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WILLIAM COLLINS,  
West Virginia State Department  
of Motor Vehicles, Titles and  
Registration Division  
Charleston, W. Va.

Mrs. INEZ CHINN  
Kanawha County Voter Registration  
Charleston, W. Va.

LORETTA COOK  
Charleston Retail Credit Bureau  
Charleston, W. Va.

Captain GEORGE NUNLEY  
Police Department  
Charleston, W. Va.

SANDRA TAPLEY  
Criminal Identification Bureau  
West Virginia State Police  
Charleston, W. Va.

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LOOK ALIKES

ROBERT GRECO, 412 Countyview Court, Pittsburgh, advised April 7, 1968, that an unknown individual who resembles composite photograph of subject formerly patronized Moby Dick Lounge, Dearborn, Mich., when owned by his brother, NICK GRECO, 17048 Cambridge Allen Park, Mich., telephone 274-1676.

Suspect voiced strong dislike for KING and was once overheard to say KING would not live a year if he had to take care of him himself and that it would be quick as he would use a rifle.

Suspect associated with employees of a sign company near Moby Dick Lounge and is believed by GRECO to have some type of job connected with interstate trucking.

GRECO believes his brother can fully identify suspect.

Following information received by SAC IAN D. MacLENNAN:

At 5:00 PM, April 10, 1968, Captain NELSON PADEN, Huntington, W. Va., Police Department, telephonically advised that a reliable Negro male informant of his, a taxi driver, had just taken a man to the Huntington Airport, where he boarded flight 702 of Eastern Airlines leaving Huntington 4:30 PM, with stops at Charleston, Washington, D. C., and Allentown-Scranton.

Captain PADEN stated his informant had that day read in the Huntington newspapers a description of the man known as JOHN WILLARD and he believed that his passenger fit this description.

The following is a description furnished to Captain PADEN by his informant, of the man he picked up near the Job-Corps Center in Huntington and took to the airport:

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	36 years
Height	5'7" to 8" (Captain PADEN realized that the news item described him as much taller, but pointed out that his informant is quite short and for this reason still felt he should report this)
Weight	180 pounds
Build	Stocky
Hair	Sandy, brownish - combed back receding forehead
Attire	Blue suit, tan trench coat with checkered lining
Peculiarities	Large, prominent nose

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
CYRIL J. LAFFEY:

On April 6, 1968, Mr. ANGELO PIETROPAOLI, owner and operator, Motel Americanna, Route 30 East, Greensburg, Pa., telephonically contacted SA LAFFEY about 11:00 PM and advised that he has previously observed a sketch in the Saturday issue of the Pittsburgh Press on that date of the suspect killer of Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and a person similar to the sketch and of similar physical descriptive data, contained in the newspaper article was presently at the motel bar. Mr. PIETROPAOLI said that this individual telephoned from the bar for a motel room reservation, however, the motel was filled at that time, and there were no rooms available.

Mr. PIETROPAOLI said the individual was driving a light green Cadillac convertible with a white top, bearing Florida license plate 7WW6469.

On April 6, 1968, SA LAFFEY went to the Americanna Motel, and found a 1962 Cadillac convertible, light green body with white top, bearing Florida license 7WW6460, parked just outside the cocktail lounge.

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SA LAFHEY contacted Mr. DONALD WOODROW YOUNG, owner of the aforementioned Cadillac, who exhibited Florida registration certificate and Certificate of Title to the aforementioned 1962 Cadillac convertible, VIN 62F020055, Florida license 7WW6460. Mr. YOUNG further identified himself as the owner and operator of Don Young's Used Cars, 6135 East Colonial Drive, Orlando, Fla., and said that he was currently on a buying trip to Baltimore, Md., and had taken a side trip, "to visit a lady friend." Mr. YOUNG volunteered that he was not supposed to be in the Pittsburgh area, inasmuch as he is a married man, and he hoped his visit here would not cause him any embarrassment with his wife, who is presently in Florida.

SA LAFHEY determined from personal observations and identifying data that YOUNG was born [REDACTED] Baltimore, Md., had Florida Operator's License [REDACTED] and was described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	52
Height	5'11 1/2"
Eyes	Hazel
Weight	180 lbs.
Hair	Brown (bald with only fringe benefits)
Occupation	Salesman
Residence	1703 Marcia Drive Orlando, Fla.

YOUNG was dressed very neatly, and had a very fine neat well groomed mustache. It was further observed that YOUNG was well tanned, and looked much older than his age. YOUNG did not appear to be anything similar to the sketch in the October 6, 1968, issue of the Pittsburgh Press, which sketch was on the front page.

Persons, employed at the Holiday Inn, [REDACTED] were contacted on April 14, 1969.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
ROBERT D. WARDEN:

The following persons, employed at the Holiday Inn, Princeton, W. Va., were contacted on April 17, 1968, and shown the photograph of the suspect. All advised that he looked familiar, but could not definitely state whether he had been at the Inn or not.

Records of the Inn were checked from April 1 to 17, 1968, under the name GALT, with negative results:

Mrs. BETTY PETTREY, Cashier  
Mr. JOHN DESSINGER, Desk Clerk  
Mrs. GEORGIA WATSON, Desk Clerk  
Mrs. VIRGINIA KEESEE, Cashier  
Mr. M. W. BAXLEY, Innkeeper

MICHAEL ALLON, a partner in Treasure Island store, advised that on Monday, May 13, 1968, he stopped at a bar, name unknown, on Craig Street, near Forbes (a bowling alley nearby) and observed an individual who strongly resembles photo of ERIC STARVO GALT as displayed on TV. Suspect was with an older man, wore a black ski-type jacket, had a nervous twitch in eye and a pronounced ski slanted nose. ALLON stated the bartender knows identity of suspect.

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS:

On April 22, 1968, at approximately 12:30 PM, HERB SMITH, part-owner, Auto City Sales, 4825 Baum Boulevard, telephonically advised that an individual resembling the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY had been in his used-car lot attempting to trade a 1968 Ford coupe bearing Pennsylvania license OM6596. It was determined that the above license was issued to LLOYD W. WRIGHT, 2353 Ingomar Road, Pittsburgh. WRIGHT was supposed to return to the auto agency and, in fact, did return at approximately 3:00 PM. It was determined that he was not identical to JAMES EARL RAY at that time.

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On April 22, 1968, GEORGE BARNES, Owner, Craig Street Inn, 413 South Craig Street, JACK MALONE and AL VENTO, bartenders at the Craig Street Inn, were exhibited photographs of RAY. They all advised that they had never seen anyone resembling RAY in the bar. A copy of the wanted flier was left with BARNES, who stated he would immediately contact the FBI should anyone fitting that description enter.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA EUGENE C. JONES:

Inquiry at Lake Central Airlines, Clarksburg, W. Va., reflects no available records to verify arrival of CHARLES MOATS on Flight 534, April 18, 1968.

By description only, person appearing to be identical with MOATS, took taxi from airport to Clarksburg Bus Terminal on April 18, 1968, after arrival of Flight 534. This person made inquiry concerning Avis car rental but refused to rent car when \$200.00 deposit requested. This person indicated it would be cheaper to buy a car and was given directions to local Ford dealer. Contacts at bus terminal, hotels and motels, local police, train depot, Lake Central Airlines, and local Ford agency failed to locate MOATS. One CHARLES MOATS of Rowlesburg, W. Va., checked out this date and could not be identical with this person, based on description.

CHARLES WILLIAM MOATS, JR., located April 22, 1968, at Dixie Hotel, Weston, W. Va. He supplied sufficient information to identify him as person previously mentioned. MOATS employed on an ore boat "Middleton" out of Toledo, Ohio, March 11 through April 18, 1968. From description and identification in his possession, MOATS determined as not identical with subject in this case.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
LINNEY L. CONNOLLY, JR.:

The following persons were contacted on April 21,  
1968, and unsuccessful efforts to identify or locate  
CHARLIE MOATS:

At Phillipi, W. Va.

1. Sergeant D. L. TALBOTT  
West Virginia State Police
2. Trooper T. W. RECTOR  
West Virginia State Police
3. Patrolman EARL PITZER  
Phillipi Police Department
4. JOHN STEMPLE, Manager  
Stemple-Foreman Funeral Home
5. JAMES LYNN MOATS  
317 Columbia Avenue
6. HUBERT MOATS  
Mansfield Addition
7. DENNIS POOLE  
Mansfield Addition

At Moatsville, W. Va.

