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Previous investigation concerning RAY was conducted in January, 1968, under the Unlawful Flight to Avoid Confinement classification and efforts at that time to locate WILLIAM MAHER at 1118 East 7th Street, disclosed that MAHER no longer resides in Alton, Illinois and all public source records failed to disclose any information concerning his current whereabouts.

The Kansas City Division indicated that RAY was employed by the International Shoe Company at Hartford, Illinois, prior to incarceration at the Missouri State Penitentiary. It is to be noted that the tannery operated by the International Shoe Company at Hartford is no longer in business having shut down operations approximately 2 years ago.

On April 20, 1968, a certificate of birth was located showing JAMES EARL RAY was born [redacted], at Alton, Illinois to JAMES RAY and LUCIE MAHER.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT BLUM RASCOE:

On April 19, 1968, a review of the files furnished by U.S. Probation and Parole Office, Springfield, Illinois, was made by SA ROBERT BLUM RASCOE: The following information was obtained for lead value:

Correspondence while JAMES EARL RAY was incarcerated in the Missouri State Penitentiary:

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Aunt, Miss LUCY RYAN, 701 $\frac{1}{2}$  Washington Street, address also given as 801 North 12th Street, Quincy, Illinois;

One time co-defendant was WALTER TERRY RIFE, who is incarcerated in Leavenworth, Kansas. RIFE now lives in Quincy, Illinois.

Employment:

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Dryden Rubber Company from July, 1949 to September, 1949, Chicago, Illinois;

International Shoe Company, May, 1944, to December, 1945, Hartford, Illinois;

Neo Product Company, April, 1950 to July, 1950, Chicago, Illinois;

Arbey Corporation, July, 1950, to July, 1951, Chicago, Illinois;

Borg - Erickson Corporation, August, 1951, to May, 1952, Chicago, Illinois;

Relatives:

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Uncle who resides in Quincy, Illinois, no name given

Other names and addresses

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WILLIAM MAHER, 1118 East 7th Street, Alton, Illinois.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JOSEPH L. MC KINSTRAY.

On April 23, 1968, EDNA BAER, coordinator, Selective Service System, St. Clair County, advised she had no record of JAMES EARL RAY under that name or any known aliases. She stated that the serial number given 16163129 indicates to her that the first "1" means the man was an enlistee and the second digit "6" indicates he enlisted in the Sixth Corp or Army area. She stated that she recalled that in 1946 inductees from this area were sent to Chicago, Illinois for induction and there was no induction center at East St. Louis, Illinois.

Mrs. ADA S. DANIELS, Selective Service System, Madison County, Illinois, advised she could locate no record identifiable with JAMES EARL RAY under that name or known aliases or through the above military service number or the birthdate .

At East St. Louis, Illinois

Sergeant TOMMY CARROLL, Army Recruiter, 650 Missouri Avenue, advised that his office does not maintain old records concerning enlistments. He suggested that if the military service number of an individual is known, his record could be located at the Department of Defense, Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

On 4/22/68, ROY WEHRMAN, Personnel Manager, Quincy Compressor, Inc., Quincy, Illinois, advised that the records of his office show that JAMES EARL RAY, Social Security # [REDACTED], was employed by Quincy Compressor on 8/6/51 and that he quit work on 9/4/51. He was employed as a drill press operator on the night shift and his application was filled out by the foreman PETER DUNKER.

The records show that JAMES EARL RAY's home address was 1439 Cherry Street, Quincy, Illinois. His education was listed as four years of grade school at Quincy, Illinois and four years of high school at Chicago, Illinois. Identities of the schools not shown.

The file showed previous employment with the Arvey Corporation or Avery Corporation, Chicago, Illinois, as a laborer for one year. Hourly wage \$1.40, dates of employment not shown.

The previous employment to that was apparently with Neo Produce Company, Chicago, Illinois. Period of employment was four months, position, labor.

The file showed the following description of JAMES EARL RAY:

Race	White
Height	5'11"
Weight	150 pounds
Date of application	8/6/51

On 4/23/68, PETER DUNKER, Superintendent, Drill Press Room, after viewing the application of JAMES EARL RAY and the photographs of RAY advised that he cannot



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remember or recall JAMES EARL RAY. He pointed out that RAY only worked in his department for three weeks and that many thousands of people had worked in the Drill Press Section of Quincy Compressor. He stated that the record showed that RAY FELKER would have been the immediate foreman of RAY.

On 4/23/68, RAY FELKER, supervisor, Quincy Compressor, Inc., advised that after viewing several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY that he does not remember JAMES EARL RAY and does not recall the name. He advised that there is no one presently employed in the drill press operation that was working on the night shift in 1951. He advised that he cannot furnish any further information concerning RAY.

On 4/23/68, ELSIE RUDER, clerk, Local Board #1, Quincy, Illinois, advised that the files of her office show that JAMES EARL RAY, 214 Spring Street, Quincy, Illinois, registered with the local board #1 on 4/13/49. His home address was shown as 214 Spring Street, Quincy, Illinois and his date of birth, [redacted] at Alton, Illinois. His closest relative was shown as LUCILLE RAY, his mother, at 214 Spring Street. His occupation was listed as student, American Television School, St. Louis, Missouri.

The file showed previous military service with the United States Army from 2/19/46 until 12/23/48 and this was with the First Division, 16th Infantry Regiment. The file showed RAY to be holder of Serial Number 16163129.

The file showed his description as:

Eyes	Blue
Hair	Black
Complexion	Ruddy
Height	5'11"
Weight	157 pounds

Mrs. RUDER advised that this was all of the information located at Local Board #1. The complete file would be located at the Illinois State Headquarters of the Selective Service System, Springfield, Illinois.

