she would attempt to locate their record and get identifying data on them.

Mrs. ELLIS advised that all of the girls who now live or have lived in the dormitory are Negro. Mrs. ELLIS further advised that she has never seen or become acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY and to the best of her knowledge neither have any of the girls in the dorm. None of the girls now living there have any knowledge of the calls to the dorm phone in December, 1967, from the vicinity of Houston, Texas.

On 5/13/68 at Grambling, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-665
by SA CHARLES D. NEUDORFER-kbz Date dictated 5/14/68

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FRANK PHILLIPS, JR., Head Campus Security, Grambling College, advised that the Ellis Annex Dormitory is off-campus housing for female students of Grambling college. It is not official college housing for the college, but it is approved off-campus housing. PHILLIPS advised that the dormitory houses about a dozen female students.

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Re: Southern Bell Telephone
and Telegraph, New Orleans

On May 1, 1968, RALPH BENNETT, District Plant Manager, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised Special Agent WILLIAM F. KUSCH that the Southern Bell Telephone company does not have at the present time any IBM, tape or other type of system which would enable Southern Bell to keep any records regarding outgoing local calls made from a pay station telephone. Mr. BENNETT pointed out that all calls made from any point in the greater New Orleans area to any other point in the greater New Orleans area are not tolls and require that one nickel be deposited. In this regard, he pointed out that some larger metropolitan areas, where more than one unit is used, these are classified as toll calls, but such is not the case in New Orleans.

Mr. BENNETT pointed out that, of course, a collect telephone call cannot be made from one pay telephone to another pay telephone.

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ISAAC CURRY, 722 South Ninth Street, was advised of the Agent's identity and was interviewed at the above address, where he advised he lives now and did so in December, 1967. He furnished the following information:

He viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI number 405 942 G, and advised this person is unknown to him.

He advised he did not receive any calls to him over telephone number 757-3137 at the above address from anyone in Texas, for he knows no one there. He definitely did not receive any such call in December, 1967.

He was observed to be a Negro male, who advised he is employed at the gas station at the Magnolia Motel in Ferriday. He was born [redacted] at Wildsville, Louisiana; is 5 feet 11 inches tall; weighs 155 pounds; has black hair, brown eyes and a medium complexion. He is single, living common-law at the above address with MAGGIE JOHNSON.

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MAGGIE JOHNSON, 722 South Ninth Street, was advised of the Agent's identity and was interviewed at the above address, where she advised she now lives and did live in December, 1967. She furnished the following information:

She viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI number 405 942 G, and advised this person is unknown to her.

She could not recall receiving any calls in December over telephone number 757-3137 at the above address from anyone in Texas. The only relative or close friend she has in Texas is LAVINIA HARRIS, who lives in Houston, Texas.

She was observed to be a Negro female, who advised she is employed at Haney's Cafe in Ferriday. She is single, 5 feet 4 inches tall, weighs 154 pounds, and has black hair, brown eyes and a dark complexion. She was born [redacted] at Lake St. John, Concordia Parish, Louisiana.

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LAURA SHERBIA, 722 South Ninth Street, was advised of the Agent's identity and was interviewed at home. Her home telephone number is 757-3137, which has been unlisted for about three years. The only persons who receive calls or make calls from this telephone are herself, her common-law husband, ISAAC CURRY, and her mother (MAGGIE JOHNSON), all of whom live there now and did so in December, 1967.

She viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI number 405 942 G, and advised this person is unknown to her.

She advised she did not recall receiving a telephone call to her home on December 17, 1967, from anyone or anyplace in Texas. If she did receive such a call, the only person who would have called her was LAVINIA HARRIS, her aunt, who lives at 1443 South Fourth Street, Orange, Texas. Her aunt telephones her often and may have telephoned her in December. Her aunt is her only relative or close friend living in Texas.

She was observed to be a Negro female, who advised she is employed as a houseworker locally. She is 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighs 118-119 pounds, and has black hair, brown eyes and a dark complexion. She was born [redacted] at Lake St. John, Concordia Parish, Louisiana.

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SILAS CURRY, 610 Division Street, was advised of the Agent's identity and was interviewed at his home. He furnished the following information:

His telephone number is 318-339-2012, a private telephone located at his home. In December, 1967, and at the present time, he has lived alone at the above address, and he is the only one who has made telephone calls or received telephone calls on the above telephone. He viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI number 405 942 G. He advised this person is unknown to him.

He could not recall receiving any telephone call from anyone in Texas during December, 1967, especially on December 15, 1967. The only friends or relatives he has living in the Texas area are his daughter, ARNISA HENNISON, and her husband, JAMES HENNISON, and their five children. They live in Houston, Texas, address unknown. He does not know what type of work JAMES HENNISON does. They all visited him in December, 1967, arriving about two weeks before Christmas. They did not telephone before they arrived, as far as he can recall, and they definitely did not receive any calls from Texas over his telephone, for JAMES HENNISON's relatives, including his parents, live in Catahoula Parish.