1. Mrs. D. C. KINES  
Assistant Postmaster
2. DONALD SEMMELMAN  
Barbour County Deputy Sheriff

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3. Mrs. WILLIS (ELLEN) MOATS
4. Mrs. CARL (PAULINE SHEETS) MOATS

The following investigation was conducted by SAs EUGENE C. JONES and R. STEPHEN THOMPSON in order to locate and identify CHARLES MOATS. The following is to reflect only the persons who were contacted on April 20, 1968:

EDWARD GRAY, Lake Central Airlines  
Bridgeport, W. Va.

CARROLL RAY, Lake Central Airlines  
Bridgeport, W. Va.

COLIN LEASE, Lake Central Airlines  
Bridgeport, W. Va.

RICHARD WEAVER, Lake Central Airlines  
Bridgeport, W. Va.

KENNETH HENLINE, White Top Taxi  
Driver and Hertz Rental Car Agent  
Clarksburg, W. Va.

WILLIAM WILSON, President, Wilson  
Motor Company, Clarksburg, W. Va.

Mrs. FRANK ZELLER, Vice President  
Odelson Motor Company  
Bridgeport, W. Va.

VIRGINIA HODGES, Secretary  
Odelson Motor Company  
Clarksburg, W. Va.

ROBERT CROSS, Manager  
Avis Rent-A-Car Agency  
Clarksburg, W. Va.



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SAs JONES and THOMPSON located one CHARLES MOATS, Rollesburg, W. Va., who was identified as being 22 years of age and did not in any way fit the description. An interview of MOATS and his parents indicated that he had never been outside of the State of West Virginia.

The following investigation in this case was conducted by SA JONES on April 21, 1968. These are the persons contacted with negative results in connection with locating the correct CHARLES MOATS:

Detective Sergeant GAYLORD LANHAM  
Police Department  
Clarksburg, W. Va.

Corporal BILL OSBORN  
West Virginia State Police  
Shinnston, W. Va.

Deputy Sheriff MATT MINARD  
Harrison County Sheriff's Office  
Clarksburg, W. Va.

SAM SELARIO, Owner  
Terrace Motel  
Clarksburg, W. Va.

Mrs. PAUL HALL, Owner,  
Colonial Motel  
Clarksburg, W. Va.

JAMES CUTRIGHT, Desk Clerk  
Evans Hotel  
Clarksburg, W. Va.

O. G. HARRIS, Manager  
Goff Hotel  
Clarksburg, W. Va.

Miss LOU WIMER, Desk Clerk  
Stonewall Jackson Hotel  
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D. BRUCE HANKEY, Ticket Agent  
Clarksburg Bus Terminal

GLENN A. KIMBLE, Ticket Agent  
Clarksburg Bus Terminal

JAMES COMER, Ticket Agent  
B & O Railroad, Clarksburg, W. Va.

On April 22, 1968, SA JONES conducted the following investigation in Clarksburg, W. Va., and was assisted in investigation in Buckhannon, W. Va., and Weston, W. Va., by SA LINNEY L. CONNOLLY, JR.:

The following persons were contacted:

DON KITTLE, Used Car Manager  
Wilson Motor Company  
Clarksburg, W. Va.

CHARLES GREEN, Ford Rental Service  
Wilson Motor Company  
Clarksburg, W. Va.

RICHARD MC DONALD, Driver  
United Taxi Company  
Clarksburg, W. Va.

Sergeant ROBERT GOOTS,  
Police Department  
Clarksburg, W. Va.

WANDA RICHARDSON, Dispatcher  
White Top Taxi Company  
Clarksburg, W. Va.

Mrs. BETTY FITTRO, Credit Bureau  
Clarksburg, W. Va.

DAVID WRIGHT, Manager  
Commercial Credit Corporation  
Clarksburg, W. Va.

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JEERY ALLEN COCHRAN, Owner  
Cochran Motor Company  
Buckhannon, W. Va.

Mrs. MABEL WILLIAMS  
Weston, W. Va.

CHARLES MOATS was located at the Dixie Hotel Weston, W. Va., and through interview and observation, it was determined that he was not identical with the subject in this case. He did provide information, however, establishing that he is the person who was referred to previously and that he did depart from Cleveland, Ohio, on April 18, 1968, via Northwest Airlines, to Washington, D. C., and then to Clarksburg, W. Va., by Lake Central Airlines, arriving at 3:12 PM on April 18, 1968. He took a White Top Taxicab from the airport to the Clarksburg Bus Terminal, and thereafter, boarded a Greyhound Bus on the same evening arriving in Weston, W. Va. He advised that he had been staying at the Dixie Hotel, however, on this date, April 22, 1968, he had been in Buckhannon, W. Va., visiting a friend and attempting to buy an automobile. He had just returned to Weston, and was visiting with his girlfriend who is the daughter of MABEL WILLIAMS. MOATS made available identification indicating that he was born on [redacted] at Braxton County, W. Va., and that from March 11, 1968, to April 18, 1968, he had been employed as an oiler on the ore boat "Middletown" owned by the Columbia Transportation Company, Cleveland, and he stated that during this period of time he was on board this boat making runs in the Great Lakes vicinity. He also furnished a U. S. Coast Guard pass reflecting that his name is CHARLES WILLIAM MOATS, JR., which also carried his photograph. MOATS advised that he had served a hitch in the U. S. Navy and had received an honorable discharge in June, 1966. The following descriptive information was obtained from MOATS or from observation:

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Name	CHARLES WILLIAM MOATS, JR.
Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Born	[redacted] Braxton County, W. Va.
Height	6'1"
Weight	180 pounds
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Gray
Build	Slender
Scars and marks	Two parallel 3" scars slanting across forehead to the right; one inch above the eye; tattoos - a rose with "Mom and Dad" on left upper arm; Eagle on right upper arm.
Marital Status	Single
Military Service	U.S. Navy (honorable discharge, June, 1966). Navy Serial No. [redacted]
Social Security No.	[redacted]
Merchant Marine No.	[redacted]
Relatives	Parents - Father - CHARLES WILLIAM MOATS, SR., Box 28, Heaters, W. Va.; Mother - MAUD ELIZABETH GIBSON MOATS, same address

MOATS carried a current Ohio Driver's license #E868624, issued February, 1968, showing his address as 19654 Drake Road, Strongsville, Ohio, which he states is the address of a friend, CHARLES ROBINSON.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS and SA NILE A. DUKE, JR.:

On April 22, 1968, CONRAD WITALIS, Vice President in charge of Electro Air Corp., McKees Rocks, Pa., advised that JOE S. RAGAN, JR., hired by that company March 27, 1967. RAGAN is employed as Sales Representative for States of Florida, Alabama, and Georgia. He resides at 6048

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Driftwood Trail, Mapleton, Ga.

RAGAN described as white male, 5'7", 150 lbs., brown hair.

Photographs viewed by WITALIS who stated not similar to RAGAN.

Mr. VERLE HARPER, Grandview Avenue, Elkins, W. Va., telephonically contacted SA LINNEY L. CONNOLLY, JR., on the evening of April 22, 1968, and advised that an individual had very recently contacted HUGH CURRENCE, real estate dealer, at Elkins, relative to purchasing property and that the individual bore a strong resemblance to the photograph of ERIC STARVO GAULT that has been prominently displayed in leading newspapers.

Mr. HUGH CURRENCE, Manager, Randolph Real Estate Agency, 216 Randolph Avenue, provided the following information on April 23, 1968:

He was contacted at his office by a man named JOHN JOSEPH O'HANLON on or about April 18, 1968, relative to property located at 100 Central Street, that has been put up for sale. Mr. CURRENCE advised that O'HANLON bears a facial resemblance to newspaper photographs of ERIC STARVO GAULT, but that he appears to be considerably older than GAULT. He said that O'HANLON was seeking a temporary place to stay as well as permanent real estate, and he, CURRENCE, made arrangements for O'HANLON to stay at the residence of his father on Grandview Avenue at Elkins.

It later developed that O'HANLON's speech and talk would sometimes be irrational and disconnected, and his father became uneasy in O'HANLON's presence. HUGH CURRENCE informed O'HANLON that he would have to find another place to live and O'HANLON departed his father's residence on the evening of April 22, 1968.

