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XV. INVESTIGATION REGARDING TERRENCE ALVIN
SMITH AND DONALD JACKSON CARPENTER WHO
JOKINGLY TOLD HAZEL PEACOCK, A GIRL
FRIEND OF CARPENTER, THAT THEY HAD KILLED
MARTIN LUTHER KING

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On May 3, 1968, the Birmingham Office of the FBI advised they had received a letter from HAZEL V. PEACOCK, Okeechobee, Florida, advising them she had possession of urgent information and desired to talk to an Agent of the FBI.

On May 3, 1968, the following investigation was conducted by SA HAROLD K. PARSON at Okeechobee, Florida:

HAZEL V. PEACOCK, secretary, Okeechobee School for Boys, stated that at about midnight, April 4, 1968, she received a telephone call from her former fiancée, DONALD JACKSON CARPENTER from Birmingham stating he and TERRENCE ALVIN SMITH were on the run. She said that CARPENTER told her MARTIN LUTHER KING was dead and that they did it. He asked her to hide them out for a few weeks. He mentioned a payoff of \$100,000 to be delivered to them near Dothan, Alabama on April 5, 1968, and said they would see her the next night.

SMITH and CARPENTER allegedly are members of an unknown secret organization.

The Atlanta Office of the FBI determined on May 4, 1968, that SMITH and CARPENTER both were at work at Gray, Georgia, on April 4, 1968. SMITH's employer, LEE WILLIAMS NURSERY, advised SMITH told him on April 5 or April 6, 1968, that CARPENTER had played jokes on his girl friend in Okeechobee, Florida. He stated CARPENTER had said he and CARPENTER had killed Doctor KING and needed to be hidden out. WILLIAMS advised he reprimanded SMITH stating these kind of joking statements could cause trouble.

TERRENCE SMITH was interviewed and confirmed the joke telephone call and also confirmed that CARPENTER has been telling his girl friend, HAZEL PEACOCK, horror stories. SMITH stated all was false about any secret organization and made apologies and promised to disassociate himself from CARPENTER.

Some of the foregoing information was received by Detective RALPH BROWN, Milwaukee, Wisconsin Police

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Department on April 16, 1968, after he had been in contact with SAM HUGHES, an official at the Okeechobee School for Boys, Okeechobee, Florida. This information was immediately furnished by the Milwaukee FBI Office to the Miami Office by telephone.

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XVI. INVESTIGATION AT HIPPY HANGOUTS MIAMI DIVISION

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On April 24, 1968, information was developed that JAMES EARL RAY was a narcotics addict using injections of Amphetimine.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents DAVID N. JELLISON and THOMAS H. STOY on April 25, 1968, at Miami, Florida:

All hippy hangouts and psychedelic art and trinket shops in the greater Miami area were contacted and furnished with wanted flyers of subject JAMES EARL RAY. None were able to identify subject although they all agreed to post the wanted flyers in their respective business establishments.

On April 25, 1968, all hippy hangouts and psychedelic art and trinket shops were contacted throughout the Miami Division and wanted flyers of subject RAY were furnished to the proprietors without effecting an identification. All agreed to post the wanted flyers in their shops.

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XVII. INVESTIGATION OF SUBSCRIBER TO
TELEPHONE NUMBER 813-657-3181,
IMMOKALEE, FLORIDA, CALLED FROM
A TELEPHONE BOOTH ON TEXAS
INTERSTATE HIGHWAY TEN, VIDOR,
TEXAS, BETWEEN DECEMBER 15-17, 1967

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PUBLIC TELEPHONE CHECKS ALONG INTERSTATE 10,
TEXAS, DECEMBER 15 - 17, 1967

On May 5, 1968, the Houston Office of the FBI advised that CHARLES STEIN and JAMES EARL RAY traveled on Interstate 10 between December 15 and 17, 1967. A telephone call was made from a public telephone at Vidor, Texas, telephone number 769-9108 to Immokalee, Florida, telephone number 813-657-3181.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ERNEST HARRISON, JR. at Immokalee, Florida, on May 7, 1968:

Mr. CHARLES MARKLE, Foreman, H. L. Hunt Packing Co., telephone 657-3181, advised he has never heard of Vidor, Texas, and does not recall receiving a telephone call from there on December 15, 1967, and has no way of checking such a call to determine the identity of the caller. He stated he was lining up a crew in and around McAllen and Farr, Texas during the middle of December, 1967, and it is possible that a business call was made in that regard, but he does not recall it.

