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**Airtel**

**To: SAC's, Los Angeles (44-1974) - Enclosures (2)  
Memphis (44-1987)**

**From: Director, FBI (44-38861)**

**MURKIN**

**Re Los Angeles airtel 5/17/68, submitting one  
Greyhound Bus ticket and envelope for examination.**

**No latent impressions of value developed on the  
ticket or envelope, which are enclosed to Los Angeles.**

- ① - Birmingham (44-1740)
- 1 - Kansas City (44-700)
- 1 - Knoxville

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MURKIN

Birmingham presently endeavoring to arrange with Southern Medical Association, headquarters at Birmingham, which covers Southern States, write-up and photos of subject in its periodical, provided Bureau concurs. This based on previous information that subject has been considered somewhat of a hypochondriac, according to previous acquaintances and may visit physicians. Bureau may desire consider this action also either through American Medical Association publication or from other regional medical associations.

Since RAY has been reported to have visited psychologists and/or psychiatrists in the past suggest Bureau may desire to give consideration on a national basis of circularization these type physicians. No action will be taken pending approval by the Bureau.

3 Bureau  
2 Memphis (44-1987)  
2 Birmingham

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 5-16-68

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Birmingham teletype to Bureau, 5-1-68. ||

On 5-1-68, SA's FRANK E. CORN, SR., and ROBERT C. HAINES, interviewed HILLIARD ALLEN SANDERS, at 137 East Acton Street, Wood River, Illinois.

SANDERS stated that he was incarcerated in the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, on 1-20-52, upon conviction of an armed robbery charge at St. Joseph, Missouri. He said he was released on parole on 9-1-64.

SANDERS advised that he never became acquainted with or had knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY during the time he was incarcerated in the Missouri State Penitentiary. He said that while he was in the penitentiary, he worked at several trades and that the last two jobs he had in the penitentiary had to do with the sewing machine mechanical section and that the last job he had was a halltender from 1963 to 1964.

SANDERS said that upon parole he went to Gadsden, Alabama, where he lived and worked for approximately 18 months; that he then went to Camden, South Carolina, where he was employed by the firm of E. I. DUPONT for 9 months. SANDERS said that he then came to Wood River, Illinois, where he has been working on construction at the Shell Oil Company Plant in Wood River. He said that he arrived in Wood River in 7-67 and has resided in Wood River since that time.

SANDERS concluded by stating that when national publicity was released concerning the identification of JAMES EARL RAY, he viewed photographs appearing on television and in the news media and determined that he had never known RAY while both were at the Missouri State Penitentiary.

② - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - Springfield (44-561)  
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Date: 5/20/68

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(Priority)

TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)  
MURKIN  
CR

Re Springfield letter to Memphis 5/16/68.

In view of Birmingham's interest in HILLIARD ALLEN SANDERS, a former prison mate of the subject at the Missouri State Penitentiary, 2 Xerox copies of referenced letter are enclosed herewith for Birmingham.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.Airtel 2 - Birmingham (Enc-2) *Rec'd*  
2 - Memphis *gum*Teletype JCH/aep  
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TO: DIRECTOR (44-30861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MURKIN

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1 Los Angeles (44-1574) - AIRMAIL

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FBI BIRMGHAM

525 PM 5-21-68 URGENT GDM

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FBI PORTLAND

FBI BIRMGHAM

7 53 PM 5-21-68 URGENT GDM

TO PORTLAND (157-380)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN, CR.

RE PORTLAND TELETYPE TO BIRMINGHAM, MAY TWENTY, LAST.

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END PAGE ONE

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PHOTO OF PRUETT TO FOLLOW BY AM SD.

PORTLAND ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN IF INDIVIDUALS SEEN MAY TWENTY LAST, AT PORTLAND, IDENTICAL WITH BROUSSARD AND PRUETT.

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AM.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI PORTLAND

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Date: 5/21/68

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Date: May 20, 1968

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT  
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TO DIRECTOR, LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS AND MIAMI  
FROM DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

RE LOS ANGELES TIME INFORMANT - "BOB" LNU

R. H. McKAY, INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS MANAGER, U.S. RUBBER, DETROIT,  
ADVISED THIS DATE THAT INTERNAL CATERING FOR THAT COMPANY IS DONE  
BY RIDDELL INDUSTRIAL CATERERS. THAT COMPANY IS OWNED BY H.  
ROBERTSON "ROBERT" BRINKER AND HIS FATHER H. V. BRINKER.

ROBERTSON BRINKER, SIX ONE ROSLYN, GROSSE POINTE <sup>DE</sup>SHOERS, MICH.  
ADVISED HE HOLDS A T & T CREDIT CARD NUMBER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WHICH IS MADE OUT TO  
ROBERTSON BRINKER. THE RIDDELL CATERING COMPANY DOES NOT HAVE A  
PHONE AND THERE IS NO CREDIT CARD IN THE NAME OF THAT COMPANY OR  
IN THE NAME RIDDELL.

ROBERTSON BRINKER SAID NEITHER HE NOR ANYONE ELSE HAS USED  
HIS TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD FOR ANY PHONE CALLS FROM MEMPHIS. HE IS  
NOT ACQUAINTED WITH FRANK OR ROBERT BRICKLEY AND HE COULD NOT  
EXPLAIN HOW THE INFORMANT COULD BE FAMILIAR WITH HIS POSSESSING A  
TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD OR WITH HIS CONNECTION TO THE RIDDELL CATER=

ING COMPANY.