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Mr. CURRENCE described O'HANLON as a white male, approximately 40-50 years of age, 5'7", 165-170 lbs., stocky build.

JOHN E. BUSCH, JR., Attorney, Hippedrome Building, Elkins, W. Va., advised on April 23, 1968, that he is an attorney for HUGH CURRENCE and he telephonically contacted the Veterans Administration Hospital at Huntington, W. Va., in behalf of CURRENCE relative to JOHN JOSEPH O'HANLON. He spoke to a Mr. HAMBLIN and was informed that O'HANLON was refused a loan in August or September, 1967, on grounds that he was "medically incompetent." Mr. BUSCH said he was referred to the Regional Veterans Administration Hospital in New York City for further information. BUSCH said he observed O'HANLON in CURRENCE's office and that O'HANLON does bear a facial resemblance to GAULT. He said, however, that O'HANLON appears to be considerably older than GAULT.

Mrs. BONNIE MARSTILLER, Secretary, Cromwell Insurance Agency, Fifth Avenue, Elkins, provided the following information on April 23, 1968:

JOHN JOSEPH O'HANLON has been in contact with DORSEY FREY, real estate agent, concerning the purchase of property in Elkins, W. Va. Mr. FREY is presently out of town. Mrs. MARSTILLER is completely familiar with the O'HANLON case and has talked to him on several occasions.

She advised that O'HANLON does bear a facial resemblance to newspaper photographs of ERIC GAULT, but that she does not believe them to be one and the same individual. O'HANLON left with her office some personal papers showing a relationship with the Veterans Administration and she displayed a letter from the Regional Office, VA Hospital, 252 Seventh Avenue, New York, N.Y., dated March 4, 1967, addressed to JOHN J. O'HANLON, 939 Onderdonk Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y., VAC #21728520, which letter stated that O'HANLON was being awarded \$240 monthly beginning October 1, 1966. The letter also referred to previous payments to his account which had been discontinued.

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Mrs. MARSTILLER stated that O'HANLON had been in her office the last year in an effort to buy real estate and her office subsequently received a post card from him postmarked Miami, Fla., October 25, 1967, showing his return address as C/O R. MC GRAW, JR., M. D., 1803 Granada Boulevard, Coral Gables, Fla.

As SA CONNOLLY was preparing to leave Mrs. MARSTILLER's office, Mrs. MARSTILLER identified a man who was walking past the office as JOHN JOSEPH O'HANLON. O'HANLON was observed to go to the General Delivery window in the Elkins Post Office, where he apparently inquired as to mail. Close observation of O'HANLON at this time reflected him to be a white male, age approximately 50-55 years, height about 5'7", weight approximately 190 lbs., gray eyes, black hair, streaked with gray, paunchy build.

This observation of O'HANLON, as well as information provided by BONNIE MARSTILLER, reflects that he is not identical with ERIC STARVO GALT.

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS:

On April 26, 1968, HENRY BREWER, JR., 627 College Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., came to the Pittsburgh FBI Office, and advised that at approximately 9:35 AM, he observed an individual who resembled JAMES EARL RAY leaving Emil's Restaurant on Liberty Avenue. He advised that he had known RAY when RAY was in Leavenworth Penitentiary and was fairly certain the individual he saw was RAY. He admitted that he was presently taking psychiatric treatments in Pittsburgh.

BREWER, SA CURTIS, Assistant Special Agent in Charge THOMAS H. FARROW, and SAs RUSSELL M. GWYNNE and NILE A. DUKE, JR., went to Emil's Restaurant; however, the bartender, JOSEPH HOLLIICK, was unable to identify a photograph of RAY as having been in the restaurant approximately 30 minutes prior. The Greyhound Bus Station, Pennsylvania Railroad Station, Jerry's Bar, and the Roma Hotel, all located near Emil's Restaurant, were checked with negative results.

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The following investigation was conducted by Supervisor  
FRANK E. ALLISON:

At 7:05 PM, one FNU PELFREY telephonically contacted the writer from Huntington, W. Va., and advised that he had seen the individual being sought by the FBI in connection with the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He stated he had seen this person's picture on TV for the past two weeks and that he observed him in Easy Bill's Tavern, 14th Street West, Huntington, W. Va., approximately 20 minutes prior to calling. PELFREY was reluctant to furnish information as to where he could be located, but agreed to meet with an agent. He stated he would recontact the FBI Office in 30 minutes in order to learn where he could meet an FBI Agent. PELFREY advised that he had never seen this particular individual before and that he looked the same as the pictures shown on TV except that he now had a black beard.

It was determined that all agents assigned to the Huntington Resident Agency were in Williamson, W. Va. Officer DON BOLLING of the Huntington Police Department was contacted and advised that there is a "BOOTS" PELFREY in Huntington, who is a trouble maker and loudmouth and he stated that since there may be some basis for PELFREY's call, he would send a car to the area of Easy Bill's Tavern in an effort to observe anyone resembling the fugitive RAY.

At 7:25 PM, SA CARROLL telephonically contacted the writer from the Huntington Resident Agency and advised that he had just received a call from PELFREY at the Huntington Resident Agency. CARROLL was requested to contact Officer BOLLING of the Police Department and attempt to resolve the matter.

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
ROBERT J. CARROLL:

On April 30, 1968, at approximately 7:00 PM,  
an individual who identified himself as JAMES PELFREY,



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517 Evans Street, Huntington, W. Va., telephonically advised he had just seen a man resembling JAMES EARL RAY at the Old Town Tavern on 14th Street West, Huntington, W. Va. PELFREY stated the man was at least 6'4" in height and had a heavy beard. He could furnish no other descriptive data. He stated he would wait at Lewis' Grocery, 14th Street West, Huntington, W. Va., to be interviewed. It is noted PELFREY was difficult to understand and sounded inebriated. He also stated he had already alerted other FBI agents to the man's location. He was unable to advise who the other agents were or their location.

Telephonic contact with the Pittsburgh Office revealed that a man identifying himself as PELFREY had called a short time previously with essentially the same information except that he claimed the man resembling RAY was at Easy Bill's Tavern.

Desk Sergeant DON BOLLING, Huntington Police Department, was immediately contacted regarding the above. He stated JAMES PELFREY is a habitual drunkard and trouble-maker in the community. He also stated PELFREY has never furnished reliable information to the police, but is more inclined to deliberately mislead officers in investigations. He also advised the locations described by PELFREY are the worst areas of town. He stated he would immediately dispatch two detectives to the location and attempt to locate the individual described by PELFREY and also interview PELFREY if he could be located. He stated his department had an ample supply of wanted posters concerning JAMES EARL RAY and he would instruct the detectives to distribute these during their investigation.

Later in the same evening, Desk Sergeant BOLLING advised the detectives had finished their inquiries on 14th Street West concerning RAY and had determined no one matching RAY's description had been in the area. He also stated the detectives were unable to locate PELFREY for interview. He advised there was some indication the incident was a deliberate hoax.

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The following investigation was conducted at McMurray, Pa., by SA J. EDWARD MADVAY, on April 26, 1968:

Mrs. WILLIAM E. GIBSON, 139 Lakeview Drive, McMurray, advised that her daughter, JACQUELINE GIBSON, is employed as an elementary school teacher at the Elm Grove School in McMurray, Peters Township, Pa.

JACQUELINE GIBSON, located at the Elm Grove School, advised that she had read accounts of the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING in the local press and had observed the artist conception sketch which appeared in the press. After looking at this sketch she concluded that it resembled very strongly a former school teacher of hers named JOHN MERRYMAN. She advised that teacher MERRYMAN taught her Problems in Democracy when she was a high school student and she recalled that he, when he left the Peters Township area, maybe now teaching in the Pittsburgh area in either Pitt or Carnegie Institute of Technology. Miss GIBSON was shown the photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT with his eyes closed and with his eyes drawn in by an FBI artist, and she advised that this photograph did not in any way resemble the JOHN MERRYMAN she mentioned. She described JOHN MERRYMAN as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	About 29
Height and weight	Unknown
Build	Thin
Employment	As a teacher at either Pitt or Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh.

She stated definitely that the actual photograph of GALT did not in any way resemble MERRYMAN and had originally contacted the FBI because of her original thought of the similarity between the artist's sketch and MERRYMAN.