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On April 18, 1968, the following individuals  
recontacted by SA ELYON H. DAVIS and advised that they  
no information concerning JAMES EARL RAY:

VIOLA MAYFIELD,  
2716 Cherry Street,  
Quincy, Illinois;

FLOYD RIFE,  
226 Lind Street,  
Quincy, Illinois;

Sergeant ROLAND HANSON  
Quincy, Illinois Police Department,  
Quincy, Illinois.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
ELYON H. DAVIS:

On April 23, 1968, JUDSON GREEN, Business Manager, Quincy Clinic, Quincy, Illinois, advised that the records of his office shows that JAMES RAY first visited the Quincy Clinic on August 15, 1938. The records showed he was in the third grade at that time and also the family consisted of two other living children and one that had died of burns. JAMES RAY was listed as the oldest member of the family and his home address at that time was in care of Mrs. JAMES RAY, 315 Cherry Street.

On this first visit, he was attended to by Dr. WHITAKER and at that time suffered from loss of consciousness, sudden onset, both legs withdrawn. He was unconscious for thirty minutes and jerked and twitched with no biting of tongue. He did not soil his clothes and later had no memory of this attack. He had a history of frequent out-cries at night. The records showed Dr. WHITAKER had diagnosed this as possible eplipsy, spontaneous in origin and not traumatic. No other symptoms at that time. He was also a persistent bed wetter and seemed to have no control at night.

Later, he was treated on July 3, 1940; by Dr. GUY TURNEY for a small blister right thumb and forefinger caused by a firecracker explosion. On the second day, this wound was cleaned. No other information available concerning any medical treatment. The file contained the following addresses, dates of the addresses not shown; however, the first entry made was on March 4, 1936 and the last on October 29, 1940: The addresses were shown all in Quincy, Illinois, as follows:

412 North Fifth Street

Rural Route 3, 18th Street

212 Spring Street

1258 Hampshire Street

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928 Lind Street

1616 North Second Street

121 South Ninth Street

1517 North Fourth Street

701 $\frac{1}{2}$  North Fifth Street

128 $\frac{1}{2}$  North Fifth Street

1439 Cherry Street

214 Spring Street

315 Cherry Street

413 Vermont Street

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The following investigation was conducted at Quincy, Illinois, by SA ELYON H. DAVIS:

On March 25, 1968, ROSIE RIFE, 400 College Avenue, Quincy, advised that she is the mother of WALTER TERRY RIFE. A photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #306 443 A, was exhibited to her, however, she advised that she did not know RAY. She advised that she has not seen this individual with her son, WALTER TERRY RIFE, and knew nothing concerning RAY's whereabouts.

On March 25, 1968, VIOLA MAYFIELD, 2716 Cherry Street, advised that she is the sister of WALTER TERRY RIFE and operates VI's Style Salon at that address. She advised that her brother, WALTER RIFE, had been living with another brother, LONNIE RIFE, at Baylis, Illinois. She advised that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was unfamiliar to her and that she had, to her knowledge, never seen this individual in her life. She could furnish no information concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

On March 25, 1968, FLOYD RIFE, 226 Lind Street, Quincy, Illinois, advised that he is the brother of WALTER TERRY RIFE. He viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that he had never seen JAMES EARL RAY to his knowledge. He advised that WALTER RIFE has been operating for several weeks the restaurant located in the Virginia Hotel in Quincy, Illinois and he, FLOYD, is in that restaurant almost on a daily basis and he had not seen or heard anything concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

On March 25, 1968, Captain HAROLD HUNSAKER, Quincy, Illinois Police Department advised that his department has received no information in the recent past concerning JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #306 443 A. He advised that the last record in his file concerning RAY was when RAY was arrested in Hannibal, Missouri, in 1955 with WALTER TERRY RIFE.

On March 25, 1968, DONALD G. OITKER, 321 South 7th Street, Quincy, advised that he has lived at that address for a number of years and that the name KATHERINE DORIS BUSKIRK is unfamiliar to him. He advised that the name JAMES EARL RAY is unfamiliar with him and after viewing a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #306 443 A, advised that he does not know this individual.



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On April 11, 1968, Sergeant ROLAND HANSON, Quincy, Illinois Police Department, was contacted by SA ELYON H. DAVIS at which time Sergeant HANSON advised that he had no information concerning JAMES EARL RAY and that the Quincy Police Department has received no information concerning the present whereabouts of RAY.

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III. FAMILY OF JAMES EARL RAY

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A. SUMMARY

On 4-20-68, GEORGE PARSONS, 2826 College Street, Quincy, Illinois, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

PARSONS advised that he is a supervisor for the Illinois Youth Commission and has had numerous contacts with the family of LUCILE RYAN. He stated that this family is also known by the name RAY. PARSONS advised that around 1955 and 1966 he had kept a member of this family, MELBA MARIE RYAN, in his home and that he had always been close to MELBA MARIE RYAN. He stated that this individual has mental problems and that nothing says can be relied upon.

PARSONS advised that he does not have any exact dates concerning anything in the family but that he knows the family is supposed to have moved to Quincy, Illinois, sometime during the 1940s and that the entire family lived at 214 String Street, Quincy, Illinois, during the 1940s until approximately 1955. He stated that this area at that time was an area infested with houses of prostitution and a very rough neighborhood and a very poor neighborhood. PARSONS stated that the entire family had been very close to each other and that he felt that members of the family would certainly harbor JAMES EARL RAY. He stated this would be particularly true of JERRY RYAN and JACK or JOHN RYAN. He felt that these two would harbor JAMES EARL RAY if they thought it would be to JAMES EARL RAY's advantage.