1 - BIRMINGHAM (info) AM

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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H. V. BRINKER, ROBERTSON'S FATHER, ADVISED THAT WHILE HE WAS IN BOCA RATON, FLORIDA FROM MARCH ONE THROUGH APRIL ONE LAST, HE TRADED AT A SUNOCO SERVICE STATION AT THE CORNER OF U.S. ONE AND PALM AIRE, BOCA RATON, FLORIDA. HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE EFFICIENCY OF A YOUNG WHITE MALE AT THE STATION. THE YOUNG MAN TOLD HIM HE HAD A BROTHER IN CLEVELAND IN THE TAILORING BUSINESS AND THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE BACK TO THE MIDWEST TO BE NEAR HIS BROTHER. MR. BRINKER TOLD THE YOUNG MAN HE RAN A CATERING SERVICE FOR U.S. RUBBER IN DETROIT AND SHOULD HE EVER WANT A JOB TO CALL HIM OR HIS SON ROBERT. HE GAVE THE YOUNG MAN ONE OF HIS BUSINESS CARDS WHICH READS, "RIDDELL FACTORY CATERING COMPANY, INDUSTRIAL CATERES". HE COULD NOT REMEMBER IF HE WROTE ROBERT'S NAME ON THE CARD FOR THE BOY BUT WAS SURE HE TOLD HIM ROBERT'S NAME AND THAT THEY CATERED FOR U.S. RUBBER.

THE PRECEEDING WAS THE ONLY EXPLANATION EITHER BRINKER COULD OFFER FOR THE INFORMANT KNOWING ABOUT A TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD IN THE NAME "ROBERT BRINKLEY" AND BRINKLEY'S CONNECTION WITH RIDDELL CATERING. BOTH EMPHATICALLY DENIED HAVING EVER LOST THEIR CREDIT CARDS OR LETTING ANOTHER PERSON USE THEM.

MIAMI ATTEMPT TO LOCATE SUNOCO STATION DESCRIBED AND ASCERTAIN IF THE YOUNG MAN MENTIONED BY H. V. BRINKER COULD BE "BOB" LNU OR IF THE BUSINESS CARD COULD HAVE BEEN PASSED ON BY THAT PERSON TO "BOB".

AM COPY BH.

SUBJECT A & D.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC ( 44-1740)

FROM : SA JOSEPH T. LANDERS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/21/68

Re memo of SA HOMER E. PARKER, dated 5/17/68

Efforts to locate EDWARD GREEN on 5/18/68 determined he had gone fishing for the week-end. On 5/20/68 GREEN said he has aided CLARENCE PATE, Chief of Detectives on occasions by furnishing him information he picks up at off-limit drinking places. He said he was in the whiskey store on Walnut Street this past Friday evening at about 3:30 PM. At this time he saw a man who resembles JAMES EARL RAY standing in line to buy whiskey. This man was in the line to the North of the inside of the store. He was dressed in a blue suit with ~~blue-suit~~ white shirt. He did not notice if he was wearing a tie. He had heavy thick black hair and when this man noticed that he was being observed he lowered his head. He did not observe this man to leave the store and did not notice anyone else in the store at the time whom he can recall. GREEN said the man in the store ~~who has~~ who has the mustache was the salesman who waited on this man. He said he recalls this salesman also noticing this individual and he should recall this man. GREEN said on Saturday morning at about 8:00 AM he noticed this same man who was dressed in a white shirt and dark trousers walking near the corner of Gurnee and 13th Street. He appeared to be going to a taxi stand but walked past the stand on towards Noble Street.

GREEN was told to be on the alert for this man and if he should see him again to make an effort to notify this office immediately. He said he would do so.

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On 5/18/68 the following employees of the State of Alabama Whiskey Store on Walnut Street were shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY ( WF 442-A). They said they have not observed anyone who resembles RAY in the store. They were told that it was reported that RAY was observed in the store the previous day at about 3:30 PM. They said they do observe everyone and it was possible ~~as~~ this was a busy day for RAY to have been in the store but they could not recall anyone such person. ~~Am~~ IO was left with these men who said they would be on the alert and if anyone resembling RAY came to the store they would immediately notify this office. It is to be noted that ~~salesman~~ W.L.HOFFAKER was in charge and salesman RAYMOND DALE is the ~~p~~alesman with the large mustache.

W.L.HOFFAKER  
LAWRENCE HOLLAND  
CLARENCE HEWETT  
RAYMOND DALE.

On 5/21/68 observation of the area near Gurnee and 13th Street from 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM reflected only one person in the area who in anyway resembled RAY. This person was determined to be a WM, about 40, 5'11" 160 lbs, heavy dark hair. Inquiry determined this man was HARRISON HOUSTON GAY, WM, born [redacted], 5'11, 155 lbs, FBI # 567 131 A. Who is a local person who has been arrested on many occasions for public drunk.

It is also to be noted the whiskey store on Walnut Street in two blocks from 13th and Gurnee.

5/9/68

Airtel

To: SAC, Atlanta (44-3886)  
Birmingham (44-1740)  
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN  
OO: ME

If not already being done, Atlanta and Birmingham should check records of access to safety deposit boxes at banks in each of these cities for the date 4/8/68. Any individuals who made entry into such safety deposit boxes on this date should be eliminated as possibly being subject. This can primarily be done on the basis of length of time the box was rented or on the basis of the renter of the box being known to bank employees. Any questionable eliminations must be run out.