At about 10:15 PM, May 2, 1968, Mr. CALVIN PLYER, Barton, W. Va., telephonically advised SA GEORGE A. PATTERSON that on April 22, 1968, two white males in a

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1961 or 1962 white Chevrolet Impala bearing Louisiana license, number unknown, purchased gas and tires in the amount of \$42.28 at PLYER's Gulf Station in Bartow, using Gulf Credit Card #13 12 68 15 52 in the name of S. G. STEINER, address not recalled in Louisiana. One of the men who was wearing cowboy hat and cowboy boots signed the purchase slip with the name JAMES HAMMONS. He stated he was from Oklahoma and had just arrived in the area to work with a core drilling outfit. PLYER discovered that HAMMONS left the area immediately after the purchase, and there are no drillers in the area. Also, this credit card had been cancelled about one week prior to April 22, 1968.

On May 2, 1968, PLYER read in a newspaper that JAMES EARL RAY had an associate from New Orleans, La., named STEIN and similarities in names, STEIN and STEINER, caused him to conclude that HAMMONS may have been RAY. He could not recall descriptions of the man with HAMMONS, other than he was a white male with a "fat face." PLYER said he recorded license number of the Chevrolet on the purchase slip, but no longer has record of the number as the slip has been forwarded to Gulf Oil Company Headquarters in Philadelphia, Pa. PLYER also advised that information that the card had been cancelled came from Gulf Headquarters in Houston, Texas.

The following investigation was conducted by SA RAY J. COLIN:

On May 8, 1968, Mrs. LOVEI GEYER, 1306 Third Avenue, New Kensington, Pa., phone 337 4242, a Negro, advised that a man resembling JAMES EARL RAY lived in New Kensington at the Clark Hotel from October to December, 1967. She said that he had a scar on his forehead and his ears stuck out and his nose was shaped like subject's. She said that she asked him why he, a white man, lived with the Negroes, and that he said he wrote too many bad checks. She said the only thing unlike RAY was that this man had black hair. She said that he worked for a garbage collection firm but it was not New Kensington and that she was unable to identify the firm. The man gave the name JIM DAVIS.

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The phone book lists Clark's Hotel, 304-8th Street, 337 6651. Mrs. GEYER called back and added that subject drank nothing but beer.

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS:

On May 13, 1968, ELLA V. CLARK, Owner of the Clark Hotel, 304 8th Street, New Kensington, Pa., was interviewed and advised that one JIM DAVIS had resided in Room 21 from September 23, 1967, until December 9, 1967. She described DAVIS as a white male, 38-39 years of age, 5'7" tall, 150 pounds, dark hair. She was exhibited photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and said that DAVIS did not resemble him at all.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS and RONALD WETHERINGTON:

On May 9, 1968, DONALD JAMES MacDONALD, 2531 Fleming Street, was interviewed and advised he left Pittsburgh on May 5, 1968, via United Airlines enroute to Tampa, Fla., to attend the American Hospital Association meeting at the International Inn. While there, he stayed at the Sokal Motel. He was accompanied by THOMAS JENNINGS and THOMAS GENTILE from Pittsburgh. He departed Tampa on May 8, 1968, via Delta Airlines enroute to Atlanta, where he made connections with United Airlines for Pittsburgh.

MacDONALD is the Director of the Health Center, Hospital Service Corporation, 304 Jumonville Street, Pittsburgh. MacDONALD was eliminated as being identical with RAY through personal observation.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JOHN S. HUGHES:

On the evening of May 1, 1968, SA HUGHES was contacted by Night Clerk WILLIAM R. JUDD, when JUDD advised that the Bureau had just received a telephone call from JOHN KING, R. D., Hooversville, Pa., who indicated that he was then in the Palace Hotel at Windber, Pa., and that he was drinking next to an individual he was certain was identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

The writer proceeded to Windber, Pa., where with Lt. TOM SNYDER of the Windber Police Department, KING was found in an extremely intoxicated condition at the Palace Hotel. KING pointed out a local resident, FRED FAUST, as being identical with RAY.

Lt. SNYDER was acquainted with everyone in the Palace Hotel with the exception of KING, and when KING became abusive, he was charged by the local police with being drunk and disorderly.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN S. HUGHES:

Investigation at Everett, Pa., disclosed that THOMAS S. SMOUSE of R. D. #1, Everett, is a gasoline attendant at the Esso Service Station on the westbound lane of the Pennsylvania Turnpike near Bedford, Pa.

SMOUSE was contacted at his place of employment by SA JOHN S. HUGHES on May 7, 1968, when his letter to the Bureau was orally acknowledged.

SMOUSE stated that at approximately 2:00 AM on April 21, 1968, a man came into his service station and asked if he could sleep in his vehicle for approximately one-half hour. The man explained that he had to be in Chicago, Ill., on Sunday, April 22, 1968, and that he did not desire to sleep too long. SMOUSE stated that the man went into the rest room in the gasoline station and then returned and made the comment to SMOUSE that he felt that he was much too tired to sleep for only one-half hour and decided that it would be better if SMOUSE would awake him at approximately 5:00 AM.

SMOUSE stated that he permitted the man to sleep in the car until 5:00 AM and then attempted to arouse him. At this point, two young Pennsylvania State Police officers came into the service station and SMOUSE explained the problem to them. He stated that they laughingly blew the siren on the State Police vehicle frightening the man badly. He stated they did not question him even though he, SMOUSE, noted to these officers that the man in his opinion looked very much like the man who killed MARTIN LUTHER KING.

SMOUSE advised that he was suspicious of the man because of his haggard looking condition and because of his dirty dress and, therefore, took the license number of the vehicle, a blue Mustang, which he described as having Georgia license 3D20121, and some sort of an Army sticker on the bumper which had the number 6231.

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SMOUSE advised that shortly after the State Police blew the siren, the man departed in a westerly direction in the above-described vehicle.

SMOUSE described the man as follows:

Age	30 - 36
Build	Muscular
Height	5'8"
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Dark
Complexion	Dark
Accent	Either a southern or south-western accent
Appearance	Generally giving appearance of Mexican extraction

SMOUSE was shown all available photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, when he stated that in reviewing all the photographs, he doubts that the man who was in his service station was identical with the subject.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA LOY F. WEAVER:

On May 9, 1968, STEPHEN IVAN STOLLER was located and interviewed at Williamson, W. Va. STOLLER said he was in attendance at a meeting at the Paschal's Motel in Atlanta, Ga., on March 14, 1968. He is unable to recall the names and descriptions of any other people present. He does recall being introduced to two white males in the lobby of the motel by CARL BRADEN of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF). He does not recall the names of either of these persons.

The following is a description of STOLLER as obtained from observation and interview:

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Name	STEPHEN IVAN STOLLER
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Brooklyn, N.Y.
Height	5'9"
Weight	150 pounds
Hair	Brown, long
Eyes	Hazel
Parents	DANIEL and ROSE STOLLER 120 Dogwood Road Roslyn, N.Y.
Residence	Mulberry Street Williamson, W. Va.
Receives mail	c/o Mingo County Equal Opportunity Committee (EOC) Williamson, W. Va.

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
WILLIAM T. DOUGHERTY:

On April 24, 1968, Chief of Police FRED ARBOGAST, Point Marion Police Department, Point Marion, Pa., telephonically advised that one MARTHA PRICE, 9 Main Street, Point Marion, Pa., tentatively identified the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as being identical with an individual who was presently renting a room at her home in Point Marion, Pa. He added that he had received information from PRICE that this individual registered as RUSSELL GRIFFIN during the evening hours of April 23, 1968. He further related that this individual was allegedly employed at the new Fort Martin Power Plant in Fort Martin, W. Va. He added that this individual was also driving a Ford truck, white in color, bearing Louisiana license 191-124.

On April 24, 1968, RUSSELL GRIFFIN was interviewed at his present place of employment, Fort Martin Power Plant, Fort Martin, W. Va., which is located a few miles outside of Point Marion, Pa. GRIFFIN produced a Louisiana driver's



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license, dated February 6, 1967, in the name of RUSSELL L. GRIFFIN, address 122 Fairview Drive, Bastrop, La. GRIFFIN further related that he was born on [redacted] at Princeton, Ind. GRIFFIN related that he was presently employed as an electrician at Fort Martin Power Plant, and that he was temporarily residing in a room at 9 Main Street in Point Marion, Pa.