He furnished the following names for members of the family:

Father	JAMES, JIM or JERRY RAY
Mother	LUCILE RAY or LUCILE RYAN
Son	JAMES EARL RAY
Son	JERRY RAY
Son	JACK RAY
Son	FRANKLIN DELEANOR RAY

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Daughter  
Daughter  
Daughter

MELBA MARIE RAY  
CAROL RAY  
SUSAN RAY

He advised that this was all of the members of the family with whom he was acquainted and he felt this included the entire family.

He stated that when the family moved from Quincy, Illinois, in approximately 1965, the mother, LUCILE RYAN, moved to Alton, Illinois; however, during this period of time in approximately 1952, the father had run off with some woman and had gone to St. Louis, Missouri, to live.

After the father left, the entire family became practically wards of the court in charity cases and that Catholic charities had furnished most of the subsistence and supervision of the children.

He advised that several of the younger children of the family, including FRANKLIN DELEANOR RAY, CAROL RAY, SUSAN RAY and MELBA MARIE RAY, had been placed in a Catholic orphanage in Alton, Illinois.

He advised that during the period of time that he kept MELBA MARIE RAY in his home that she seemed to think a lot of JACK RAY and JERRY RAY; however, she never spoke favorably of JAMES EARL RAY or JIMMY RAY and often stated that she had no feeling for JIMMY as he was bad. He stated that he did not know the reason for this feeling; however, that JAMES EARL RAY had never to his knowledge contacted MELBA MARIE for any reason.

PARSONS advised that when JACK RAY had served a period of time in prison, he had gone to Mt. Prospect, Illinois, in the Chicago area, to work at a golf course and he had also obtained JERRY RAY a job at that golf course. PARSONS advised that this was several years before and he was not sure if this would be in the late 1950s or the early 1960s.

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PARSONS advised that LUCILE RYAN had worked as a prostitute in Quincy, Illinois, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

PARSONS advised that he had never heard of JAMES EARL RAY working any where and from his knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY and that family, he did not know of any racial hatred or dislike of Negroes by the family. He stated, however, that he did hear JERRY RAY mention one time after being in St. Charles Reformatory, St. Charles, Illinois, in approximately 1952 or 1953 that he had had considerable trouble with Negroes at St. Charles. He stated that he had found this to be so with most white prisoners who had been in a penitentiary with Negroes and that sometimes there seems to develop some type of racial difficulty at prisons.

PARSONS advised that at the present time, MELBA MARIE RYAN is living on a disability pension. He stated that she had been arrested in Quincy on several occasions for breaking out window lights with a cross and claimed that God had told her to do this. He advised that MELBA MARIE will make a cross out of a large two by four and smash window lights on occasions. He stated he did not know of any violence on any other member of the family.

PARSONS advised that he had not had any recent contact during the last four years with any member of the family other than MELBA MARIE RYAN but he knew that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and that SUSAN RYAN was either adopted by some family in Quincy or else was placed in a foster home. He stated that the case worker for Catholic charities in Quincy, Illinois, should be able to furnish background information concerning the family.



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On April 22, 1968, Circuit Judge RICHARD SCHOLZ, Quincy, Illinois, made available the dependency files concerning the LUCILE RYAN family in Quincy, Illinois.

The file contained the following information:

On March 9, 1955, five members of the family became wards of Adams County Circuit Court, Quincy, Illinois. The file showed the following to be the complete list of the members of the family:

Father	GERALD RYAN
Mother	LUCILE MAHER RYAN
Son	JAMES, age 26, whereabouts not known
Daughter	MARJORIE, died at age 2
Son	JOHN, age 24, Pontiac Prison
Son	JERRY, age 20, Parolee from Pontiac
Daughter	MELBA, age 16
Daughter	CAROL, age 14, living with mother
Son	FRANKLIN, age 12, Catholic Children's Home, Alton, Illinois
Daughter	SUZAN, age 8, Catholic Children's Home, Alton, Illinois

On that date, MELBA, CAROL, FRANKLIN, SUZAN and [REDACTED] became wards of the Adams County Court.

The file showed that MELBA MARIE RYAN was born at Macomb, Illinois, and was taken from GEORGE PARSONS, Supervisor, Illinois Youth Commission, who had been caring for MELBA on June 28, 1955 and was given to a Mrs. TURNER FOLEY, 332 North 24th Street, Quincy, Illinois.

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[REDACTED]

On 8/9/55 MELBA MARIE RYAN was committed to the Jacksonville State Hospital, Jacksonville, Illinois, and custody of RYAN taken from GEORGE PARSONS and given to the Illinois Youth Commission. Judge SCHOLZ advised that apparently at that time MELBA MARIE RYAN had attempted to set fire to the PARSONS' home. He stated that this had been kept quiet by PARSONS and was not known generally.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

He advised that LUCILE RYAN had worked as a prostitute during most of her life and that the area around 214 Spring Street was an area infested by houses of prostitution at the time of the RYAN/RAY family lived in that area. He stated that there had been testimony that LUCILE RYAN had attempted to solicit prostitution dates for herself in a tavern [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On 8/6/57 MELBA MARIE RYAN was granted a discharge from the Jacksonville State Hospital.

On 10/24/57 custody of FRANKLIN RYAN and SUSAN RYAN was given to the Catholic Charities of Springfield, Illinois.