This is being suggested in light of the possibility that subject may have rented such a box and then while fleeing may have made entry for the purpose of withdrawing valuables.

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Date: **May 10, 1968**Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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To: All SACS  
LEGATS, Mexico City  
Ottawa

*File*  
From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

For your information and investigative assistance, subject James Earl Ray took a bartending course in Los Angeles, California, during the early part of 1968, and prior to his departing Los Angeles, in March of 1968, he made several telephone calls to country clubs in an effort to obtain employment.

This should be borne in mind in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

Armed and Dangerous.

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3 mrx copy with memo  
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URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
MEMPHIS

FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN

WEEKLY SUMMARY

INTERVIEWS WITH PRISONERS MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP) CONTINUE. NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED REGARDING COOLEY ORGANIZATION. SUBJECT NEVER EMPLOYED AT LICENSE PLATE FACTORY IN MSP. J AND K HALLS AT MSP ARE TOGETHER AND THEY CONTAIN THREE HUNDRED SIXTYFOUR CELLS. ROSTERS ARE NOT KEPT OF EVERYONE IN A SPECIFIC HALL; YOU HAVE TO GO TO THE INDIVIDUAL PRISONER'S RECORD TO GET THE LOCATION OF HIS CELL.

ANOTHER INMATE BY THE NAME OF JAMES DUANE WRAY CONTINUES TO BE INCARCERATED AT MSP. HE IS A WM IN K HALL, MSP NUMBER ZERO SIX SEVEN TWO ZERO AND HAS BEEN THERE SINCE APRIL SIXTYTHREE. BOSTON IDENTIFIED AS MILTON ZAVALOFKI, MSP NUMBER ONE ZERO NINE EIGHT ZERO, WAS IN CELL J ONE EIGHT EIGHT

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FROM NOVEMBER SIXTYFIVE UNTIL MARCH SIXTYSIX WHEN HE WENT TO THE HONOR FARM. HE WAS RELEASED APRIL THIRD SIXTYSEVEN. JAMES W. BROWN, MSP NUMBER ZERO ZERO FOUR EIGHT THREE, FBI NUMBER FIVE ZERO FOUR NINE SEVEN SEVEN THREE, WAS INCARCERATED FROM MARCH TWENTYFIVE SIXTY UNTIL JUNE FIFTEEN SIXTYFIVE. HAD FIFTEEN CELL CHANGES NOT LISTED IN RECORDS. JAMES HIGH CARPENTER, MSP NUMBER ZERO ONE SEVEN SIX ONE, WAS IN THE PRISON FROM DECEMBER TWENTYONE SIXTY UNTIL MAY FIRST SIXTYSEVEN. NUMEROUS CELL ASSIGNMENTS NEVER CELLED WITH SUBJECT. CARPENTER WORKED IN THE VEGETABLE ROOM. VALENTI ALSO HAD NUMEROUS CELL ASSIGNMENTS BUT NEVER WITH THE SUBJECT.

GENE LNU IDENTIFIED AS GENE BARNES, MSP NUMBER SEVEN TWO TWO SEVEN ONE, STILL IN THE PRISON, INTERVIEWED THIS DATE ADVISED HE WAS IN THE SAME HALL AS SUBJECT BUT WAS NOT A FRIEND OF HIS AND COULD FURNISH NO PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING HIM. JOHN KENNETH HURTT, MSP NUMBER SEVEN FIVE FIVE ZERO TWO ALSO INTERVIEWED. ADMITTED SENDING FIFTEEN DOLLARS FOR STATIONERY BUT NOT CLOSE TO RAY AND SENT NO OTHER MONIES FOR HIM. COULD FURNISH NO PERTINENT INFORMATION. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: May 9, 1968

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Via Airtel \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority)

To: All SACS  
LEGATS, Mexico City  
Ottawa

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN  
OO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

In order to cover the possibility that subject may have died since commission of the crime, the U. S. Census Bureau and Department of Health, Education and Welfare were contacted and they advised that no central records of unidentified deceased are maintained by those agencies. It was suggested that each state may maintain such a record in their Bureau of Vital Statistics or similar agency.

There is no known Federal law requiring the maintenance of such information; and it is possible that if any record of unidentified dead is maintained, it would only be maintained at local police departments, morgues, medical facilities, or the like.

Each office covering state capitals should check to ascertain if such records are maintained, and if so, should check records for the period from 4-5-68, to date, for any information which might possibly identify subject Ray with unidentified deceased person over that period.

If there is no central record repository maintained in the various states or nationally in the case of Mexico and Canada, you should, in connection with your contacts with law enforcement agencies on this case or other Bureau matters, make appropriate inquiries relative to

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Airtel to All SACS and LEGATS, Mexico City and Ottawa  
RE: MURKIN

unidentified dead for the period beginning 4-5-68; and if fingerprints on such dead are maintained, they should be compared with those on the Identification Order on Ray in order to effect identification or nonidentification. This should be handled in the normal course of business and only reasonable investigation should be pursued along these lines.

The Identification Division has placed an appropriate stop on unidentified deceased inquiries it may receive. If feasible, appropriate offices and Legats, Mexico City and Ottawa should place similar stops with appropriate state, local or national agencies in your territories.

Armed and Dangerous.

F B I

Date: 5/16/68

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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

MURKIN

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and receiving Offices, is a self-explanatory investigative insert concerning an interview with JAMES D. WALLACE, an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP).