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XVIII. INVESTIGATION REGARDING DONALD STOUT
WHO ALLEGEDLY THREATENED TO KILL DOCTOR
KING IN 1966 IN THE PRESENCE OF STEWART
LINDH, A HITCHHIKER

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On April 26, 1968, the Pittsburgh Division developed information from HARRY P. STEWART, former employee, U. S. Secret Service, that his nephew, STEWART LINDH, claimed he and two others through a newspaper advertisement, obtained a ride in 1966 with one DONALD STOUT. While traveling through Kansas City, Missouri, STOUT disappeared with their belongings. Before STOUT disappeared, he allegedly told them he was going to shoot KING. The Pittsburgh Office of the FBI determined that HARRY P. STEWART was currently residing at Route 1, Sebastian, Florida.

The following investigation was conducted by SA HAROLD K. PARSON at Sebastian, Florida, on April 26, 1968:

HARRY P. STEWART, Route 1, Sebastian, Florida, advised that when his nephew, STEWART LINDH, was hitchhiking from San Francisco to Vermont in 1966, the above described incident occurred. STEWART was unable to recall any reference to MARTIN LUTHER KING. He advised his nephew, STEWART LINDH, was currently residing at 4010 $\frac{1}{2}$ Van Dyke, San Diego, California, and was attending college there.

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XIX. INVESTIGATION REGARDING JAMES HARVEY
WHITE AT FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA,
WHO ALLEGEDLY HAD INQUIRED OF A
KU KLUX KLAN OFFICIAL IN 1966 HOW
MUCH MONEY THEY WOULD PAY TO KILL
MARTIN LUTHER KING

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THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On September 9, 1966, information was received in the Miami Office of the FBI that JAMES WHITE, a barber in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, had allegedly inquired of an official of the United Klans of American, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, how much money they would pay to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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JAMES HARVEY WHITE was interviewed at his place of employment, Lauderdale Harbors Barber Shop, 1650 S. E. 10th Terrace. He was advised of his rights by SA ROGER B. COLTON as shown on an unexecuted warning and waiver form. He was advised that the purpose of the interview concerned his attempt to join Klavern #6 of the United Klans of America, Inc., Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and a statement reportedly made by him inquiring how much money the Klavern would pay to have MARTIN LUTHER KING killed.

WHITE stated he would furnish any information and desired to cooperate fully since he had nothing to hide whatsoever, consequently, he advised as follows:

About a year and a half ago, perhaps sometime in September, 1966, he became quite concerned about the racial situation in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and was upset regarding the racial integration of schools in Ft. Lauderdale and the effect thereof on his daughter.

He expressed an interest in joining the Ku Klux Klan of Ft. Lauderdale and through a nursery man, DAN ZBIN, he believes that he submitted written application for membership. Subsequent to submission of his application he was contacted telephonically by an unknown person concerning his application.

He was not recontacted concerning the Klan and was not accepted for membership. As far as he knows, the Klan would not accept him and did not want him as a member. He advised that the reason for his rejection was probably because he is an alcoholic. He admitted that he has been an alcoholic for quite awhile and is attempting to "stay on the wagon," however, he has not been able to completely conquer this problem.

He does not recall making any inquiry of anyone regarding how much the Klavern would pay to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING. He advised that he may have made derogatory

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EUGENE L. PAYNE/RBC/vc Date dictated 5/3/68

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statements concerning KING during this period of time, however, he denied saying that he would ever kill KING or wanted to know how much would be paid for killing KING.

He advised that his statements must have been misconstrued or taken out of context.

He advised that on April 4, 1968, he was working at the Lauderdale Harbors Barber Shop and denied being in Memphis, Tennessee.

He further denied he had anything whatsoever to do with the killing of Doctor KING or being involved as a conspirator. He stated that his presence in Ft. Lauderdale on April 4, could be verified through his employer, JIMMY COSTOS, and co-worker, NORMA FREEMAN.

He reiterated that he had made application to join the Klan in Ft. Lauderdale but denied that he ever inquired of the Klan how much money they would pay to kill KING.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	JAMES HARVEY WHITE
Address	1211 S. W. 4th Avenue Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
Occupation	Barber
Employer	JIMMY COSTOS Lauderdale Harbors Barber Shop 1650 S. E. 10th Terrace Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
Date of birth	Admits to using two dates of birth, [redacted], and [redacted], at St. Augustine, Florida
Height	5'7"
Weight	180 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Reddish and sallow
Hair	Gray
Build	Heavy

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Wife
Children
Home telephone
number
Peculiarities

FLORENCE
Two girls
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Admitted to being an
alcoholic

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROGER B. COLTON on May 2, 1968, at Ft. Lauderdale,
Florida:

NORMAN FREEMAN, Lauderdale Harbors Barber Shop,
1650 S. E. 10th Terrace, advised she is acquainted with JAMES
WHITE who is a barber at this barber shop and who as far
as she knows was working with her on April 4, 1968, and
April 5, 1968, and could not possibly have been in Memphis,
Tennessee on those dates.