GRIFFIN advised that he left the state of Louisiana during the latter part of March, 1968, and on the last Saturday in March, 1968, he drove through Memphis, Tenn. He said that he did not stop in Memphis, and that for the past three weeks, he had been working in Toledo, Ohio.

The following description of GRIFFIN was obtained through observation and interview:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	6'1"
Weight	175 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Hazel
Scars and marks	Scar on base of skull
Social Security No.	[redacted]

GRIFFIN was then fingerprinted, and his fingerprints were compared with those of JAMES EARL RAY, IO #4182, and it was determined that GRIFFIN was not identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS:

On May 15, 1968, Miss PAMELA WILSON, Traveler's Aid, Pennsylvania Railroad Station, advised that an individual resembling JAMES EARL RAY approached her desk and asked

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her to watch his briefcase. She stated that he talked in a rambling fashion and made mention of the fact that he had traveled through the south. He said he arrived in Pittsburgh the prior evening and had slept at the Greyhound Bus Station. She became suspicious since his suit was well pressed and he was clean shaven. He had no money and wanted to go to New York City, however, she did not furnish him money for this purpose.

He then requested a place to stay so then she sent him to the Salvation Army shelter. She later checked at the shelter and found that he had not arrived.

She was exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that after viewing them the individual she had talked with earlier was not JAMES EARL RAY.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN B. WOODRUFF:

On May 17, 1968, Special Agent BUSTER WILLIAMS, U.S. Secret Service, Charleston, W. Va., advised that Patrolman BEN BLACK, Police Department, Charleston, W. Va., was trying to get hold of the FBI as a local barber had cut a man's hair and he believed the man was the one wanted for the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Patrolman BLACK and TOM GREENE, a local salesman, were located on Summers Street, Charleston, W. Va., and it was determined that a short time before, EVERETT EPLIN, a local barber at 618 Virginia Street, believed he had cut the hair of the man wanted for the KING murder. He had followed the man outside his barber shop and when he saw TOM GREENE he asked GREENE to follow the man and find out where he went and report same to the police. GREENE followed the man and he and a woman, believed to be the man's wife, got into a 1967 or 1968 cream colored Dodge with Florida license 1192795 or 1192759.

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They drove east on Virginia Street in Charleston and disappeared. GREENE said he did not get a close look at the man and could not identify him.

EVERETT EPLIN, barber, 618 Virginia Street, Charleston, W. Va., advised he had cut the hair of a man who appeared nervous to him and who in his conversation said he had just come up from Florida. This man had a wrinkle in the middle of his forehead and a cut scar in his right eyebrow. He was on the short side and somewhat stocky, and one of his ears appeared to be different from the other slightly. There was a woman with him who wore wedding rings and appeared to be the man's wife.

Mr. EPLIN said that the man appeared to him to look like the picture he had seen in the local paper of the KING murderer.

Mr. EPLIN was shown photographs of subject RAY as appearing on the wanted flyer and the IO and he said the man "did not look like any of those pictures, but he looked like the picture in the paper." EPLIN could not pinpoint which picture was in the paper or when, but he positively stated that the man did not look like any of the three photos on the fliers.

It should be noted that Mr. EPLIN is a former county constable from several years back and he has been a barber for many years. He is in his 70's and he still is somewhat of a policeman at heart.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA EDWARD C. WATKINS:

RAYMOND SHORT, Baileysville, W. Va., phone - 304-732-7538, telephonically contacted the Pittsburgh Office on May 12, 1968, and advised that he lives on a rural dirt road in the Baileysville area. On May 11, 1968, while driving on this road with his wife, they passed a white male, 5'8", 165 lbs. SHORT is a disabled veteran who has lived in the area most of his life. This man was a stranger.

In the paper on May 12, 1968, SHORT saw a picture of JAMES EARL RAY. The photograph of RAY appeared to be very similar to the individual he and his wife saw walking along the road.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA ROBERT D. WARDEN:

On May 22, 1968, Mrs. RAYMOND SHORT, Baileysville, W. Va., advised SA ROBERT D. WARDEN that she had nothing to add to the information previously furnished the Pittsburgh Office on May 12, 1968, other than that she and her husband had just seen the photograph of RAY in the newspaper and had been driving down a rural dirt road when they saw an individual who looked like the photo that she had just seen.

Mrs. SHORT advised that neither she nor her husband have seen this individual since that date, and that it had been only for a brief period then.

It is to be noted that the SHORTs live in a rural area where there are very few houses.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA EARL W. GALLOWAY:

On May 20, 1968, Mrs. ESTHER RAYMOND, Epworth Manner Nursing Home, Tyrone, Pa., advised that she had written no letters to anyone concerning the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., nor did she possess any information on that matter.

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She advised that she was originally from Genesee, Pa., and had many relatives with the last name of RAYMOND residing in the vicinity of Coudersport, but she was not aware of any of them who used the first initial of "E." She also advised that the Coudersport area was frequented by many migrant Negro workers from Florida.

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The following investigation at Erie, Pa., was conducted by SA FRANK H. GEIERMANN:

THERESA BAXTER, 1523 State Street, Erie, Pa., was contacted on May 2, 1968. She advised that on or about April 18, 1968, she had been in Jamors Restaurant, also located at 1523 State Street, Erie, Pa. She stated that while she was in the restaurant, she noticed an individual sitting at the counter and she advised that when this individual passed her on his way out of the restaurant, she noted that he had extremely clear blue eyes and advised that at the time she felt he resembled a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, which she had observed in the Erie newspaper. She stated that this individual crossed State Street after he left the restaurant, and got into a truck drawing a red flatbed semi-trailer, and proceeded up State Street. She advised that to the best of her recollection, she had never seen this individual prior to that time, and stated that she has not seen him since this incident.

BAXTER was shown a copy of I. O. Number 4182 on JAMES EARL RAY, and stated that while there is some resemblance to the individual she saw in the restaurant, she does not believe that the individual is identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

A photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was displayed to MARIE KISCHEL, owner, Jamors Restaurant, as well as MARY HILLIGAN and STELLA DOROSCH, both waitresses at Jamors Restaurant, all of whom advised that the photograph of RAY does not appear familiar to them and that they do not believe RAY has ever been a customer at Jamors Restaurant.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA EUGENE C. JONES:

On May 3, 1968, Detective Lieutenants JABA SWIGER, Police Department, Clarksburg, W. Va., and WAYNE STUTLER, Police Department, Fairmont, W. Va., were contacted by SA EUGENE C. JONES in connection with any unidentified latents obtained after April 23, 1968, and requested that they be compared with the Identification Order on JAMES EARL RAY. None have been obtained since that date by either department but they will check future latents with this Identification Order as part of their investigation.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA J. EDWARD MADVAY:

On May 2, 1968, Trooper EDWARD MORASCZYK, Bureau of Criminal Identification, Pennsylvania State Police, Washington, Pa., was contacted regarding his handling of unidentified latent fingerprints and the maintenance of a latent fingerprint file. Trooper MORACZYK advised that he is the Bureau of Criminal Identification man for the Pennsylvania State Police covering all of Washington County, including other counties, and that whenever he develops a latent fingerprint at the scene of a crime, he retains that latent fingerprint in his own possession until such time as he might be able to identify it was a fingerprint, and added that their procedure for comparing these latents with any other files, fingerprints, latents or otherwise, is without policy. He said that after a while, these latents become lost, destroyed or thrown away, and there is not set pattern for holding them. He advised there is no other agency in the county which maintains latent fingerprint files and any latents developed by any other police department are sent to the Pennsylvania State Police for comparison with known fingerprints and then returned to the department. He said that to compare the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY with any unidentified fingerprints obtained in Washington County would be impossible since these prints are not maintained.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JOHN S. HUGHES:

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Sergeant HAROLD BERKEBILE, Police Department, Johnstown, Pa., advised on May 3, 1968, that his department currently has no unidentified latent fingerprints developed during the course of an investigation by his officers, and that he, therefore, cannot compare them with those of JAMES EARL RAY.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA WILLIAM T. DOUGHERTY:

On May 6, 1968, the below-listed individuals were contacted, and they advised that their respective departments do not have any unidentified latent fingerprints on file that were obtained after April 23, 1967:

Detective LAWRENCE BLAIR, Uniontown Police  
Department, Uniontown, Pa.