It is to be noted that WALLACE stated he saw subject with JAMES L. OWENS in St. Louis during the Summer of 1967. Also enclosed is a photograph of JAMES L. OWENS taken at the MSP.

The following is a description of JAMES LAOMA OWENS as it appeared in the MSP records:

Inmate #	00184
Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	[redacted], at Elvins, Mo.
Height	5'4"
Weight	149 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue

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On May 4, 1968, JAMES D. WALLACE MSP #75682, born in 1933, said he is the clerk of C Hall. He said he "fell" from St. Louis in 1959 for Armed Robbery and other charges. He was paroled in 1965 and was returned for violation by reason of drunk driving on March 11, 1968.

He said he was raised with JAMES L. OWENS, the "fall partner" of JAMES EARL RAY. He said he knew OWENS in the Penitentiary and saw him on three or four occasions in St. Louis, Missouri, while he was out. He said he recalled that he was C Hall tender when RAY tried to go over the walls and his ladder or rope or something broke about 1966. He said he was not a good friend of RAY's in the Penitentiary and knew him only to speak with him. He said he saw RAY in St. Louis sometime during the summer of 1967. He said it was probably the early part of the summer. He said RAY was with OWENS. He was just coming out of the Jefferson-Gravois Bank, located at the same address. RAY and OWENS were just entering the bank. He stopped and said to them that he was glad he got his money out before they got in. He said RAY laughed and said that "they were putting in". He said his wife was waiting in a car at the curb and he did not stop to talk and he went on out and drove off.

He said he had no way to fix the date. He said he reflected, at the time, that RAY must have escaped because he knew he had attempted to escape and had been "set back" on parole and he had too much time to have been released.

He said he saw OWENS on other occasions. He recalled that in 1966 he went to take a Missouri State Driver's license examination. OWENS was there and they got to talking about the Penitentiary and the examiner made OWENS leave because he apparently thought he was getting answers to the questions. He said the people at the examining station mentioned that OWENS had been there before and caused them some trouble.

WALLACE said that RAY had the reputation of being the type of person who served his time without comment and did not "mess" in the affairs of other people. He said he did not think that RAY would kill anyone as he is just not the type. He also said he has never heard of any organization in the Penitentiary and has never heard the name of COOLEY used in connection with any type of business or "racket" inside the walls and he did not know anyone by that name.

He said that inmates have over the years used cigarettes as medium of exchange in lieu of money and they make "parlay" bets on baseball games, horse races and other types of contests similar to bets made with money outside. He said he knew of no "lottery" as such involving cigarettes, but he said this might exist. He said there are "cliques" of prisoners who connive together for various reasons, and who become close associates, but there is no wide-spread organization and never has been to his knowledge. He said he certainly would be in position to know about it if there was and would have no hesitation in saying so if such existed.



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REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MEMPHIS</b>	DATE <b>5/17/68</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>4/24 - 5/16/68</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>JAMES EARL RAY aka - FUGITIVE, IO #4182, WF #442-A TOP TEN FUGITIVE; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (Deceased) - VICTIM</b>		REPORT MADE BY  <b>STEPHEN M. CALLENDER</b>	TYPED BY  <b>-epk</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY</b>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER dated 4/29/68  
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## LEADS:

No leads are being set forth in this report as all are being handled by telephone and teletype during progress of this investigation.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

One copy of this report is being provided to the Atlanta, Birmingham and Los Angeles Offices for information purposes and any possible assistance and in anticipation of subsequent investigation.

All criminal and appropriate security and racial informants in the New Orleans Division are being contacted on a continuing basis. To date no information has been developed through these contacts. Identities of informants and contacting Agents are not being set forth; but are being maintained in the New Orleans file in this matter.

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A review of unsolved Bank Robbery and Bank Burglary matters in the New Orleans Division revealed no unsolved cases in these categories since 4/23/67, in which latent fingerprints are suitable for comparison with the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY.

Law enforcement agencies in La. have been contacted to determine the possibility that RAY may have been involved in a burglary or robbery not within FBI jurisdiction and may be of interest to local police departments. Law enforcement agencies within the New Orleans Division have been contacted and some advise they maintain no unknown latent fingerprint file; however, others do maintain such a record. However, the unknown latent fingerprints of these agencies, when compared with the known fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, were determined not to be identical. The identities of the individuals and law enforcement agencies contacted are not being set forth in this report, but are being made a matter of record and kept on file in the New Orleans Office.

Investigation has also been conducted by the New Orleans Office at all known "hippie" rooming houses in residential areas in Louisiana, as well as similar establishments, in an effort to obtain any information concerning RAY. This investigation has been unproductive and the identities of the persons contacted, as well as the location, is not being set forth in this report, but is being kept in the New Orleans file in this matter.

All Agents of the New Orleans Office, including Resident Agents, have been instructed to alert all local and state law enforcement agencies to be on the alert for any stolen or abandoned vehicle found in Louisiana bearing Georgia license plate. A review has also been conducted of new ITSMV cases since 3/23/68 wherein the subject was not identified and the car was stolen in Georgia, in an effort to determine if there was any connection with the theft of this car and JAMES EARL RAY. To date, this review has been unproductive.

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For the information of the Bureau, the names and addresses of persons appearing on the registration cards of the Provincial Motel, New Orleans, La., for the period of December 17-19, 1967, were obtained. A communication has been sent to Offices covering the residences of these individuals with leads to locate and interview these individuals for any information and exhibit a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.