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[REDACTED]

On 8/21/58 a court order gave custody of MELBA MARIE RYAN, CAROL RYAN, FRANKLIN D. RYAN and SUZAN RYAN and [REDACTED] to the Catholic Charities, Springfield, Illinois.

A notation was contained in the file that on 7/57 LUCILE RYAN moved to St. Louis, Missouri, and was residing at 1135 South Tenth Street, Apartment 8, St. Louis, Missouri.

At that time the father of the RYAN children, GERALD RYAN or GERALD RAY, was residing at 4149 West Pine Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

[REDACTED]

On 6/30/60 a letter was addressed to the Court from Mrs. JENNY RAYNES from St. Louis, Missouri.

Judge SCHOLZ advised that apparently this would be a woman living with the father of the RYAN children.

On 128/60 JERRY RAYNES was shown residing at 1727 South Eleventh Street, St. Louis, Missouri; his DOB was shown as [REDACTED], and employed by J & R Auto Sales, St. Louis, Missouri. At that time he was living with daughter, CAROL RYAN, DOB [REDACTED], who was employed by the Kresge Company in the St. Louis area.

At this time JERRY RAYNES gave JACK RANDOLPH, 5901 South Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri, as a reference. The file showed that JACK RANDOLPH was the owner of J & R Auto Sales and that RAYNES was employed as a car salesman on a used car lot for RANDOLPH.

The file showed that custody of FRANKLIN D. RYAN was given to his father JERRY RAYNES, 1727 South Eleventh Street, St. Louis, Missouri, on 3/30/60.

Judge SCHOLZ advised that FRANKLIN D. RYAN had died in approximately 1962 or 1963 when an automobile in which he was riding drove into the Mississippi River in West Quincy, Missouri. He advised that any records concerning the death of FRANKLIN D. RYAN would be in Missouri.

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Judge SCHOLZ advised that FRANKLIN D. RYAN was also known as BUZZY RYAN and that possibly some people would not know the true name of FRANKLIN D. RYAN.

The file showed that FRANKLIN D. RYAN was first declared a dependent on 9/8/52 and at that time was residing at 214 1/2 Spring Street.

Included in the FRANKLIN D. RYAN section of the dependency records was a letter dated 3/29/59 from LUCILE RYAN, his mother, who at that time was residing at 1913 Hickory Street, St. Louis, Missouri. In the letter she stated that "JIMMY is going to Chicago". The letter indicated that at that time JIMMY was residing with LUCILE RYAN at 1913 Hickory Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

The file contained information showing that before 9/24/59 Mrs. LUCILE BERNES, aka LUCILE RAY and LUCILE RYAN resided 1209 East Fourth Street, Alton, Illinois, and that she had moved from that address to 1913 Hickory Street, St. Louis.

A notation was contained in the file that one 8/20/59 LUCILE RYAN's son, JAMES EARL RAY, and an accomplice JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN were arrested for an armed robbery of a supermarket in Alton, Illinois, and that this matter was pending in Circuit Court, Madison County, Illinois.

The file contained a section concerning JERRY W. RYAN, DOB [REDACTED]. He was declared a delinquent on 3/10/50 for unlawfully growing up in idleness and crime and was to be sent to St. Charles Boys' Reformatory, St. Charles, Illinois.

At that time his father was GERALD RYAN, 214 Spring Street, Quincy, Illinois, and mother, LUCILE RYAN, at same address.

Psychological tests given JERRY W. RYAN at that time showed he functioned between a low, average and dull in intelligence.

The file showed that SUZAN RYAN, aka SUSANNE RYAN, DOB [REDACTED], had been a ward of the court from 9/8/52 until 4/15/65 when she was discharged from the supervision of the court.

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HAZEL HAMILTON, Case Worker, Catholic Charities, Quincy, Illinois, had been SUZAN RYAN's supervisor since 3/54.

The file showed SUZAN RYAN resided at Catholic Children's Home, Alton, Illinois, from 3/8/54 until 1961.

The file showed that the RYAN children had an uncle, WILLIAM E. MAHER, who resided 1118 East Seventh Street, Alton, Illinois.

Also, the file included that an aunt, Mrs. SADIE FITZSIMMONS, address unknown, visited SUZAN RYAN while under supervision.

On 9/2/59 SUZAN RYAN had apparently run away from the supervision of the Catholic Children's Home and was located in Alton, Illinois, with a Mrs. MARY MAHER.

On 8/31/59 SUZAN RYAN was located with her mother, 1209 East Fourth Street, Alton, Illinois, where the mother lived under the name of BERNES. Apparently at one time the mother had resided at a home in St. Louis that was condemned at which time she had moved to Alton, date of the move or other information not shown.

The file contained information that JAMES RYAN resided at 1913 Hickory Street, St. Louis, Missouri, or 1727 South Eleventh Street, St. Louis, Missouri, where he lived with CAROL RYAN. The file did not indicate whether this was the father or son, JAMES RYAN.

The file contained a letter dated 3/30/60 that JACK was going to Chicago and that he had been held "for those licenses".

The file showed that MELBA RYAN, CAROL RYAN, and FRANKLIN RYAN were born in St. Louis County, Missouri, and SUZAN and [REDACTED], Quincy, Illinois.

On 4/22/68 HAZEL HAMILTON, Case Worker, Catholic Charities, 510 Jersey Street, Quincy, Illinois, was interviewed and furnished the following information.

She advised that sometime around 1948 the RYAN family or the RAY family of which EARL RAY, FBI #306443A, is a member, moved to Quincy, Illinois.