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XX. INVESTIGATION AT MIAMI, FLORIDA, IN
EFFORTS TO LOCATE PAULA SIMONE GALT
THROUGH IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION
SERVICE RECORDS

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The St. Louis Division on April 10, 1968, advised Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) records, St. Louis, Missouri, reflect the INS file concerning PAULA SIMONE GALT had been transferred to INS, Miami, in November, 1967.

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Mrs. BARBARA BUCHANAN, Clerk, Records Section, U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, (INS), U. S. Federal Building, Miami, Florida advised that a review of their records failed to reflect any information identical with an ERIC STARVO GALT, ERIC K. C. GAULT or an ERNEST GAULT.

Mrs. BUCHANAN advised that the only records that the Miami Office of the INS had on last names ending in GALT or GAULT were on a PAULE SIMONE GALT, INS #A7 263 365; SIMONE GAULT, INS #A3 806 571 and LAZARA GAULT, INS #All 426 173.

Mrs. BUCHANAN further advised that INS records Miami, Florida reflected that file #All 426 173 on LAZARA GAULT had been transferred to the New York Office of U. S. INS on October 4, 1967 and any further information on this file would have to be obtained through the New York Office.

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A review of U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, (INS), records conducted by SA WAYNE O. TAYLOR at the U. S. Federal Building, Miami, Florida reflected the following information on the following individuals:

PAULE SIMONE GALT nee GOUDEZ, widowed DUPUREUR, aka Paula Simmon Galt, INS #A7 263 865:

Sex	Female
Race	White
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	Paris, France
Height	5' 2½"
Weight	140 pounds
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Husband	WARREN MILTON GALT, born [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at St. Louis, Missouri Employed: U. S. Post Office, St. Louis, Missouri
Children	JEAN CLAUDE DUPUREUR, born [REDACTED]; ALAIN EDMOND ROBERT DUPUREUR, born [REDACTED]
Address (as of 5/27/49)	4242 Sevan Street, St. Louis, Missouri
Address (as of 12/1/67)	5607 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach, Manatee, Florida

MARIE DELIMA SIMONE GAULT nee MATTE, aka SIMONE MATTE GAULT, INS #A3 806 571:

Sex	Female
Race	White
Citizenship	Canadian
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]

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Place of Birth	Montreal, Canada
Height	5' 2"
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Husband	JOSEPH JAMES GAULT
Address	1064 Madison Avenue,
(As of 7/22/55)	New York, New York

There are no photographs or handwriting samples available in these files on WARREN MILTON GALT or JOSEPH JAMES GAULT.

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On April 12, 1968, JOSEPH JAMES GAULT and SIMONE MATTE GAULT, 718 S. W. 14th Street, Miami, Florida, was interviewed by SA DAVID N. JELLISON. Mr. and Mrs. GAULT advised they were not related to or acquainted with anyone named ERIC STARVO GALT or KARL GALT and do not know anyone by those names. Mr. GAULT advised he was born in Scotland on [REDACTED], and stated that GAULT and GALT are both accepted versions of spelling and are often used interchangeably.

He advised he has a son by a former marriage, DONALD CAMERON GAULT, born in 1925, He is apparently in the U. S. Navy and whom he has not seen since 1928. He further advised that his former wife and mother of DONALD CAMERON GAULT is Mrs. GEORGE STEADLEY, who resides at 158 Beach Street, New Jersey, and in all probability knows the whereabouts of DONALD CAMERON GAULT.

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XXI. CHECKING VIN FOR RE-REGISTRATION
FOR 1967 WHITE MUSTANG

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On April 10, 1968, the Birmingham Office advised that the white 1967 Mustang, Vehicle Identification Number 6T07C190647 registered to ERIC STARVO GALT could possibly be re-registered in another state.

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Date 4/12/68

Det. Sgt. JACK RUCKER, Miami, Florida Police Department, Auto Theft Squad, on April 11, 1968, caused records of his department's Communication Division, which contains listings of all vehicles registered in Dade County, Miami, Florida, to be searched under the description of a 1966 Mustang automobile, VIN 6T07C190647, 1968 Alabama license 1-38993.

Sergeant RUCKER advised as of April 11, 1968, no record identifiable with the aforementioned 1966 Mustang automobile was located in the files of the Miami, Florida Police Department Communication Division.