Trooper RICHARD KARA, Pennsylvania State  
Police, Uniontown, Pa.

Detective NICK STASIA, Connellsville Police  
Department, Connellsville, Pa.

Sergeant ROBERT DUGAN, Pennsylvania State  
Police, Waynesburg, Pa.

Deputy Sheriff REMO BERTUGLI, Greene County  
Sheriff's Office, Waynesburg, Pa.

On May 1, 1968, SA EDWARD R. FLEMING, JR., advised that there are no police agencies in the Martinsburg, W. Va., Resident Agency territory which maintain unidentified latent fingerprints.

On May 1, 1968, SA RICHARD A. JONES advised that there are no police agencies in the Wheeling, W. Va., Resident Agency territory which maintain unidentified latent fingerprints.



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### LAUNDRIES

The following investigation was conducted by SA EDWARD R. FLEMING, JR., on April 11, 1968:

A check of yellow sections of all telephone directories covering communities in Mineral, Hampshire, Morgan, and Jefferson Counties, W. Va., was made and no laundry was listed.

In Berkeley County, W. Va., two laundries were located, as follows:

Rockwell Cleaners and Launderers,  
126 South Raleigh Street,  
Martinsburg, W. Va.

Martinsburg Laundry and Dry Cleaning  
Company, 301 East Stephen Street,  
Martinsburg, W. Va.

GRANT SEABRIGHT, Manager, Martinsburg Laundry, on April 11, 1968, said his firm does not use a thermo-seal marking machine.

On April 11, 1968, S. L. ROCKWELL, Rockwell Cleaners and Launderers, said his firm does use a thermo-seal marking machine, but that the coding "O2B-6" or "D2B-6" is not used by his firm.

ROCKWELL added, for possible assistance, that there are ten colors used and available to firms that use the thermo-seal machine, but he does not use the red color; that in his operations, only five colors are used, and that he changes the color of the marking with every lot. He said that the code numbers are broken into the lot number, an alphabetical letter for the week, and a bundle number, running from one to twenty. He said he knows no one in the eastern section of West Virginia who uses a thermo-seal machine, and believes the closest is at York, Pa.

HARRY BEARD, Chief, Laundry Section, Veterans Administration Center, Martinsburg, W. Va., said that the laundry for patients and domiciliary members at the Center

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is done in his section; that most installations similar to this have laundry facilities and use varying types of marking equipment; but that his installation does not use a thermo-seal machine.

BEARD, SEABRIGHT, and ROCKWELL all said they no of no other laundry facilities in any of the five counties covered by the Martinsburg, W. Va., Resident Agency.

The following investigation was conducted by SA RAY V. SHOEMAKER:

On April 10 - 11, 1968, all laundries in Huntington, W. Va., were contacted by SA SHOEMAKER, and all advised that they do not use red cloth laundry tags. Also contacted were the Riverside Paper Company, Huntington, and the W. T. Rife Company, Huntington, the only two distributors of laundry tags in Huntington, and they advised they have had no calls for red laundry tags.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ALBERT E. KLEBE, JR.:

On April 10, 1968, the following individuals were contacted by SA ALBERT E. KLEBE, JR., regarding a red cloth laundry tag, one-fourth-inch wide, one and one-sixteenth inches long, containing the letters "O2B-6" or "D2B-6," but they were unable to furnish any information regarding such a tag:

LAWRENCE MC CABE, Owner,  
McCabe Cleaners, 3610 Eoff,  
Wheeling, W. Va.

Miss CLARICE MARTIN, Owner,  
One Hour Martinizing,  
Main Street, New Martinsville, W. Va.

Mrs. BARBARA WHITLACH, Operator,  
Thrifty Wash, 1 Linden Avenue,  
Moundsville, W. Va.

HENRY GRAMMER, Owner and Manager,  
Budd Cleaners, Inc., Eighth and  
Lafayette, Moundsville, W. Va.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JOHN B. WOODRUFF; on April 10, 1968:

The following laundries in the Charleston, W. Va.,  
area were telephonically contacted and none of them use  
laundry markings of the Thermo-Seal Marking Machine or  
anything similar:

Bell Laundry

Bon-Ton

Colemans

Dixie

Elite

Kanawha Valley

Miracle

Peerless

Quality Service

Superior

White Quality

Mr. SCHMIDT, of Superior Laundry, advised that he  
knew of no one in the area who used Textile Marking Machine  
Company tags because it is too expensive an operation for a  
small laundry. He said the closest one to Charleston is  
located at Lexington Laundry, Lexington, Ky.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA R. STEPHEN THOMPSON, on April 10, 1968, who contacted the  
following laundries in Taylor, Preston, and Monongalia  
Counties, W. Va., with negative results:

Robinson Cleaners,  
Luzadder, W. Va.

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Kingwood Cleaners, Kingwood, W. Va.

The following laundries are all located in Morgantown, W. Va.:

Conner's Master Cleaner,  
612 Richwood Avenue

Hartley's Cleaners,  
432 Spruce Street

Bill's Launderette,  
1225 University Avenue

Massullo's Cleaners and Tailors,  
447 High Street

Peerless Laundries, Inc.,  
221 East Brockway

Pickett's Dry Cleaning Company,  
3529 University Avenue

Pickett's Town Cleaners,  
311 Carson

South Side Cleaners,  
430 Winsley

The following investigation was conducted by SA FRANK H. GEIERMANN; on April 11, 1968:

In connection with the contact of all laundries in Crawford, Venango, Elk and Forest Counties, the following were telephonically contacted, with negative results:

MARVIN KESSLER, Kessler Cleaner and Laundry, 287 Seneca Street, Oil City, Pa. He states he does not use cloth tags. He advised there are no other laundries in the Oil City and Franklin area which do their own flat work.

LOUIS HELFRICH, 243 West Spring Street, Titusville, Pa., advised he used marking machine and no cloth tags used.

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HERB OLSON, Ridgway Dry Cleaner and Laundry, 141 West Main Street, Ridgway, Pa., advised flat work sent to Bruzzi Laundry, Coudersport, Pa.

Mrs. VIOLA BENZUTTI, Economy Cleaners, Johnsonburg, Pa., advised all flat work sent to Brockway, Pa. No cloth tags used.

KEN LUCAS, Meadville Laundry, 299 North Street, Meadville, Pa., advised marking machine used. No tags used.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA WILLIAM T. DOUGHERTY:

On April 10, 1968, the below-listed individuals were contacted, and they advised that their laundries did not use any type of a thermo-seal marking machine in marking their laundry:

(1) HELEN WONTROBA, Clerk, French Cleaners, Inc., 366 South Mount Vernon Avenue, Uniontown, Pa.

(2) PEARL GAUDIANO, Manager, Orchid One Hour Cleaners, 104 South Beeson Boulevard, Uniontown, Pa.

(3) Mr. ROBERT RECKERD, Manager, Simpson's Linen Service, 34 Millview Street, Uniontown, Pa.

(4) Mrs. DOROTHY VARNEY, Owner, Varney's Laundry and Dry Cleaning Service, Bute Road, Uniontown, Pa.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA MYRON H. TRETER:

On April 10, 1968, the following laundries located in Erie County, according to the yellow pages of the telephone directory, were telephonically contacted. All advised that they did not mark their laundry with cloth tags, but rather with an ink marking device. (Name of laundry followed by person contacted.)