In an attempt to locate and identify JOE PARISH, who registered at the Provincial Motel during the pertinent period, Mrs. DOROTHY ARENDT, Postal Clerk, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, Post Office (protect) advised on May 10, 1968, that a review of the records of her agency revealed that no individual by the name of JOE PARISH was receiving mail in Belle Chasse, Louisiana, area.

As indicated in the details of this report it is apparent that JAMES EARL RAY was in New Orleans, Louisiana, on the evening of March 21, 1968. In an effort to determine if RAY may have stayed in New Orleans on this evening, the following investigation was conducted:

Registration cards for motels and hotels located in the New Orleans French Quarter as well as motels located on Tulane Avenue, which is located adjacent to the downtown area and motels located along U. S. Highway 90 East, also known as Chef Menteur Highway, were checked for the period 3/17-24/68. No registration card for RAY under his true name or known aliases could be located. The identities of the persons contacted or motels or hotels, are not being set forth, but are being made a matter of record in the New Orleans file in this matter.

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Report of: SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER  
Date: 5/17/68  
Field Office File #: 157-10673  
Bureau File #: 44-38861  
Title: JAMES EARL RAY  
IO #4182, WF #442-A;  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
(Deceased) - VICTIM  
Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;  
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

## Synopsis:

Employees of Provincial Motel Cafe, New Orleans, contacted and exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY with negative results. Relatives and acquaintances of CHARLES STEIN and MARIE MARTIN interviewed. Some recall STEIN appearing in New Orleans in December, 1967, as well as observing an individual with STEIN who was introduced to them by STEIN variously as ERIC or GALT. STEIN indicated this person had driven him from Los Angeles to New Orleans. These persons state that GALT was uncommunicative and they had little contact with him. Investigation has determined that a cardboard box for daughter of MARIE STEIN was delivered to relative of STEINS in New Orleans sometime between 3/17 and 24/68, probably on 3/21/68. Relative who accepted box could not identify photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as person delivering box. Relatives and acquaintances of CHARLES STEIN and MARIE MARTIN provided no information which could assist in location of JAMES EARL RAY. Motels and hotels in New Orleans French Quarter as well as other areas of New Orleans for the period of 3/17-24/68 were checked; however, no registration card for RAY under true name or known aliases were located. Investigation at rooming houses New Orleans negative. Manifests of passengers on Delta Airlines flight 106 for 4/5,6/68 examined; however, there was no record of RAY under his true name or known aliases. Members of crews of these flights exhibited photographs of RAY with negative results. Telephone calls to Lake Charles, La., on 12/17/67; to Shreveport, La., on 12/15/67 from Yuma, Arizona; to Greenwood, La., from Alpine, Texas, apparently have no relationship to subject. RAYMOND HENRY

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STARNS stated he is unaware of any alleged assassination plot in Baton Rouge, La., area where businessmen had allegedly taken up a collection of money. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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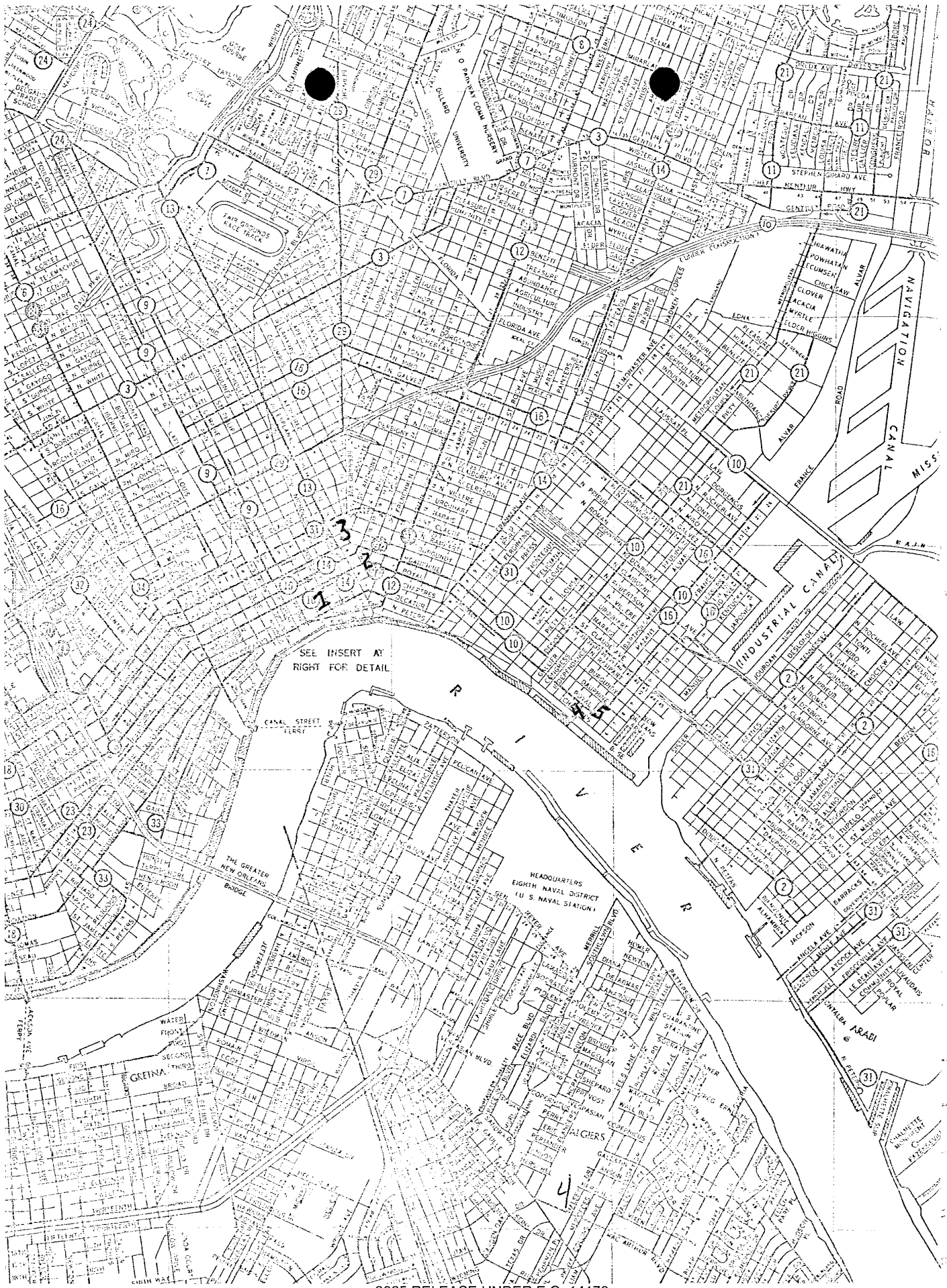
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CITY MAP OF NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, AREA  
showing alleged points of contact by  
JAMES EARL RAY