Detective RUCKER advised no reference was located which would indicate as of April 11, 1968, the Mustang automobile is presently or has ever been registered in Dade County, Miami, Florida.

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XXII. CONTACTS WITH SALVATION ARMY AND WELFARE
AGENCIES, MIAMI DIVISION

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The following investigation was conducted in the Miami Division on May 22, 1968:

All Salvation Army Centers, county, city and local welfare agencies in the Miami Division were contacted, with regard to JAMES EARL RAY. All of these agencies were furnished with Identification Orders and Wanted Flyers of RAY, and none were able to identify him.

All church welfare agencies were also contacted and furnished with Identification Orders and Wanted Flyers of JAMES EARL RAY.

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XXIII. LOOK-ALIKES

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On April 22, 1968, the New York Office advised that THEODORE SULLIVAN, Bethpage, New York, and his wife had observed an individual at the Sea Ranch Hotel, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Florida, whose name was GALLAHER. According to Mr. SULLIVAN, GALLAHER arrived at this hotel on April 16, 1968, and departed on April 19, 1968, and GALLAHER resembled a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT.

On April 23, 1968, RICHARD OSEN, Manager, Sea Ranch Hotel, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, advised SA ROGER B. COLTON that Mr. and Mrs. G. J. GALLAHER, 5505 Briar Drive, Houston, Texas, stayed at the hotel from April 16, 1968, to April 19, 1968.

Upon viewing a photograph of GALT, Mr. OSEN advised that there was no resemblance between GALLAHER and GALT. Mr. OSEN advised that the GALLAHERs may still be vacationing in the Miami area; however, their whereabouts were unknown to him.

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On April 21, 1968, Mr. SAMUEL RIVERO, 1450 N.W. 111th Street, Miami, telephone number 688-6044, furnished the following information.

Around 3:00 p.m. on April 21, 1968, while working at his place of employment, Hudson Service Station, 85th Street and N.W. 7th Avenue, Miami, he observed two white males, one of whom fitted the description of subject, driving a 1952 or 1953 blue Dodge bearing Alabama license number 312-9188. Mr. RIVERO advised that one of the occupants of this vehicle inquired of him if he knew of a way to bypass the city to make connections with U. S. Highway 41.

Mr. RIVERO further advised that he conjectured that possibly these two individuals may have been en route to Tampa, Florida.

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On April 23, 1968, the San Francisco Office advised that DAVID MC DONALD, Ticket Agent, National Airlines (NAL), Houston, Texas, had observed around Noon, April 21, 1968, an individual resembling subject boarding a flight to the West Coast en route to either San Francisco or Los Angeles, California. This individual was described as a white male, 6 feet 1 inch, brown hair, cowboy straw hat, horned rimmed glasses with dark shaded lenses, wearing beige Levi jacket and having a neatly trimmed goatee.

The following investigation was conducted by SA STUART GODWIN:

On April 23, 1968, NAL stewardesses MONA LEVINE, SUSAN CARBONE, JOANN HARRINGTON and JOANNE MC CLAIN were interviewed upon arrival of NAL Flight 48 at Miami, Florida.

These stewardesses advised that they had been aboard NAL Flight 47 on April 21, 1968, and they all stated that they had not seen or noticed any person on NAL Flight 47 that fitted the above described individual.

Photographs of subject and WALTER T. RIFE were exhibited to each of the above mentioned stewardesses and they advised that no one on NAL Flight 47 on April 21, 1968, resembled either photograph to the best of their recollection.

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On April 18, 1968, the El Paso Office advised that an individual named DAVID (NMI) HAWKINS was reportedly "on the run" and that he had left New Orleans the morning of April 18, 1968. It was further reported that HAWKINS allegedly fitted the description of the subject.

The following investigation was conducted by
SAs WILLIAM B. PULLEN and DENNIS J. O'SHEA:

Mrs. EVA HAWKINS, 1098 N.E. 34th Court, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, advised that her son, DAVID HAWKINS, resides with another son, BERNARD HAWKINS, Box 18, Wellborn, Florida. Mrs. HAWKINS said that DAVID has resided with BERNARD for the past four years and that DAVID helps out on BERNARD's farm and does 4-H work.

Mrs. HAWKINS advised she last saw DAVID just before Christmas, 1967. She said that DAVID was very thin at that time and in no way did he look similar to the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT which was displayed to her. Mrs. HAWKINS displayed a photograph of DAVID noting that this photograph did not resemble the subject.