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Anthony's Cleaners and Laundry,  
2424 Peach Street, and  
3759 West Twelfth Street,  
Erie, Pa., Mrs. GLADYS MUMFORD

City Cleaners and Laundry,  
101 West Tenth Street, Erie, Pa.,  
JAMES GADDY

Erie Laundry, 530 East Nineteenth  
Street, Erie, Pa., GILBERT REISER

Franks Cleaners and Laundry,  
1811 West Eighth Street, Erie,  
JEAN HAMMER

Kline's Dry Cleaning and Laundry,  
2829 West Twentysixth Street, and  
1162 West Eighth Street, Erie,  
JOSEPH KLINE

Linn Cleaners and Shirt Laundry,  
1211 West Twentysixth Street,  
Erie, EDWARD F. LINN

LaMartin Laundry, 61 South Lake Street,  
North East, Pa., EMBRY LA MARTIN

Troy Laundry, 416 State Street, Erie,  
now out of business, but former owner,  
JOHN TOZER, contacted

It is here being noted that Erie Laundry is the only large laundry in Erie still doing a large volume of laundry business. The others take shirts and bachelor bundles. Mr. REISER advised that to his knowledge, there is not any laundry in the area which uses cloth tags and none used by his firm in over ten years. Cloth tags used by his company were not of type looking for in instant matter.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA RICHARD A. JONES:

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On April 10, 1968, the following individuals were contacted by SA JONES, regarding a red cloth laundry tag, one-fourth inch wide, one and one-sixteenth inches long, containing the letters "O2B-6," or "D2B-6," but they were unable to identify it:

Aul and Shively, Inc., 816  
McColloch, Wheeling, W. Va.,  
JOSEPH KELLY, Manager

Home Pearl Laundry, Inc., 330 Hazlett  
Avenue, Wheeling, NORMAN MARK, Manager

Carol's One Hour Cleaners, 1033  
Main, Wheeling, JAMES MC GRAIL, Manager

Wheeling Quality Laundry Company,  
6 Mount Wood Road, HELEN CIHY,  
Supervisor

Odorless Cleaners, 95-Sixteenth Street,  
Wheeling, MARTHA RADASH, Supervisor

One Hour Martinizing, 1040 Market,  
Wheeling, Mrs. JUNE PERONI, Supervisor

McClaskey Cleaners, 1137 National Road,  
Mrs. MARY BAUER, Employee

U-Wanta Linen Supply Company, Inc.,  
307 Kenney Street, Wheeling,  
ARDEN WILSON, Manager

State Cleaners and Shirt Laundry,  
2066 National Road, Wheeling,  
VIRGINIA ACKERSON, Employee

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JAMES V. KINNANE, on April 11, 1968:

Telephonic contact at the Bradford Laundry and Dry  
Cleaners, 210 Lang Maid Drive, Bradford, Pa., disclosed that

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this is the only laundry in Bradford marking clothing and all such marking is done by ink. It was also determined that all industrial laundry for Bradford is handled by the Coyne Company, Jamestown, N.Y.

Similar information was also obtained at the Warren Laundry, Warren, Pa.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA DEAN M. HOWEN:

On April 10, 1968, the following laundries, the only complete laundries in the Beckley, W. Va., Resident Agency area, were contacted, and none use thermo-seal marking machines, red tags, nor were numbers "O2B-6" or "D2B-6" their laundry numbers:

Richmond Cleaners and Laundry, Beckley,  
W. Va.

Raleigh Cleaners and Laundry, Beckley

Crown Cleaners and Laundry, Beckley,  
which does its laundry in plant at  
Hinton, W. Va.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA EUGENE F. CABLE; on April 10, 1968:

All laundries noted in yellow pages, Ambridge, Aliquippa, and Beaver Valley, covering all of Beaver County, Pa., telephonically contacted and negative.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA WILLIAM T. HENDON, JR.:

In connection with this matter, the following laundries were contacted to determine if they used a thermo-seal marking machine, with the following identification symbols: "O2B-6" or "D2B-6." All of these laundries advised that they did not use a thermo-seal marking machine, and they were unable to provide the names of any laundries in their communities which used such a machine. The laundries were contacted on April 10 - 12, 1968:



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A. C. Laundry, Inc., 101 Tiona  
Street, Punxsutawney, Pa.,  
MACK H. CURRY, Assistant Manager

Sawyer Laundry, 366 Philadelphia  
Street, Indiana, Pa., EDWIN SAWYER,  
owner

One Hour Martinizing, 715 Philadelphia  
Street, Indiana, Pa., JOHN HAMMERLE,  
owner

Kline's Drycleaner, 54 Barnett Street,  
Brookfield, Pa., BERNARD KLINE, owner

Teeters Cleaning Company, 139 Market  
Street, Leechburg, Pa., JOHN W.  
TEETERS, owner

Yee Sam Laundry, Kittanning, Pa.,  
JAMES YEE, Manager

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA CYRIL J. LAFHEY:

On April 10, and 11, 1968, the following laundries  
in Westmoreland County, Pa., were contacted, and all advised  
that they did not utilize a thermo-marking machine in connection  
with the processing of laundry items and could not furnish the  
name of any laundries in the local area utilizing the thermo-  
marking machine:

Mr. HARRY FINE, Manager, Keystone Laundry  
and Drycleaning Company, 201 Alwine  
Avenue, Greensburg, Pa.

Mr. ERNEST BENFORD, Owner, Benford's  
Master Cleaners and Laundry, 722  
Green Street, Southwest, Greensburg

Mrs. LILLIAN PAINTER, Manager, Valet  
One Hour Service, 106 South Pennsylvania  
Avenue, Greensburg, Pa.

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Mrs. SAMUEL (ELIZABETH) RANERI,  
Manager and wife of owner,  
Westmoreland Cleaners, 512 New  
Alexander Road, Route #119, Greensburg,  
Pa.

Mrs. MARY KIDD, Supervisor, Model  
Cleaning and Laundry Company,  
14th and Gaskill Avenue,  
Jeannette, Pa.

Mr. HERMAN CIARIMBOLI, Owner, Youngwood  
Drycleaners and Laundry, 3 South Fourth  
Street, Youngwood, Pa.

Mr. CHARLES W. SPAHR, Owner, Monessen  
Laundry and Drycleaning Company, Second  
and Donora Avenue, Monessen, Pa.

Mr. JAMES DRIZOS, Owner, American  
Cleaners, 418 Donner Avenue, Monessen, Pa.

Mr. JIM CAVIRIS, Manager, Union Cleaners  
Company, Main Plant, Eleventh and  
Donora, Monessen, Pa.

Mr. CARL SMITH, Owner, Smith's Ideal  
Cleaning Company, Main Plant, 2801  
Leechburg Road, New Kensington, Pa.

Mr. FRANK PELLEGRINO, Plant Manager,  
Walzers Cleaning Company, Main Plant,  
408 Eighth Street, New Kensington, Pa.

Mr. ROY GINTER, Manager, Latrobe Laundry,  
1417 Ligonier Street, Latrobe, Pa.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JOSEPH A. SMITH, JR.:

The following persons were contacted on April 10,  
1968, in regard to a cloth laundry tag made on a thermo-  
seal marking machine, with negative results:

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New Castle, Pa.

Benny's Laundry, 329 East Long  
Avenue, Mrs. B. PALLADINO

Brittons Cleaners, Union Plaza,  
Mr. THOMAS JONES

Fish Dry Cleaners, Calls Plaza,  
Mr. AL SCARANTO

Jack and Jill Cleaners, 129 East  
Washington, MARY CHIRUMBOLO

Mitticas Laundry, 208 East Wallace,  
ROBERT ZINGARO

Smith's Cleaners, 20 East  
Lawrence, JAMES KAPLAN

Ellwood City, Pa.

Ellwood Laundry, 1022 Lawrence Avenue,  
ANGELO RORDI

Mayflower Cleaners, 222 Fifth, name  
not available

Butler, Pa.

Bartolies Cleaners, 340 Mercer Street,  
PETER BARTOLI

Butler Automatic Laundry, 122 East  
Wayne, GEORGE PATRIZIO

Sharon, Pa.

American Laundry, Vine and Reno,  
Mr. BOYLE

Greenville, Pa.

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Chase Laundry, DARRELL CHASE

The individuals contacted advised that they do not use this type of tag and that they are the only laundries in the area that would do anything but dress shirts. They advised that for a laundry to use this type of tag, they would have to do a large volume of business.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JOHN S. HUGHES:

The following persons were contacted by SA JOHN S. HUGHES on April 10, 1968, in an effort to determine if their respective laundries used marking machinery manufactured by the Textile Marking Machine Company of Syracuse, N.Y. All advised that they did not use such equipment and stated that in view of the size of the laundry operations in this area, there is no need for such equipment:

Mr. HERMAN MYERS, F & F Laundry,  
Altoona, Pa.

Mr. JOHN SWIFT, Wright Laundry,  
Altoona, Pa.

Miss MARY SANFORD, Associated  
Laundry, Altoona, Pa.

Mr. JOSEPH FREEMAN, Century Laundry,  
Altoona, Pa.