Mr. CURRY was observed to be a male Negro, who advised he was born [redacted] at Archie, Catahoula Parish, Louisiana. He is retired, a widower, 5 feet 5 inches tall, weighs 145 pounds, and has black hair going gray, brown eyes, a medium complexion, and slender build.

On 5/13/68 at Jonesville, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-671

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LOUISE COX, Service Representative, Southern Bell Telephone Company, Tallulah Division, advised that telephone number ~~437-2278~~ is presently listed to Mrs. FLORENCE THOMAS, 1013 North Walnut Street, Tallulah, Louisiana. Mrs. COX further advised that the above number was listed to Mrs. THOMAS during the month of December, 1967.

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CLAYTON COX, Chief of Police, Tallulah, Louisiana, advised that he is not personally acquainted with Mrs. FLORENCE THOMAS, but does know that she is a Negro domestic who does housework for various persons in the Tallulah area. COX stated that, to the best of his knowledge, Mrs. THOMAS is not a member of any hate-type group or a sympathizer with any such group.

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Mrs. FLORENCE THOMAS, 1013 North Walnut Street, advised that she has telephone number 437-2278 and she had that number in December, 1967. Mrs. THOMAS stated that she could not recall receiving any telephone calls on December 15, 1967, from Houston, Texas. Mrs. THOMAS also stated that she does not have any relatives or friends in the Houston, Texas, area. She further advised that no one else has access to her telephone.

Mrs. THOMAS viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that she did not know him and, further, that she did not know anyone by that name.

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Mr. LUTHER GABRIEL, Maurepas, Louisiana, advised that his present telephone number is 695-3033. Mr. GABRIEL stated that he previously had phone number 695-2333 and that he had this number in December, 1967. Mr. GABRIEL advised that he does not recall ever having received a long distance phone call from anywhere in Texas, during 1967 and that he knows of no one who would call him from the state of Texas. He stated that he has a son who resides in Oakland, California and who did reside in the Houston, Texas area until sometime in 1966. Mr. GABRIEL advised that his son called him on occasions but that he does not believe his son ever called him from Texas during 1967.

Mr. GABRIEL stated that neither himself nor any members of his family are members of any militant or hate-type organization.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	LUTHER GABRIEL
Address	General Delivery, Maurepas, Louisiana
Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Livingston, Parish, Louisiana
Height	5'9"
Weight	153

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WILLIAM E. MCWARD, 1026 Gulf, who is employed at Hammer Funeral Home, advised his residence telephone number is 477-1955. He said about the middle of December, 1967, perhaps the 17th, his wife drove to Houston and returned. En route she called him at home from a pay phone in Texas. He said this is the only long distance call he received during December, 1967. He observed various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and said he knows no one who might be identical with that individual and has not had contact with such person.

On 5/10/68 at Lake Charles, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 *sub 2-676*
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A review of the City Directory of Hammond and Ponchatoula, Louisiana, 1966, published by the Business Directory Publishing Company, Incorporated, Dallas, Texas, revealed that telephone number ~~386-3576~~ belongs to L. V. BROADENAUX, B. BROADENAUX and N. HARDY, at the residence at 553 South First Street, Ponchatoula, Louisiana.

On 5/13/68 at Covington, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2 - 677
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BIRDIE BROADENAU, 553 South First Street, Ponchatoula, Louisiana, furnished the following information to JOHN M. DUNAY, who had identified himself as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

Her telephone number is 386-3576. She advised that her son, LOVELL BROADENAU, JR., had received a number of telephone calls from his wife, JEANETTE BROADENAU, during December, 1967. JEANETTE BROADENAU had been working and living in Houston, Texas, and LOVELL, JR., had been staying in Ponchatoula.

BROADENAU advised that the above was the only reason why her residence would receive a telephone call from Texas.

BROADENAU was shown a picture of JAMES EARL RAY and she advised that she does not know RAY but that she had seen his picture in the newspapers.

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NORMAN HARDY advised JOHN M. DUNAY, who had identified himself as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, that he resides at 553 South First Street, Ponchatoula, with LOVELL and BIRDIE BROADENAUX. The telephone number at the residence is 386-3576.

HARDY advised that he did not know who called the residence from Texas on December 15, 1967. He advised that the BROADENAUXXs may have friends or relatives in Houston and it might have been one of them who called. He advised that he did not receive any telephone calls.

HARDY was shown pictures of JAMES EARL RAY and he advised that he does not know and has never seen RAY.

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LOVELL V. BROADENAUX, 553 South First Street, Ponchatoula, Louisiana, advised JOHN M. DUNAY, who had identified himself as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, that his telephone number is 386-3576.