Mrs. HAWKINS stated that DAVID was formerly in the U. S. Army for about ten years; however, he was discharged about ten years ago. She described him as a white male, born [redacted], at Suwannee County, Florida. She said that DAVID was about 5 feet 9 inches, weighed 130-135 pounds, had sandy hair and very thin features.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA DAVID N. JELLISON concerning an individual who placed a note in some stationery destined for the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, Miami, Florida, regarding anonymous note that stated, "_____ KING will be dead by 4/4/68", which note was subsequently determined to be authored by GEORGE CHARLES GRAY, Ashland, Ohio.

On April 10, 1968, KATHRIN HOBSON, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company (PPGC), 17851 N.W. Miami Court, Miami, Florida, advised she had ordered some stationery supplies from the A. L. Garber Company, Printers, Ashland, Ohio, through the PPGC and that this stationery arrived at PPGC, Miami, Florida on April 10, 1968.

Mrs. HOBSON advised she opened the outer package and removed one inner package and started to remove a second inner package when she noted a 3" x 1/2" piece of paper which had been ripped from the package copy of the shipping bill. Written on this slip of paper was "Dr. Rev. MARTIN L. KING will be dead by 4/4/68." This slip of paper together with the shipping bill was taped with cellophane tape to a package of paper pads.

Mrs. HOBSON advised that the Garber shipping number was 52360 and that this package was picked up by the United Parcel Service on April 5, 1968, and delivered on April 10, 1968.

The above described items were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory in Washington, D. C. for comparison and examination purposes.

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On April 12, 1968, the New York Office advised that it had been reported that an individual named THOMAS D. ROOD, JR., who resided in Vero Beach, Florida, allegedly resembled the subject.

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THOMAS ROOD, 1827 South U. S. #1, Vero Beach, Florida; mailing address, Post Office Box 1913, Vero Beach, Florida, was interviewed at his residence. He furnished the following information:

He is not currently employed and has not been employed since he resigned his position with the Hartford Insurance Group with whom he worked as an insurance adjustor from October, 1966, through April, 1967.

ROOD broke a rib shortly following his resignation and was "laid up" for four weeks. He then became involved in marital difficulties with his wife, RITA NOE ROOD from whom he separated in July, 1967, and who divorced him in August, 1967. Following his divorce he was unable to find a suitable position and remained unemployed until December 1, 1967, when he entered the Veterans Administration Hospital on Montrose, New York. He was treated at the hospital for his general physical run down condition and for his condition due to a nervous disorder. He was released from the hospital on January 3, 1968. He straightened up his personal affairs in New York State, including the sale of his former residence at 7 Jervin Drive, Stony Point, New York, and he came to Vero Beach, Florida, at the end of January to reside with his mother and stepfather.

He has resided with his mother and stepfather since the end of January, 1968, and has taken no trips out of Vero Beach, which have lasted more than one day.

ROOD advised that he had not been outside the State of Florida, since the end of January, 1968. He did not recall his activities on March 29 and 30, 1968, but he did recall that on April 4, 1968, he slept until

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about noon. He spent the afternoon out at either the beach or the public library, and he believed that he rented an adding machine for his mother from O'Hare's Business Machine Company in Vero Beach, Florida. He was home for dinner and stayed at his residence on the evening on April 4, 1968.

ROOD is described from observation and interview as follows:

Name:	THOMAS ROOD
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
DOB:	<input type="text"/>
POB:	Colchester, Vermont
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	130 pounds
Hair:	Reddish brown
Eyes:	Hazel
Scars and	
Marks:	None
Occupation:	Insurance adjustor
Residence:	1827 South U. S. #1 Vero Beach, Florida
Former residence:	7 Jerven Drive, Stony Point, New York
Former	
Employment:	Hartford Insurance Group, New York, N. Y.
Relatives:	
Mother:	Mrs. MARGARET SARGENT same address
Stepfather:	Mr. MURRAY SARGENT, same address
Former wife:	RITA NOE ROOD, 183 Rice Avenue, Staten Island, New York
Daughter:	KERRY, age 8, same as above

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Daughter:	Laurie, age 5 same as above
Grandmother:	DOROTHY NOURSE, Colchester, Vermont
Brother:	GEORGE MILO ROOD, 37 Madison Avenue, New York City, New York
Arrest Record:	He admitted being arrested in 5/66 on a Driving While Intoxicated charge at West Harvestraw, New York
Military Service:	Formerly in U. S. Army, had U. S. Army SN 51302463

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On April 12, 1968, Mrs. MARGARET SARGENT, ROOD's mother, and Mr. MURRAY SARGENT, ROOD's stepfather, both of whom reside at 1827 South U. S. 1, Vero Beach, Florida, were interviewed separately. Each advised that THOMAS ROOD had spent every night at the above residence since he first came to live with them in late January, 1968. They recalled that he had slept late on the morning of April 4, 1968, and that he had eaten dinner with them on the evening of April 4, 1968. They also recalled that he had spent the evening of April 4, 1968, watching television in his room.