- 1) Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street
- 2) OLONZO Residence, 1907 $\frac{1}{2}$  Royal Street
- 3) Former Residence of MARIE LEE, 1429 Burgundy Street,  
in December, 1967
- 4) CALLOWAY Residence, 609 Bartholemew Street
- 5) RODRIGUEZ Residence, 4019 Royal Street



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INVESTIGATION AT PROVINCIAL MOTEL,  
1024 CHARTRES STREET, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA,  
WHERE ERIC S. GALT STAYED FROM DECEMBER 17-19, 1967

Previous investigation has determined that the individuals whose identities are set forth in the following pages of this report were either working at the motel or a guest at the motel during the pertinent period.

Date May 14, 19681

GLORIA YOUNG, waitress, Provincial Motel Cafe, 1024 Chartres Street, was contacted concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

She advised that she was working at the cafe during the period December 17 to 19, 1967 but that she could not recall anyone using the name ERIC GALT.

She was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY at which time she advised that she did not recognize this individual as anyone she had seen at the cafe or anywhere else other than in the newspapers.

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BEVERLY WILLIAMS, waitress, Provincial Motel Cafe, 1024 Chartres Street, was contacted concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

She advised that she was working at the cafe during the period December 17 to 19, 1967 but that she could not recall anyone using the name ERIC GALT.

She was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY at which time she advised that she did not recognize this individual as anyone she had seen at the cafe or anywhere else other than in the newspapers.

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YVONNE RILEY, waitress, Provincial Motel Cafe, 1024 Chartres Street, was contacted concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

She advised that she was working at the cafe during the period December 17 to 19, 1967 but that she could not recall anyone using the name ERIC GALT.

She was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY at which time she advised that she did not recognize this individual as anyone she had seen at the cafe or anywhere else other than in the newspapers.

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EVELYN REVERTIGA, owner, Provincial Motel Cafe, 1024 Chartres Street, was contacted concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

She advised that she was working at the cafe during the period December 17 to 19, 1967 but that she could not recall any guests named ERIC GALT. She advised that she does not generally get to know the guests personally.

She was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY at which time she advised that she did not recognize the photograph as resembling anyone she had seen in person or served in the cafe.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA PATRICK J. DENTE at New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 10, 1968:

Mr. ROLAND CHIARA, apartment house owner, 716 Governor Nichols, advised that Mr. ARCHIE A. CASBARIAN no longer resides at this address but can be located at the Royal Orleans Hotel where he is employed as Assistant General Manager.

Mr. ARCHIE A. CASBARIAN, Assistant General Manager, Royal Orleans Hotel, advised that he recalls spending the night of December 19, 1967, at the Provincial Motel on Chartres Street. Mr. CASBARIAN advised that he checked into the motel late at night, spent a few hours, and checked out early the next morning and does not recall talking to anyone during his stay. He advised that he does not recollect observing JAMES EARL RAY at the motel during the night of December 19, 1967. Mr. CASBARIAN further stated that he could furnish no information whatsoever regarding the subject at the Provincial Motel.

On the same date the following individuals advised that a search of the files of their respective agencies revealed no record identifiable with one JOE PARISH:

B. T. KAYLOR  
New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau

Cadet PATRICK J. HARRIGAN  
Record Section  
New Orleans Police Department

Mrs. ALICE DORAN  
Bureau of Identification  
New Orleans Police Department

The following investigation was conducted at Belle Chasse, Louisiana, on May 10, 1968:

Deputy P. AULO, Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office, advised that he knows of no individual residing in the Belle Chasse area with the name of JOE PARISH.

A review of the Southern Bell Telephone Directory for New Orleans, Louisiana, and the 1968 Polks Directory for New Orleans Suburb revealed no listing for a JOE PARISH.