BROADENAUX advised that he did not know for sure who called his number on December 15, 1967, but believed that it was his daughter-in-law, JEANETTE SARAH BROADENAUX. JEANETTE BROADENAUX used to live and work in Houston and she used to call her husband, LOVELL BROADENAUX, JR., who was staying in Ponchatoula. JEANETTE had called a number of times before Christmas, 1967.

BROADENAUX was shown pictures of JAMES EARL RAY and he advised that he had seen the pictures in the newspapers. He advised that he does not know RAY.

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MURPHY HERBERT, Patrolman, Ponchatoula Police Department, Ponchatoula, Louisiana, advised Special Agent JOHN M. DUNAY that he has never heard the names LOVELL and BIRDIE BROADENAU or NORMAN HARDY as being connected with or being sympathetic to any hate-type organization.

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DUNCAN WOMACK, Chief, Kentwood Police Department, Kentwood, Louisiana, advised Special Agent JOHN M. DUNAY that, as far as he knows, Mrs. ERMINE JORDAN, ROY SHULTZ, and JAMES WOODS, of the City Drug Store, Kentwood, and WILLARD EDGAR JORDAN, ex-husband of ERMINE JORDAN, are not members or sympathizers of any hate-type group.

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Mrs. BURT FOLKS, Starks Highway, Vinton, Louisiana, advised of the following:

She has had telephone number 589-6207 for several years, and had that number on December 16, 1967. She has no idea as to who might have called her number from a pay telephone in Orange, Texas on December 16, 1967. She has several relatives in Orange and Beaumont, Texas, and they call her quite often.

Mrs. FOLKS was shown photos of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942G. She stated the photographs were not familiar to her, and that she has never seen this person before.

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Mrs. ROBERT LEE JACKSON, 907 East Street, Vinton, Louisiana, advised of the following:

She has had telephone number 589-7592 for many years, and she had that telephone number on December 16, 1967. Her husband is employed in Orange, Texas, and it is very likely that it was he who called her from a pay telephone in Orange, on December 16, 1967.

Mrs. JACKSON was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942G. She stated she did not recognize the photographs and that she has never seen the man.

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Mrs. F. R. COWARD, Starks Highway, Vinton, Louisiana, advised of the following:

She has had telephone number 589-4031 for several years, and she had that number on December 17, 1967. It is very possible that she received a telephone call from Orange, Texas on December 17, 1967, from a pay telephone, since her husband was working in Orange at that time. She could not think of anyone else who might have called her from Orange.

Mrs. COWARD was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942G. She stated she did not recognize the photographs and that this person was not known to her.

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Mrs. THEO RICHARD, Highway 90 West, Vinton, Louisiana, advised of the following:

Her telephone number at this time is 589-5589, but in December, 1967, it was 589-3349. Her husband works at the American Bridge Company, in Orange, Texas. If she received a telephone call on December 17, 1967, from a pay telephone in Texas, it most likely was made by her husband.

Mrs. RICHARD was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942G. She stated she did not recognize the photographs, and that she has never seen this person before.

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Mrs. EULA COURREGE, Unit Supervisor, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Lake Charles, Louisiana, advised SA GEORGE M. CAMPBELL on June 3, 1968, that Vinton, Louisiana telephone number 589-6778 is not a working number, and it was not a working number on December 15, 1967.

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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Avoyelles Parish Chief Deputy Sheriff HAROLD HENDERSON:

None of the following individuals have a record with the Avoyelles Parish Sheriff's Office nor or they known to be radical type individuals:

ALEX LEMOINE, owner,
Moreau's Bar and Lounge,
Plaucheville, Louisiana

SIDNEY BROUILLETE,
Route 1,
Simmesport, Louisiana

Mrs. CHARLIE BROOKS,
Route 1, Box 172S
Simmesport, Louisiana

Mrs. ESSIE WHITTINGTON,
400 Andrus Street,
Marksville, Louisiana

Mr. PETER SMITH, JR.,
Morrow, Louisiana

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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mr. ALEX LEMOINE, owner, Moreau's Bar and Lounge. This establishment has a pay telephone with the number 922-9636; however, on December 17, 1967, this establishment had telephone number 922-3731:

Plaucheville is a very small rural community in Avoyelles Parish and most of the people are farmers. Some of the residents of this community have moved away and now live around Houston, Texas. There is no way of telling who might have made a long distance telephone call from Texas on December 17, 1967, to Moreau's Bar and Lounge. Mr. LEMOINE ventured the guess that it might have been a former resident of Plaucheville who had moved to the Houston, Texas, area and was calling one of his friends or relatives.

Several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to Mr. LEMOINE who could not identify RAY as anyone he had ever seen.