Mr. EDWARD VALLELLA, Portage  
Cleaners, Portage, Pa.

Mr. JOSEPH SMITHMEYER, Ebensburg  
Laundry, Ebensburg, Pa.

Mr. JOHN BURKHEART, Henderson  
Laundry, Johnstown, Pa.

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Mrs. ROBERT HARRIS, Clearfield  
Laundry, Clearfield, Pa.

Miss MARY SHAFFER, Troy Laundry,  
Johnstown, Pa.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA J. EDWARD MADVAY:

The following establishments were contacted either personally or by telephone on April 10, 1968, in the communities listed, for the purpose of identifying any laundry using a red laundry tag, one-quarter inch wide, one and one-sixteenth inch long, bearing markings "O2B-6" or "D2B-6."

All establishments contacted were negative in regard to identifying this laundry tag, it being noted that all establishments contacted used a type of laundry tag which contained numerals only or as in the case of most establishments contacted, they did not accept what they refer to as family-type laundry or bachelor-type laundry, which would include personal clothing.

The establishments contacted were found listed in the yellow pages of the Washington, Canonsburg, Monongahela and Donora telephone directories.

The establishments contacted, all with negative results, are as follows:

HAROLD LAPHMAN, Esquire Cleaners,  
102 South Main Street

Mr. MURDOCK, Home Launderers and  
Cleaners, Hemlock Street,  
Washington, Pa.

MARVIN RESNICK, Imperial Cleaners and  
Dryers, Main Street, Washington, Pa.

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RESNICK said that he has been in the laundry business most of his working career and he is certain that Fidel Cleaners, with establishments in Washington and Canonsburg, Pa., as well as the Hi Hat Establishment in Houston, Pa., do not use this type of laundry tag.

Mrs. PINSTER, Pinster's Cleaners, 1006  
West Chester Street, telephone  
225-2970

Washington Linen Service, Inc.,  
315½ East Beau Street,  
Washington, handles linen service only

Quick Service Laundry, 593 West Pike  
Street, Ext., 745-3696, Canonsburg, Pa.

Monongahela-Charleroi, Pa., Model  
Cleaners of Charleroi, Inc., Second  
and Lincoln, which includes also their  
shop in Monongahela, telephone  
Charleroi 489-9553

Donora, Pa., Diamond Cleaners, 379-6700,  
accept no family-type laundry

The individual contacted at the Home Laundry, Hemlock Street, Washington, returned a telephone call to advise that the Pittsburgh Tag Company, 1112 Galveston Avenue, Pittsburgh, telephone 231-4702, distributed tags used by laundries and that they may be able to tell what laundry used a tag with a code of "O2B-6" or "D2B-6." This individual said he would guess that the B is the key to this laundry tag code number and may designate a route area, particular establishment, or region.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA GEORGE A. PATTERSON:

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Mr. GENE VEST, Greenbrier  
Laundry, Ronceverte, W. Va.

Mr. D. G. GIBSON, The  
Greenbrier Hotel Laundry,  
White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

Miss GLADYS BOWYERS, Leggs  
Cleaners, Lewisburg, W. Va.

Mrs. PEACHIE ERSKINE,  
Keaton's Cleaners and Laundry,  
East Rainelle, W. Va.

Miss BONNIE CHEWNING, Keaton  
Laundry, Hinton, W. Va.

Mrs. BLANCHE WORKMAN, Marlinton  
Cleaners, Marlinton, W. Va.

Mrs. CAROL SPENCER, Summersville  
Cleaners, Summersville, W. Va.

The above covers all of the laundries located within the Ronceverte Resident Agency territory and these contacts were negative, in that none could identify instant laundry tag.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA THOMAS F. BURGOYNE:

On April 10, 1968, SA THOMAS F. BURGOYNE contacted Mrs. HELEN CARNOUPAKIS, Family Dry Cleaners, Columbus Way, Weirton, W. Va., and MARION CAREY, Tri-State Cleaners, 1340 Pennsylvania Avenue, Weirton, W. Va., concerning this matter. Both advised that the Weirton, W. Va., area does not have any cleaning establishments which cater to laundry. They both advised that the nearest locations which would handle this type of work would be located in Steubenville and East Liverpool, Ohio.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA THOMAS A. HUGHES and SA KENT C. DIXON:

On April 16, 1968, WILLIAM TIDBALL, Manager, Van Balen Laundry, 1403 Fifth Avenue, Coraopolis, Pa., advised that he has two thermo-seal marking machines in his laundry. Mr. TIDBALL viewed a color photograph of the laundry marking "02B-6" and advised that this marking could not have been made on either of his two thermo-seal machines. He advised that his laundry uses the marking system whereby the first set of numbers indicates the lot number, the next figure would be a letter which indicates the day of the week. He stated that his markings would start with the number one and never would be preceded by a zero. Physical inspection of the two thermo marking machines by SAS HUGHES and DIXON determined that one bore serial number 33011, model number H5M4B1, and the other bore serial number 33860, model number H5S4B1. A sample stamp was taken from each machine and it was noted that all of the characters were of equal size.

On April 17, 1968, HARRY DUNFEE, Benson Equipment Corporation, 795 North Washington Road, advised that his firm sold thermo marking machine, serial number 33605, to the Brandi Cleaners and Dyers, 3638 Frazier, Oakland, Pa.

On April 17, 1968, GERRY BRANDI, Owner, Brandi Cleaners and Dyers, 3638 Frazier, advised that he had a thermo marking machine; however, the machine was inoperative during the first six months of 1967, and that in the summer of 1967, he furnished the machine to the Allen Supply Company, 1932 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., to be sold.

On April 17, 1968, CHARLES MARX, Manager, Allen Company, 1932 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, advised that the thermo marking machine furnished to him by GERRY BRANDI has been inoperative and he has not yet sold the machine. Physical inspection of the machine by SAS HUGHES and DIXON reflected that it bore serial number 33605, and model number H5-M4-B1. MARX advised that during the entire time he has had possession of the machine, it has been sitting in his shop and has not been used or leased out to another firm.



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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA MAX L. GEIMAN:

In accordance with Bureau instructions, all laundries in the Parkersburg, W. Va., Resident Agency territory, constituting Wood, Pleasants, Wirt, Jackson, Ritchie, and Calhoun Counties, W. Va., were telephonically contacted during the period April 9 - 11, 1968. All advised they did not use and were not familiar with a cloth laundry tag, as described previously. Those laundries contacted were:

Parkersburg, W. Va.

Betty Brite Cleaning Village,  
2111 Pike Street, CLARA BENNETT

Empire Dry Cleaning and Laundry Company,  
1000 Sixteenth Street, J. W. KELLY

Kesterson Fabric Care Service,  
1414 Nineteenth Street, CHARLES MORRISON

Rothwell Dry Cleaners and Shirt Laundry,  
1015 Market Street, LESLIE ROTHWELL

Superior Cleaners and Launderers,  
930 Avery Street, VERTIE JENKINS

Bonnett's Dry Cleaning And Shirt Service,  
Fourth and Avery Street, SANDRA SIMMONS

Guard Cleaning and Dyeing Company,  
125 Third Street, C. R. WHITE

One Hour Martinizing Dry Cleaners,  
500 Market Street, FRED A WHITEHAIR

One Hour Valet, Inc., Park Shopping Center,  
GORDON THEVENIR

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Vienna Cleaners and Shirt Laundry,  
3000 Grand Central Avenue,  
A. B. STABLES

Dowler's Quick Laundry and Dry Cleaning,  
1908 Grand Central Avenue, Mrs. DOROTHY  
DOWLER

St. Mary's, W. Va.

Michael's Cleaners, Second Street,  
HARRY A. MICHAEL

Pennsboro, W. Va.

Modern Cleaners and Laundermat,  
220 Clayton, MERLIN CARR

Harrisville, W. Va.

L and N Cleaners, 521 East Main Street,  
LUCILLE CARPENTER

Ripley, W. Va.

Reynolds Dry Cleaning, 365 West Main,  
ERNEST REYNOLDS

ABC Dry Cleaning, 505 Main Street,  
VIRGINIA ROLLINS

Ravenswood, W. Va.

One Hour Cleaning, 131 Weston Street,  
JAMES A. BURGESS

Elizabeth, W. Va.

Elizabeth Cleaning Center, Elizabeth -  
MENE FEE