HAZEL HAMILTON advised that the RAY family moved to Quincy, Illinois, from Des Moines, Iowa, and that the family had moved to Des Moines from Ewing, Missouri. She advised that the family apparently changed names whenever it suited them and she knew that the family had used names including RAY, RYAN, BERNES, RAYNS, and RAYNES.

She advised that the mother and father of JAMES EARL RAY and the other children were absolutely no good and that when this family first moved to Quincy, Illinois, some member of the family was working at the Hotel Lincoln Douglas.

She advised that five of the children, MELBA MARIE RYAN, CAROL RYAN, FRANKLIN RYAN, SUZIE RYAN, and [REDACTED] had at times been under the supervision of Catholic Charities and had been wards of the Adams County Court.

She advised that she had had very little contact with the three older brothers, JAMES EARL RAY, JERRY RAY or JERRY RYAN, and JOHN RAY or JACK RYAN. She stated that the youngest daughter, SUZAN RYAN, graduated from Notre Dame High School, Quincy, Illinois, in approximately 1965, after which she moved to Chicago, Illinois, and the last known address she had for SUZIE was Apartment 809, 117 North Dearborn, Chicago, where she lived with a JANET VAIR.



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In 1963 she had information that the father, living under the name of JERRY RAYNE, was residing at RFD, Clarence, Missouri.


In 1963 FRANKLIN D. RYAN had died in West Quincy, Missouri, and was later buried.

She advised that she does not know what exact year the family moved to Quincy, but thought it was around 1948 and stated that definitely JAMES EARL RAY was the oldest child in this family. She listed the children as follows in order of age:

Son	JAMES EARL RAY
Son	JOHN RAY
Son	JERRY RAY
Daughter	MELBA RAY
Daughter	CAROL RAY
Son	FRANKLIN D. RAY
Daughter	SUZAN RAY

She advised that she knew that the father of this group of children had used the name of JAMES RAY, GERALD RAY, JAMES RYAN and GERALD RYAN, as well as JERRY. She stated that the father RAY had been a ladies' man and it was her understanding that he had lived with many women but had probably never married any other than the mother of the children.

She advised that a Mrs. MAHER was the grandmother of the children, and in the past had induced them to run away from home and apparently had died in St. Louis while Mrs. MAHER was living with LUCILE RYAN.



She felt that the entire family is close enough to the criminal element that the family has developed an attitude of not cooperating with the law and she feels that it is possible that any member of the family might harbor JAMES EARL RAY; however, she stated that this is merely a personal belief and she had no information that the family had ever harbored anyone.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
MACK W. OLIVER, Jr.

At Quincy, Illinois

On April 24, 1968, Miss Elizabeth Roth, Manager, Quincy Credit Bureau, advised that she had a file for JERRY WILLIAM RYAN, Jr. and that this individual had been in her files since 1950. Miss ROTH stated that RYAN's address in 1950 was 214 Spring Street; in 1954 the Tremont Hotel; and in 1956, 339 $\frac{1}{2}$  South 7th Street. Miss ROTH advised that according to her file, JERRY WILLIAM RYAN, Jr., along with JAMES A. ALDERTON, LONNIE RIFE, EUGENE BARRIGAR, and FLOYD SIDENER, sought parole from the Menard State Penitentiary on August 29, 1958. Miss ROTH stated that she had no information on JERRY WILLIAM RYAN, Jr., since the 1950's.

Miss ROTH advised that she had a file for LUCILLE RYAN and that she had had this file since 1954. Miss ROTH said that the only address she had for LUCILLE RYAN was 536 York, Quincy, Illinois. Miss ROTH said that according to her information, LUCILLE RYAN was arrested on July 19, 1954, by local authorities, for assault and battery and again on August 24, 1957, for larceny, and that she was supposed to have robbed JOHN B. THOMPSON of the Pacific House. Miss ROTH said that she had one collection on LUCILLE RYAN and that the collection was in 1961 for the Bringaze Grocery Store of Quincy.

Miss ROTH advised that she had a file for SUSAN RYAN and that she had been in file since September 15, 1965. Miss ROTH advised that she had two addresses for SUSAN RYAN, 129 $\frac{1}{2}$  North 9th Street and Fowler, Illinois. Miss ROTH advised that according to her information, SUSAN RYAN moved from Quincy, Illinois, on June 23, 1966, to 1117 North Dearborn, Chicago.

Miss ROTH advised that she had a file for MELBA RYAN who resides at the Virginia Hotel, and this name had been in file since February 27, 1966. Miss ROTH stated that she had no further information concerning MELBA RYAN.

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Miss ROTH advised that she had a file for GERALD RAYNES since October 24, 1940, and that RAYNES was 38 years of age at that time. Miss ROTH stated that according to her information, RAYNES was living at R.R. #1, Ewing, Missouri, his wife was LUCILLE, and that he had four children (no names). Miss ROTH said that she had no information concerning GERALD RAYNES since 1948. Miss ROTH stated that according to her information, GERALD RAYNES came to Quincy, Illinois, from St. Louis, Missouri, and gave the following addresses and places of employment for GERALD RAYNES:

<u>Addresses</u>	<u>Date</u>
1507 North 4th Quincy, Illinois	September 28, 1944
Adams, Illinois	January 13, 1948
214 Spring Street Quincy, Illinois	November 12, 1961

<u>Date</u>	<u>Employment</u>
October 24, 1940	Gardner, Denver
January 13, 1948	Novelty salesman for BILL POPP.