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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mr. SIDNEY BROUILLETE, Route 1, Simmesport, Louisiana:

Mr. BROUILLETE operates the Mobil Gasoline Service Station on Louisiana 1 at Simmesport, Louisiana. His home telephone number is 941-2377. He has a brother-in-law named MILBUN MITCHELL who lives somewhere around Houston, Texas, and prior to Christmas, 1967, he called Mr. BROUILLETE's wife. This call could have very well been made on December 17, 1968. Mr. MITCHELL no longer lives in Houston as he has moved to Gretna, Louisiana, and works for a supermarket in Harahan, Louisiana.

Various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to Mr. BROUILLETE who stated to the best of his knowledge he had never seen this individual.

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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mrs. CHARLIE BROOKS, Negro female, residing at Route 1, Box 172S.

Mrs. BROOKS has home telephone number 941-2557 and she had this phone number on December 17, 1968, when she was probably called by one of her many friends who live in the Houston, Texas, area. Mrs. BROOKS had no idea which one of these friends might have called her on December 17, 1968.

Various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to Mrs. BROOKS and she could not identify RAY as an individual she had ever seen.

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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mrs. ESSIE WHITTINGTON, 400 Andrus Street:

Mrs. WHITTINGTON has telephone number 253-7871 and it is quite possible that on December 17, 1968, she received a telephone call from a friend in Houston, Texas, named Mrs. LAWRENCE FRANK who called Mrs. WHITTINGTON twice in December, 1967.

Mrs. WHITTINGTON who is a Negro female, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and she advised that she did not know RAY as an individual she had ever seen.

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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mr. NATHAN DIXON, Route 1, Box 118:

Mr. DIXON, a Negro male, has home telephone number 748-7959, and he had this number on December 15, 1967. He has several children and other relatives living in the Houston, Texas, area, and anyone of them could have called him on December 15, 1967. These children are FLORENE GOODMAN, PAULINE SAVALAH, L. C. DIXON.

Mr. DIXON was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. He advised he had never seen this man.

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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mrs. FUSSELL MUSGROVE, who lives near the Good Hope Primitive Baptist Church at Forrest Hill, Louisiana. Her home telephone number is 748-7309:

On December 17, 1967, it is quite possible that Mrs. MUSGROVE's daughter-in-law telephoned her from Houston, Texas, because at that time her son was making his wedding plans and his fiancée was telephoning from Houston, Texas.

Mrs. MUSGROVE's daughter-in-law is BARBARA SANDERS and her parents live in Houston, Texas. His name is Mr. OASIS SANDERS.

Mrs. MUSGROVE was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and she said she had never seen this individual.

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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mrs. SILAS GREEN, Post Office Box 32:

Mrs. GREEN, who is a Negro female, has telephone number 279-3721, and it is quite possible that on December 17, 1967, one of her children from the Houston, Texas, area telephoned her, as her children did not come home for Christmas. One of the children who might have called her was SILAS GREEN, JR., 2906 Maden Lane, Houston, Texas.

Mrs. GREEN was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and she advised that she did not know this individual.

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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mrs. LAWRENCE WEBB, 2904 Locust Street:

Mrs. WEBB is a Negro female who has home phone number 445-3223.

Mrs. WEBB has a daughter BETTY LOU WEBB living in Houston, Texas, and another daughter VIVIAN RUTH PETERSON, 3035 Eastern Freeway, Houston, Texas. Either one of these daughters could have called Mrs. WEBB on December 17, 1967.

Various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to Mrs. WEBB and she said she did not recognize RAY as anyone she had ever seen.

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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mrs. LOIS G. COTY, 4032 North Street:

Mrs. COTY is a Negro female who has home phone number 443-8387. It is quite possible that on December 17, 1967, her nephew CLEVELAND WILSON who lives somewhere in Chicago, Illinois, was passing through and called Mrs. COTY to say he was on his way either to or from California.

Mrs. COTY was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and she said she did not recognize RAY.

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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mr. JOHNNY QUINNEY, 107 Francis Street:

Mr. QUINNEY is a 76 year old colored male. He had difficulty in understanding why the Federal Bureau of Investigation was contacting him. He said that he had many relatives and friends in the Houston, Texas, area, and anyone of them could have called him.

Mr. QUINNEY's home phone number is 442-2197. He was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and he said he did not recognize RAY.

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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mrs. VIVIAN W. DAVIS, 1503 Shannon Road:

Mrs. DAVIS has telephone number ⁴⁴3-0946. She is employed as a secretary to a doctor at Central Louisiana State Hospital at Pineville, Louisiana. She has a mother, Mrs. BERTHA SMITH who lives at 5953 Kansas Street, in Houston, Texas, and Mrs. SMITH came to visit Mrs. DAVIS during Christmas time and it is quite possible that in making arrangements for this trip that Mrs. SMITH telephoned Mrs. DAVIS on December 17, 1968.

Mrs. DAVIS was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and she advised she did not recognize RAY as anyone she had ever seen.

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