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INTERVIEWS WITH  
RELATIVES AND ACQUAINTANCES OF  
CHARLES J. STEIN AND MARIE MARTIN  
AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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Mrs. LORRAINE ERNESTINA CALLOWAY, 609 Bartholomew Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that she is the wife of LLOYD CALLOWAY, who resides with her at the Bartholomew Street address. Mrs. CALLOWAY stated that she is the mother of MARIE MARTIN, who currently resides in Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. CALLOWAY stated that she is aware that during recent months her daughter, MARIE MARTIN, has sent to New Orleans, on two different occasions, two boxes of clothing belonging to MARIAN de GRASSE, eighteen year old daughter of MARIE MARTIN, and who resides part time with friends - 2529 Cambronne Street, New Orleans, as well as with Mrs. CALLOWAY at the Bartholomew Street residence.

In connection with the delivery of the two boxes of clothing, Mrs. CALLOWAY advised as follows:

Mrs. CALLOWAY received a telephone call from MARIE MARTIN sometime in early February, 1968, advising her that she was sending, with a friend, a box of clothing belonging to MARIAN de GRASSE. On a Sunday afternoon, at approximately 2:00 P.M., about a week or two prior to St. Patrick's Day, Mrs. CALLOWAY was sitting on her front porch when she observed a small white vehicle go past her residence the wrong way on a one-way street. She stated that this car, after it had passed her residence, turned around in a driveway and then parked directly in front of her residence. CALLOWAY recognized the driver of this car to be her nephew, CHARLES STEIN, whom she had not seen for approximately three years, and who, for the past several years, has been a resident of Los Angeles, California. CHARLES STEIN alighted from the car and obtained a cardboard box from either inside the car or the trunk of the car, this point not specifically recalled by CALLOWAY. STEIN carried the box up to the front porch and placed it along side CALLOWAY. CALLOWAY invited STEIN and an individual, whom she observed to have remained in the right front side of the vehicle, into the house for a cup of coffee. STEIN thereupon called to his companion if he cared to come in for a cup of coffee and this individual stated he did not care to come in.

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CALLOWAY is unable to furnish a description of the individual who remained in the car, other than his being a white male with dark hair. CALLOWAY recalled that this individual was sort of hunched up in the seat and looked as though he were somewhat cramped from a long drive. CALLOWAY did not observe this individual to turn his face in her direction.

STEIN advised that his companion was tired after a long trip and wanted to take a bath and that therefore he and his friend would go on, but that he, STEIN, would drop back. CALLOWAY stated that STEIN did not return and she has not seen him since that occasion. CALLOWAY stated that she subsequently made telephonic contact with MARIAN de GRASSE within a day or two after delivery of the box and advised her that the box of clothing which her mother had sent from Los Angeles, had arrived at the CALLOWAY residence.

In connection with the second box of clothing, CALLOWAY remembers that MARIE MARTIN telephonically contacted MARIAN de GRASSE and told her that she was sending a second box of clothing with a friend and that it would arrive in New Orleans, in a few days. CALLOWAY stated that she subsequently learned from her daughter-in-law, DELIA RODRIGUEZ, who resides at 4019 Royal Street, New Orleans, and which residence is just around the corner from the CALLOWAY residence, that the second box of clothing had been delivered to 4019 Royal Street. CALLOWAY was unable to recall any date that this second box arrived, but thinks that it was probably sometime around the middle of March, 1968. The second box was delivered to the CALLOWAY residence by DELIA RODRIGUEZ.

DELIA RODRIGUEZ and her husband, HERBERT RODRIGUEZ, son of CALLOWAY, reside at 4019 Royal Street, New Orleans, which is the residence of THERESA STONE, daughter of Mrs. CALLOWAY. CALLOWAY understands from DELIA RODRIGUEZ that THERESA STONE was not at home when the second box was delivered.

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LLOYD CALLOWAY is a seaman who is currently employed by the Strachen Steamship Lines in New Orleans, and who is currently aboard the "Overseas Rose" vessel which is on a trip to Hawaii, and Viet Nam.

LLOYD CALLOWAY had been on an ocean trip from November, 1967, to March 2, 1968, and then departed on the current trip on March 5, 1968, from which he has not yet returned.

CALLOWAY, by her own admission, possesses a poor recall as to dates.

CALLOWAY advised that she has the following relatives living in the New Orleans area:

HERBERT RODRIGUEZ, 4019 Royal Street, New Orleans, who is currently unemployed, but is a former boxer and ex-bartender in the French Quarter (son);

DELIA (DALE) RODRIGUEZ, wife of HERBERT RODRIGUEZ, and who lives with her husband at the Royal Street address (daughter-in-law);

Mrs. THERESA STONE, 4019 Royal Street (daughter), who is reportedly employed as a barmaid at the Backstage 500 Lounge in the French Quarter;

KENNETH STONE (son-in-law), currently incarcerated at Angola State Prison on a robbery charge, where he has been confined for approximately the past five months; and

Mrs. CLOVINA OLONZO, 1907 $\frac{1}{2}$  Royal Street (sister); OLONZO is the mother of CHARLES STEIN.

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CALLOWAY advised after a review of photographs of JAMES EARL RAY that to the best of her knowledge she had never seen this individual.

CALLOWAY said she is unable to furnish the names of any friends of CHARLES STEIN who currently reside in New Orleans.

CALLOWAY furnished her telephone number as 949-5150.