On April 15, 1968, Mrs. BETTY ROGERS, Librarian, Vero Beach Public Library, advised that she is acquainted with THOMAS ROOD. She stated that in recent weeks he has frequently visited the library. She advised that she does not recall whether or not he was in the library on April 4, 1968. She stated that he did not withdraw any books on April 4, 1968, but that he frequently came to the library without withdrawing books.

She further advised that it was very possible that he may have been at the library on the day in question.

On April 15, 1968, JACK O'HARE, Manager, O'Hare's Office Machine Store, 1422 20th Street, Vero Beach, Florida, advised that he had rented an adding machine to Mrs. MARGARET SARGENT, the manager of Sargent's Antiques, which is an antique store on Highway 1, south of Vero Beach. He advised that Mrs. SAREENT's son had picked up the rented machine and to the best of his recollection this had been on April 4, 1968. He stated that he could not be sure of the exact date because of the fact that no written record was made of the transaction.

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On April 18, 1968, Mr. JAMES PARISH, 11225 Washington Boulevard, Richmond Heights, Dade County, Florida, telephonically advised that he is employed as a mailman and a part-time service station attendant at Zayre's Service Center, 136th Street and South Dixie Highway, Miami, Florida. Mr. PARISH stated that while servicing a 1967 red Mustang on the evening of April 17, 1968, he recalls that the driver of this vehicle closely resembled the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT which appeared in the "Miami Herald" newspaper of April 18, 1968.

Mr. PARISH stated that the driver would not leave this vehicle and that the individual had a "funny look on his face". He said that this individual purchased \$1.00 worth of gasoline and noted that this individual had the windows of the automobile rolled up even though it was warm outside.

Mr. PARISH stated that this individual had sandy brown hair and was wearing a recently grown "CLARK GABLE style" mustache.

Mr. PARISH advised that the above mentioned Mustang bore 1967 Iowa license plate number 8/9-3681.

The following investigation was conducted by SA HENRY E. WILSON:

On April 19, 1968, Mr. W. A. MEABE, Manager, Universal CIT, 485 N.W. 42nd Avenue, Miami, Florida, advised the writer that the 1967 Ford Mustang bearing 1967 Iowa license 8/9-3681 was sold on January 29, 1968, to L. E. Caskey Motor Company, 1368 N.W. 36th Street, Miami, Florida. He has no idea as to who CASKEY might have sold this automobile.

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On April 19, 1968, Mr. L. E. CASKEY was contacted at his place of business, 1362 N.W. 36th Street, Miami, Florida. CASKEY stated he sold the 1967 Ford Mustang bearing 1967 Iowa license 8/9-3681 on April 15, 1968, to South Miami Motors, 16540 South Dixie Highway, Miami, Florida.

On April 19, 1968, Mr. ROBERT PLUMLEE, 7160 S.W. 21st Street, Miami, Florida, was contacted at South Miami Motors, 16540 South Dixie Highway, Miami, Florida. PLUMLEE advised he was driving the 1967 red Ford Mustang bearing 1967 Iowa license 8/9-3681 on the evening of April 17, 1968. Further, he advised that he is the son of the owner of South Miami Motors. PLUMLEE denied having been in Memphis, Tennessee except when he was a small child, about twenty years ago. He further advised that he had no involvement in the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

The following description of PLUMLEE was obtained by observation and interrogation:

Name	ROBERT L. PLUMLEE
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>
Place of Birth	Suffolk, Virginia
Height	6 feet 2 inches
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Brown, curly
Eyes	Light brown
Military	Florida National Guard NG 246 67 983
Peculiarities	Extremely high cheek bones

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The following investigation pertains to information relating to a J. CONRAD MORGAN, Memphis, Tennessee.

On April 9, 1968, Florida Highway Trooper JOSEPH CHANCY, Miami, furnished the following information:

CHANCY's brother-in-law, JOHN EDWARDS, who presently resides at Hollywood, Florida, and who is employed as a firearms salesman, informed Trooper CHANCY on the evening of April 8, 1968, that during October, 1967, he (EDWARDS) had an occasion to occupy a booth at a firearms show in Memphis, Tennessee. According to EDWARDS, on October 29, 1967, one J. CONRAD MORGAN, 1018 North Watkins, Apartment Number 4, Memphis, Tennessee, appeared at the firearms show and at his booth purchased a .22 caliber rifle. During the course of this sale, MORGAN commented that he owned a 30.06 caliber automatic rifle.