Miss ROTH advised that she had a file for RUBY CARPENTER since May 25, 1964, and that RUBY CARPENTER came to Quincy, Illinois, from Clarence, Missouri. Miss ROTH stated that RUBY CARPENTER worked for the State of Illinois, Family and Children Service, and gave the following addresses that she had for RUBY CARPENTER:

1711 $\frac{1}{2}$  Broadway  
Quincy, Illinois

410 North 9th Street  
Quincy, Illinois

630 North 6th Street  
Quincy, Illinois.

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Miss ROTH advised that she had a file for JAMES RAY which she had crossreferenced with JOHN V. RAY and that she had had this file since December of 1966. Miss ROTH stated that according to her information, JAMES RAY turned himself into the Adams County Sheriff's Office on March 3, 1967, and advised them that he was wanted in Ogden, Utah. Miss ROTH said that on June 15, 1967, RAY committed himself to the Veterans Alcoholic Hospital in Jacksonville, Illinois. Miss ROTH said she had four addresses for RAY which are as follows:

324 York Street  
Quincy, Illinois

221 South 5th Street  
Quincy, Illinois

323 York Street  
Quincy, Illinois

1201 South Main Street  
Jacksonville, Illinois.

Miss ROTH said that she had no further information concerning JAMES RAY.

Miss ROTH stated that she a file for JOHNNY LARRY RAY since April 8, 1953, and that he was 23 years of age at that time. Miss ROTH stated that JOHNNY LARRY RAY was sentenced to serve from three to four years, on June 2, 1953, at the Menard State Penitentiary, for auto theft. Miss ROTH stated that according to her information that JOHNNY LARRY RAY attempted to escape from the Adams County Jail on May 24, 1953. Miss ROTH said the only address she had for JOHNNY LARRY RAY was 214 Spring Street, Quincy, Illinois.

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B. MEIBA MARIE RYAN

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On 4-20-68, MELBA MARIE RYAN was interviewed at the Virginia Hotel, 534 North Second Street, Quincy, Ill.

MELBA MARIE RYAN furnished the following information to SA ELYON H. DAVIS and ASAC DONALD T. SULLIVAN:

MELBA MARIE RYAN advised that she is the sister of JAMES EARL RAY and identified a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #306 443 A, mated to Missouri Department of Corrections on 3-17-60, as her brother. She advised that she had only seen her brother JAMES EARL RAY three or four times during her life time and that she has spent a considerable amount of her life in mental hospitals. She stated that she has been in the Jacksonville State Hospital, Jacksonville, Ill., on three occasions.

RYAN advised that she has been living at the Virginia Hotel since December, 1967, and has had no contact with JAMES EARL RAY since his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary.

She advised that she last saw JAMES EARL RAY around 1959 when he was living in St. Louis, Missouri, at a boarding house operated by their mother, LUCILE RYAN. She advised that she was staying with her mother, LUCILE RYAN at that time and that JAMES EARL RAY stayed with them for approximately six months.

She advised that she has never received a letter from JAMES EARL RAY in her life and had no idea as to his present whereabouts.

She advised that her mother is presently deceased and that her father is approximately 70 years of age. She stated that he was living in Missouri; however, she stated that she had talked to him on the previous night on the



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telephone and he did not want to furnish his present address to anyone. She stated for this reason she would not give the FBI the address of her father.

She advised that she has received letters in her life from her brother JOHN RAY or JOHN RYAN and also from JERRY RAY, aka JERRY RYAN. She advised that the real name of the family is RAY and that when the family moved from Ewing, Missouri, to Quincy, Illinois, the mother changed the name from RAY to RYAN inasmuch as they were going to St. Bonaface Catholic School in Quincy and the mother thought that RYAN sounded more Catholic than RAY.

She advised that her father once had a brother named EARL RAY; however, he is presently deceased.

MELBA RYAN furnished the following list of her brothers and sisters:

Brother	JAMES EARL RAY
Brother	JOHN RAY, aka.
	JOHN RYAN,
	JACK RYAN
Brother	JERRY RAY, aka
	JERRY RYAN
Sister	CAROL PEPPER
Sister	SUSAN RYAN
	Whereabouts unknown
	Whereabouts unknown

MELBA RYAN advised that she also had a brother named FRANKLIN DEIANOR RYAN who had drowned in the Mississippi River around 1963. She stated also an older sister had died in a fire in Ewing, Missouri, before the birth of MELBA RYAN.

She stated that when she knew her brother JAMES EARL RAY around 1959 he had mentioned at that time he might go back to Germany inasmuch as he liked Germany when he was stationed there in the Army. She also was under the belief that JAMES EARL RAY had had a girlfriend in Germany; however, she had no knowledge of any contact RAY had with anyone in Germany since his discharge from the service. She thought that he had been discharged sometime during the 1940s.

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She advised that she had moved to Quincy, Illinois, with her mother and father approximately 1948 when she was 10 years of age.

She stated around 1953 her father had left the family and that her mother had, at that time, "put several members of the family out for adoption", and the family had not been very close since that period of time.