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MARIAN de GRASSE, eighteen year old daughter of MARIE MARTIN, and granddaughter of LORRAINE CALLOWAY, was interviewed at the residence and in the presence of LORRAINE CALLOWAY, 609 Bartholomew Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. de GRASSE advised as follows:

de GRASSE lived with her mother on Delongpre Street, Los Angeles, California, from a period of July, 1966, to August, 1966, and again from a period of February 16, 1967, to late April, 1967. During this last period of residence in Los Angeles, she lived with her mother on Fargo Street, Los Angeles. de GRASSE has no recollection of exact addresses, but does recall that she and her mother lived in the first floor of an apartment house on Delongpre Street, located near Fountain Avenue, and that they occupied a house on Fargo Street, during the last visit.

de GRASSE, who had intended to attend high school in Los Angeles, and did attend Marshall High School in Los Angeles, for one or two days, discovered that she did not like the high school or Los Angeles as a city, and thus the reason for her return to New Orleans.

de GRASSE has, since her last return from Los Angeles, received two boxes of clothing and personal effects from her mother and which clothing and personal effects she had left behind when she departed for New Orleans. The first box was received by de GRASSE about two weeks after December 11, 1967, which date MARIAN reentered high school in New Orleans, and thus the reason why she remembers the approximate time that she received the first box of clothing.

On March 16, 1968, de GRASSE received a telephone call from her mother in Los Angeles, at which time her mother advised her that she was sending, with a friend, a second box of clothing and that the name of this friend is ERIC. The mother stated that the box probably would arrive in a couple of days. de GRASSE remembers the exact date of this

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phone call because she recalls mentioning to her mother that her grandmother, LORRAINE CALLOWAY, would be coming to dinner on St. Patrick's Day. de GRASSE, at this time, and also at the present time, is residing with friends at 2529 Cambronnie Street, New Orleans, and this is the location where she received the telephone call from her mother.

de GRASSE actually received the second box on March 24, 1968, and further that she received this box from LORRAINE CALLOWAY, and that LORRAINE CALLOWAY had indicated that the box had been delivered to the residence of THERESA STONE and then subsequently brought to the CALLOWAY residence by DALE RODRIGUEZ. de GRASSE remembers the date March 24, 1968, because she made a note in her diary under this date that she had received a box of clothing from her grandmother.

de GRASSE recalls that both boxes had been wrapped in brown wrapping paper which she says has now been thrown away and that she seems to recall that the second box had been open, with the brown wrapping paper torn when she received it. The boxes were both cardboard and have since been disposed of.

de GRASSE recalls that the first box contained a picture album of photographs that she had taken of scenic views and of friends in the Los Angeles area, as well as dresses, shoes, and perfumes.

de GRASSE recalls that the second box, which she thinks was perhaps a box originally utilized for cartons of Kent cigarettes, contained some of her phonograph records, skirts, blouses, shoes, boots, and some old hair dressing which she said she threw away because it was not sufficiently fresh.

de GRASSE, while residing with her mother in Los Angeles, never heard the name ERIC GALT mentioned and upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY stated that she had never before seen this individual.

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de GRASSE recalls seeing CHARLES STEIN on occasion in Los Angeles, but has not seen him since her last departure from California.

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DELIA RODRIGUEZ, 4019 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that she is the wife of HERBERT RODRIGUEZ and that she is normally called DALE RODRIGUEZ. RODRIGUEZ further stated that she resides at 4019 Royal Street, with her husband, but that this residence is the home of her sister-in-law, THERESA STONE.

At the time of interview, RODRIGUEZ stated that she was home alone with her seven months old daughter and that her husband and THERESA STONE had gone out for the evening.

RODRIGUEZ acknowledged that just before the arrival of the interviewing Agents, she had received a telephone call from her mother-in-law, LORRAINE CALLOWAY, advising her that the interviewing Agents would contact her within a few moments.

Mrs. RODRIGUEZ advised as follows:

Some time in February, or March, 1968, during the early evening hours, her husband accepted a telephone call from a male individual who stated that he would deliver that evening a box of clothing from MARIE MARTIN in Los Angeles, California. RODRIGUEZ and her husband waited until about 10:00 P.M., and when the clothing did not arrive they went to bed. At approximately 10:30 P.M., a knock was heard at the front door and DALE RODRIGUEZ answered the door. A white male, small in stature and "shaggy looking" was standing in front of the door with a box which he handed to RODRIGUEZ with the comment that "Here is the box of clothing." RODRIGUEZ accepted the box, expressed her thanks, and closed the front door.

RODRIGUEZ recalled that at the time this individual appeared it was raining and quite windy out. She did not see anyone with the individual at the door and did not observe any vehicle. She had not ever seen this individual before. RODRIGUEZ subsequently recalled that the individual was not very tall, that he possessed "springy dark hair" and was possibly wearing a dark colored coat. She does not recall a hat.

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RODRIGUEZ viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that the individual who appeared at the door was older, possibly in his late forties or early fifties, and that she did not recognize the photographs of RAY at all as any person she had ever seen previously.

RODRIGUEZ denied that she possessed any information concerning the telephone call that her husband had taken earlier in the evening concerning the delivery of the box of clothing.

RODRIGUEZ stated her husband, HERBERT, is currently unemployed, but had previously been a carnival worker. She denied that she had any idea where her husband or THERESA STONE could be located and stated she did not know if they would return to the residence that evening or even if they would return the **following** day. RODRIGUEZ steadfastly maintained that she did **not** possess any specific recall as to the month or date that the box of clothing was delivered by the male individual.

RODRIGUEZ further maintained that she does not recall who picked the box of clothing up from the residence for delivery to MARIAN de GRASSE, daughter of MARIE MARTIN. RODRIGUEZ advised that THERESA STONE is currently employed as a barmaid at the Backstage 500 Bar in the French Quarter.