Trooper CHANCY stated that EDWARDS recalled that MORGAN fitted the general description of the man that was seen running from the building from which the shot was fired that killed MARTIN LUTHER KING.

EDWARDS had informed Trooper CHANCY that MORGAN was employed at a Burger Chef located at 3701 Lamar Street, Memphis, Tennessee. EDWARDS described MORGAN as a "weird and funny talking" individual.

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The following investigation pertains to TOMMY NASH, JR., LaGrange, Georgia.

On April 9, 1968, an anonymous note scribbled on a scrap of paper was received at the Miami Office of the FBI in an airmail envelope addressed to the FBI, Miami, Florida, which bore the postmarking of Miami Beach, P. M., April 7, 1968.

This note stated as follows: "Get TOMMY NASH, JR., in LaGrange, Ga. You will have KING's killer".

This anonymous note was furnished to the FBI Laboratory, Washington, D. C. for comparison purposes.

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The following investigation was conducted regarding an individual observed at Eatonville and Orlando, Florida, on April 7 and 8, 1968, as furnished by the Tampa Office on April 15, 1968.

On April 15, 1968, Mr. A. J. STROUDMIER, Greyhound Bus Driver, 11780 S.W. 188th Street, South Miami Heights, Florida, advised SA FRANCIS J. MC CARRON that on April 8, 1968, he made Greyhound run number 311 from Orlando to Miami, Florida, departing Orlando at 8:15 a.m.

Mr. STROUDMIER was unable to identify anyone resembling subject as being a passenger on his Greyhound Bus on the above mentioned date.

On April 16, 1968, Mr. CHARLES TITUS, 17621 N.W. 10th Court, Miami, advised SA DAVID N. JELLISON that he is a Greyhound Bus Driver. Mr. TITUS advised that he made Greyhound run number 363 from Orlando, Florida to Miami, Florida on April 8, 1968, noting that the Greyhound Bus departed Orlando at 9:20 a.m. Mr. TITUS was unable to recall seeing anyone who fitted the description of the subject as being a passenger on the above mentioned Greyhound Bus.

An artist's conception of the subject was shown to both of the above mentioned Greyhound Bus Drivers without effecting an identification as such.

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The following investigation relates to an individual seen by a Mrs. MABEL SCHRAY, St. Louis, Missouri, at the lobby of the Miami International Airport.

On April 18, 1968, St. Louis Office advised that a Mrs. MABEL SCHRAY, St. Louis, Missouri, had observed an individual resembling the subject seated in the lobby of the Miami International Airport Hotel, Miami, Florida, on April 11, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by SA DAVID N. JELLISON:

On April 18, 1968, photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT were exhibited to employees of the Miami International Airport Hotel, Miami, Florida. These employees stated that they had no recollection of observing anyone who looked like the individual in the photographs or anyone fitting the description of GALT at the Miami International Airport Hotel in the past several days.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA RICHARD D. KELLOGG regarding information furnished by
MARY ELLIOTT, Tilford Flying Service, West Palm Beach,
Florida, concerning JOHN C. PRICE, JR.:

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MARY ELLIOTT, Tilford Flying Service, Palm Beach International Airport, West Palm Beach, Florida, advised persons identifying themselves as JOHN C. PRICE, JR., and his wife, MARY PRICE, arrived at that airport during the late afternoon of April 5, 1968, in a private Beechcraft Debonair, Number 653V, from Memphis, Tennessee, en route to the Bahamas. They returned from the Bahamas during the afternoon of April 8, 1968, intending to return to Memphis that date, but learned the Memphis airport was closed. They did depart West Palm Beach in the above aircraft, which Mr. PRICE was piloting, to go on towards Memphis, but did not file a flight plan, which is not required, so their exact immediate destination was not known.

Mrs. ELLIOTT said PRICE was using a credit card in the name of J. CARY PRICE, JR., Post Office Box 11243, Memphis, Tennessee, which is the address of Argromauts, Inc., Memphis. She described Mr. PRICE as about 40 years of age, 5'10" tall, 185 pounds, with a fair complexion and brown or sandy-colored hair. She said his hairline was somewhat receded and thinner in front than in back, making it appear somewhat sandy in front and more brown in back. The hair was combed straight back. He is built wider in the hips than in the shoulders, and appeared to be slightly knock kneed and had a slight paunch. Mrs. PRICE was described as about 27 years of age, 5'8" tall, 145 pounds, with brown hair. Mrs. ELLIOTT noted neither Mr. nor Mrs. PRICE were wearing wedding rings.