The following physical description of MELBA MARIE RYAN was obtained during the interview:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>
Place of Birth	Ewing, Missouri
Height	5'5½"
Weight	165 pounds
Build	Stout
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Medium
Occupation	None

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On 4-21-68, the files of the Quincy, Illinois, Police Department, were checked and revealed the following arrest record for MELBA MARIE RYAN, date of birth  at Ewing, Missouri:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
3-12-63	Mental Case	Released without Charge
2-13-66	Drunk	\$10.00 and Costs
4-24-66	Intoxication	\$10.00 and Costs
12-14-66	Drunk	Dismissed
12-14-66	Disorderly Conduct	Dismissed
12-30-67	Drunk	\$10.00 and Costs
8-22-67	Drunk	\$15.00 and Costs
9-18-67	Drunk	Dismissed
9-18-67	Interfering with an Officer	Dismissed
9-18-67	Criminal damage to property	20 days in County Jail

The following physical description of MELBA MARIE RYAN was obtained from the Quincy, Illinois, PD, as furnished by Captain HAROLD HUNSAKER of that Department:

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Place of Birth	Ewing, Missouri
Height	5'5½"
Weight	165 pounds
Build	Stout
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Medium
Occupation	On welfare subsistence
FBI #	33 271 C

A review of the records of the Quincy Police Department also showed a record for JOHNNY RAY, aka JOHN LARRY RAY and JOHN L. RAYNS and JACK RAYNS. This file showed JOHNNY RAY's date of birth to be , home address 214 Spring Street, hair brown.

The record showed he was 5'10" and weighed 160 pounds. The file contained the following arrests:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
4-7-53	Larcent of an Automobile	Illinois State Penitentiary, 5 - 10 years
2-18-60	Fictitious license	\$10.00 and costs

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
ELYON H. DAVIS:

On April 23, 1968, SAMUEL EDWARD HARPER, Desk Clerk, Virginia Hotel, Quincy, Illinois, advised that MELBA MARIE RYAN, sister of JAMES EARL RAY, is still residing at that hotel. HARPER advised that very definitely RAY has not contacted anyone at the Virginia Hotel and that complete cooperation will be given the FBI in the matter concerning RAY by individuals connected with the Virginia Hotel. HARPER advised that he is certain WALTER TERRY RIFE has not had any contact with RAY anytime during the past several years.

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On May 1, 1968 and May 3, 1968, MELBA MARIE RYAN, Virginia Hotel, 234 North Second Street, Quincy, Illinois, was re-interviewed by SA ELYON H. DAVIS. On each occasion, MELBA RYAN advised that she had no further information concerning the activities and whereabouts of her brother JAMES EARL RAY. She also advised that she had no further information of value concerning any member of the family. She stated that she had been in contact with her father residing at Center, Missouri as well as her father's ex-wife RUBY CARPENTER who lived in Quincy, Illinois. She stated she had also contacted MABEL FULLER who resides in Quincy, Illinois and all of these individuals disclaim any knowledge of the whereabouts or activities of her brother JAMES EARL RAY. She stated that she felt that all members of the family that she had contacted would cooperate in attempting to locate RAY and that she would furnish any information that came to her attention concerning any of his activities.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA ELYON H. DAVIS at Quincy, Illinois.

Daily surveillances were conducted on a spot basis by SA ELYON H. DAVIS and SA MACK OLIVER at the Virginia Hotel, Quincy, Illinois, where MELBA MARIE RYAN, sister of JAMES EARL RAY resides.

On May 10, 1968, Detective DONALD CAPPS, Quincy, Illinois Police Department, advised that Detectives of that Police Department daily and nightly check the Virginia Hotel. He advised that all members of the Quincy Police Department and especially the Quincy, Illinois Detective Bureau carry photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and if any information is developed concerning MELBA MARIE RYAN having visitors at the Virginia Hotel, this information will be immediately furnished to the FBI.



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C. SUSAN DONIAN

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
WILLIAM ROBERTS, III:

On April 20, 1968, Father JAMES BRINKS, St. Aloysius Church, Springfield, Illinois, telephonically contacted the Springfield Division and advised he had known subject's sister, SUE since she was a child, and in an effort to help locate and interview her, he advised he was in possession of a newspaper article of April, 1967, in the Chicago "Tribune" regarding SUE, which showed her to be going under the name LEE RILEY and to be working as a go-go dancer in the Bourbon Street Club at 936 Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
MACK W. OLIVER, Jr.

At Quincy, Illinois

On April 22, 1968, Sister CATHERINE, Principal, Notre Dame High School, advised that she had a SUSAN J. RYAN graduate from Notre Dame High School on June 6, 1965.

Sister CATHERINE stated that SUSAN J. RYAN entered Notre Dame High School on September 8, 1961, and that she came from the Children's Home at Alton, Illinois.

Sister CATHERINE stated that while SUSAN J. RYAN was a student at Notre Dame High School, she lived with Mr. and Mrs. ROMAN KLINNER of Rural Route Number 3, Quincy, Ill.

Sister CATHERINE said that a transcript of her grades were mailed to the Gem City College on June 2, 1965, and that it was her understanding that RYAN had received a scholarship from the National Secretary's Association.

Sister CATHERINE said that she understood that RYAN did not accept the scholarship and that immediately after graduation, she moved from the KLINNER's residence to Chicago, Illinois, where she was attending a modeling school. Sister CATHERINE gave the following information and description from SUSAN J. RYAN's file:

Name	SUSAN JANE RYAN
Date of birth	
Place of birth	Adams County, Illinois
Father	JERRY (no last name)
Mother	LUCILLE MAHER

Sister CATHERINE said that according to her information SUSAN RYAN had four older brothers, one younger brother, two older sisters, but that she gave the name of none of these brothers or sisters.

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Sister CATHERINE stated that her file contained a photograph of SUSAN JANE RYAN and that it would be available if needed in the future.

Sister CATHERINE stated that she could give no further information concerning SUSAN J. RYAN.