Mrs. ELLIOTT said when Mr. PRICE first arrived at the terminal in West Palm Beach and she learned he was from Memphis, she mentioned what a nasty thing the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING was. PRICE took an attitude of no remorse about this, and indicated KING got just what he deserved; that he was just making things bad in Memphis, and that was the reason they got out of Memphis for a while. Mrs. ELLIOTT then said she would not want to shoot anyone or have anyone shoot her, and no response was made to this, but Mrs. PRICE gave her a very "dirty look." On learning of his return trip that the Memphis airport was closed, apparently because of the KING matter, Mr. PRICE again voiced disgust, indicating

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SA RICHARD B. KELLOGG:plm

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KING was the fault of this, and such actions following the death of KING are not justified.

Mrs. ELLIOTT said after she first saw PRICE, she observed in a local newspaper an artist's conception of the person who killed KING, which drawing she believed was attributed to a newspaper in Memphis. When she saw this drawing she was struck by the resemblance with PRICE. She said a combination of all these things made her believe the matter should be reported for what it was worth.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT SCHACHNER at West Palm Beach, Florida regarding an individual resembling subject in "Jet Magazine":

On April 16, 1968, ELDER S. BARROW, 434¹/₂ 20th Street, Apartment 1, West Palm Beach, Florida, furnished the following information:

BARROW stated he had just seen the current issue of "Jet Magazine". On Page 43 was a photograph of the composite of the suspect in the assassination of Reverend Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. Mr. BARROW stated that on Page 47 of this magazine was a photograph of a man who had previously made an attempt against Dr. KING in Selma, Alabama.

Mr. BARROW stated, in his opinion, there was a definite resemblance between the two photographs.

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On April 19, 1968, the Jacksonville Office advised that North Carolina Highway Patrol Trooper HARRY L. WILLIAMS, Catawba County, North Carolina, had observed an individual resembling subject on the night of April 9, 1968 at Newton, North Carolina driving a 1955 or 1956 Dodge four-door with an off white top, dark green on sides, hood and trunk and with an off white bottom bearing 1968 Florida License #10W followed by four or five digits.

The following investigation was conducted by SA DENNIS J. O'SHEA:

On April 19, 1968, the Broward County Auto Tag Agency, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, advised that Florida licenses with the number prefix 10W are assigned to Broward County, Florida.

The Broward County Tag Agency advised that since they are not computerized, it would require physically pulling and observing over 150,000 registration cards in order to segregate the 1955 and 1956 Dodge automobile registered in Broward County, Florida. Further that since these records are located in five different agencies, the task of pulling these registration cards in this regard would be an overwhelming task.

The Broward County Tag Agency advised that since the State Automobile Registration Bureau in Tallahassee, Florida is computerized, the possibility exists that the state agency could possibly obtain a "read out" of all such automobiles for the entire state of Florida; and that in this matter, the 10W tags could then be obtained from this "read out".

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On April 20, 1968, the Milwaukee Office of the FBI advised that Mr. DANIEL S. KELLY telephonically furnished the following information to the Milwaukee FBI Office:

Mr. KELLY stated he and his wife had recently returned from a vacation in Florida. They stayed at the Sun Castle Club, 1380 South Ocean Boulevard, Pompano, Florida, which Mr. KELLY stated was operated by an ERNEST CASTLE.

Mr. KELLY stated after seeing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY that a bellboy at the Sun Castle Club closely resembled RAY both in looks and general description. He stated that this bellboy's name was EARL and that he had told people at the club he was leaving to work as an electrician in Tennessee.

The following investigation was conducted by SA EUGENE L. PAYNE at Pompano Beach, Florida from April 23, 1968, to April 29, 1968:

HERB BLONSTRUM, Assistant Manager, Sun Castle Motel, 1380 South Ocean Boulevard, Pompano Beach, Florida, advised that the individual named EARL was probably EARL B. SHIELDS of 15 Almond Drive, Randolph, Massachusetts. His Social Security Number was listed as .

After an exhaustive search for pertinent records, BLONSTRUM determined SHIELDS was employed from March 28, 1968, to April 1, 1968, as a bellboy. He remembered that SHIELDS mentioned going to Tennessee but could not remember the name of the city.

BLONSTRUM was unable to locate the employment application for SHIELDS and admitted his records were extremely disorganized. His motel has highly transient help and in fact the supervisor of SHIELDS had since departed.

BLONSTRUM viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and said he did not believe this photograph was identical

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with SHIELDS. He indicated SHIELDS has more shallow checks and a wider nose.

Credit and criminal checks at Pompano Beach and Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, regarding SHIELDS met with negative results.

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