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D. FRANK RYAN

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On April 22, 1968, the following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT BLUM RASCOE at St. James Trade School in Springfield, Illinois:

Brother Aequiduis advised that he had a Franklin Ryan in attendance from June, 14, 1958, until January, 1959. He advised that he had no personal records available which might be of lead value, and that the above dates were all that indicated that FRANKLIN RYAN had ever attended this school. He advised that he had no record of any FRANKLIN DELANO (BUZZIE) RYAN. A check of the name RAY provided no information which might be of lead value.

On April 20, 1968, MELBA MARIE RYAN, Sister of subject, advised that a brother, FRANKLIN DELANO RYAN had drowned in the Mississippi River in approximately 1963.

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E. [REDACTED]

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On 4/24/68, the following investigation was conducted  
by SA ROBERT BLUM RASCOE at Springfield, Illinois:

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The records reflected the following information:

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F. JOHN and JERRY RAY

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Re: JOHN LARRY RAY:

Springfield indices reflect a closed Selective Service case for subject's brother, JOHN LARRY RAYNS, also known as Jack Rayns, also known as John Larry Ray. A review of the file was made by SA WILLIAM ROBERTS, III and the only new information developed was the name of an aunt of the subject MILDRED MAHER, listed address as 1118 East- 74th Street, Alton, Illinois.

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Warden MAX FRY, of the Menard State Penitentiary, Menard, Illinois, made available records at Menard Prison to SA LARRY W. GREEN for examination:

JOHN LARRY RYAN, was released from Menard State Penitentiary, 2/1/60. He was incarcerated there on a larceny of motor vehicle charge. His registration number at Menard is 23401. RYAN left Menard on a full discharge and immediately after his discharge, made application to the State of Illinois to have his civil rights restored. He wanted the results of this application sent to an address which was given in the record as 1723 North 10th Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

It was discovered during examination of the above records, that JOHN LARRY RYAN's brother, JERRY RYAN, also was incarcerated at Menard State Penitentiary. JERRY RYAN had number 23737; from December, 30, 1954, to December 12, 1955, both RYANS were in the Menard State Prison together. Also from August, 1, 1953, to February 1, 1960, both were incarcerated at Menard at the same time.

Both RYANS listed their relatives the same. Correspondence in the file of JOHN LARRY RYAN while at Menard Prison consisted generally of correspondence going out to his mother, LUCILLE RYAN, 1913 Hickory Street, St. Louis, Missouri. Other communications were those to his sister, MELBA RYAN, 1201 South Main, Jacksonville, Illinois.

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Other sisters are CAROL RYAN, 1727 South 11th, St. Louis, Missouri; and CAROL ROGERS, 1701 Washington, Quincy, Illinois.

Listed as brothers in the file of RYAN are brother JERRY RYAN, the above mentioned, who was released May 6, 1960, from Menard. JERRY was charged with larceny and was from Adams County, Illinois. Also listed as a brother was JAMES RAY, Quincy, Illinois, no other address shown. It could not be determined if this JAMES E. RAY is identical with subject.

Other relatives noted in the file were MARY MAHER, Tremont Hotel, Quincy, Illinois, who is the grandmother of JOHN LARRY RYAN. Other outgoing communications were to RALPH HOWARD, Indianapolis, Indiana, no other address shown, and a communication in 1960 was directed to JAMES E. RAY, addressed to Leavenworth Prison, Kansas. Again, it is not known or is it shown by the record that this JAMES E. RAY is identical with subject.

Correspondence noted in the file of JERRY RYAN were outgoing communications going to PAT WITT, 3971 West Minister, St. Louis, Missouri. and RUBY DOBYNS, 3971 West Minister, St. Louis, Missouri. One communication was addressed to JERRY LANCASTER, 4431 North 19th Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

As above stated, the relatives shown for both JERRY RYAN and JOHN LARRY RYAN were identical in each file.

No other information helpful to this investigation was noted in these files.

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G. RUBY CARPENTER

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On 4/23/68, RUBY CARPENTER, 630 North Sixth Street, Quincy, Illinois, was interviewed at her home by SA ELYON H. DAVIS and SA MACK W. OLIVER. She furnished the following information.

In 1952, she was working in Quincy, Illinois at the Lincoln-Douglas Hotel. Also working at the hotel at that time was a JAMES GERALD RAY. She and RAY started going together and left Quincy, Illinois together and went to St. Louis, Missouri to live.

She stated at the time she left Quincy with RAY, he was married to LUCILLE RAY or LUCILLE RINE. RAY and his wife LUCILLE had seven children by their marriage to her knowledge. These included JAMES EARL RAY, JOHN RAY, also known as JACK RAY or JACK RINE, JERRY RAY, CAROL RAY, FRANKLIN D. RAY, SANDRA RAY, and [REDACTED]

She stated that before the RAY family moved to Quincy, Illinois from Ewing, Missouri, the father, JAMES GERALD RAY had obtained a job with the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad and had moved from Ewing, Missouri to Galesburg, Illinois where he worked for a short time as a switchman. He obtained a Social Security card before starting to work for the railroad under the name of RAYNES and he used the name of RAYNES during the time that she lived with RAY in St. Louis. She advised that she and RAY lived together in St. Louis from 1952 until 1961 and on 8/1/61, she married JAMES GERALD RAY at Palmyra, Missouri, the marriage vows and services being performed by the Methodist minister in that town. They lived together starting on that date on farm, Rural Route 1, Clarence, Missouri and this continued until RAY left her in December of 1963. She then obtained a divorce from RAY in Palmyra, Missouri in 1964 and returned to Quincy, Illinois. She stated that after he left her, JAMES GERALD RAY moved to Center, Missouri where he has continued to reside on a farm.