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RE: BROTHER JOHN LARRY RAY

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
ROBERT A. HESS and PATRICK W. BRADLEY on June 5, 1968:

Miss MARIE WHITE, Assistant Manager, Kingsway  
Apartments, 902 North Kingshighway, advised that their records  
reflect that one JOHN RAY was employed by them on May 22, 1967,  
as a painter and maintenance man at the rate of \$16 per day.  
His residence at this time is reflected as 1822a North 21st  
Street. His date of birth is reflected as [REDACTED]  
and social security number as [REDACTED]

The payroll records reflect that he received two  
checks, one on May 26, 1968, number 3208 in the amount of  
\$80 and one on June 2, 1967, number 3220, in the amount of  
\$64. Notation on the payroll record book indicates that he  
failed to show up for any further work.

Prior employment with no date shown is reflected as  
Indian Lake Country Club, Migdale, Illinois (partially il-  
legible).

~~Reference~~ reflected as CLARENCE HAYNES, mover, employed  
Apex Moving.

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RE: JOHN LARRY RAY

MR. WAYNE HARRY, Passport Clerk, Office of the U. S. District Court Clerk, 12th and Market Streets, St. Louis, Missouri, advised SA HAROLD R. DOBSON, June 17, 1968, the files of his office failed to disclose any application for passport made by JOHN LARRY RAY, as of that date.

MR. HARRY noted it is possible for a resident of St. Louis to apply for a passport at numerous other locations in this country.

1Date May 15, 1968

JERRY RAY telephonically contacted Special Agent SPURGEON J. PETERSON at 1:40 p.m. on May 9, 1968. He stated he was leaving for Chicago in approximately fifteen minutes. He indicated his intention to return to his former employment at the Country Club but stated that he would not know until he arrives there where he will live, as telephonic inquiry with his inquiry with his employer indicated the employer has obtained a residence for him as a protection against the press.

He stated that he would contact the Chicago Division on the following day.

He advised further that in his visits to and from conversations with his father, JERRY RAYNES, his brother, JOHN RAY, and his sister, CAROL PEPPER, he had received no information that any of them had been in contact with subject following subject's escape or had any knowledge or information concerning subject's present whereabouts.

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by SA SPURGEON J. PETERSON :jfb Date dictated 5/9/68

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1Date 6/25/68

JERRY RAY was interviewed outside the Grapevine Tavern, Illinois and Arsenal Avenue, at which time he stated he had arrived in St. Louis the previous day and spent the night with his sister, CAROL PEPPER. He indicated that during the previous week he was in Chicago, Illinois, where he had been hiding in a Chicago hotel, which he had left un-named, in an effort to avoid reporters and newscasters. He indicated that while in St. Louis he will either stay with his sister, CAROL PEPPER, or at the St. Regis Hotel under the name of JERRY W. RYAN. He exhibited to the interviewing agent a recently obtained Illinois driver's license under that name. RAY stated that he intended to visit his father at Center, Missouri, tomorrow and then intended to return to St. Louis on Thursday, June 20, 1968. He then plans to leave for Memphis, Tennessee, on Friday, June 21, 1968, where he intends to obtain employment until after the trial of his brother, JAMES EARL RAY.

RAY stated that he has not heard from his brother in London, however, did make the comment that he still does not believe that his brother killed MARTIN LUTHUR KING and that he was paid to establish the ERIC STARVO GALT identity.

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by SA ROBERT A. HESS:hcv Date dictated 6/21/68

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RE: CORRESPONDENTS OF JERRY RAY

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
ROBERT A. HESS at St. Louis, Missouri, on May 17, 1968:

KURT NAESER, 2731 Miami, advised that for a period of 18 years he had owned the rooming house at 3969-71 Westminster. NAESER stated that this property was sold by him during August of 1967.

NAESER indicated the rooms at that location were rented primarily to married couples and he does not recall ever having anyone residing therein named either WITT or DOBYNS. NAESER stated that only on one occasion did he rent a room to a single female and he described her as being approximately 50 to 55 years of age and not being named WITT or DOBYNS although he was unable to recall her exact name.

NAESER concluded by saying that the area in the vicinity of 3969-71 Westminster is now entirely Negro populated and for the last three years that he owned the dwelling at that location he rented solely to Negro occupants.

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VII. MISCELLANEOUS

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RE: MISCELLANEOUS - MILFORD JAMES ROEHRS

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
AUSREY D. PARK:

WILLIAM NETHINGTON, Post Office Box 99, Sullivan, Missouri, was interviewed at his home on May 10, 1968. He stated he is employed as a private investigator for DAVIS, a private investigating agency in Chicago, Illinois, although at the moment he is on leave of absence.

In 1962, he married his wife, NORA, who is a niece of MILFORD ROEHRS, a Sullivan police officer. He has never been closely associated with ROEHRS, however, talked to him frequently. About two days after MARTIN LUTHER KING was murdered, ROEHRS made the statement to NETHINGTON that KING's murderer was out of the United States. NETHINGTON has talked with ROEHRS on several occasions since that time and ROEHRS stated that KING's killer is probably in Argentina. NETHINGTON stated he could not recall ROEHRS making any statement about JAMES EARL RAY's escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary and does not know whether or not RAY was known by ROEHRS previous to his escape.

NETHINGTON stated that he has concluded, based upon conversation with ROEHRS, that ROEHRS is a member of the Ku Klux Klan. In view of NETHINGTON's connection with the private investigative agency in Chicago, he reported the above information to his boss, Lieutenant EARL HENDERSHOT of Chicago, Illinois, who stated that ROEHRS might be a member of the Klan and considered it a possibility that ROEHRS might be able to assist in furnishing information regarding the murder or furnishing information regarding the whereabouts of the murderer; and in view of that possibility, felt that there could be a considerable amount of money collected if this information could be uncovered. He, therefore, proceeded to Sullivan, Missouri, where he was introduced by NETHINGTON to ROEHRS as a friend from Chicago, Illinois. His interest in the solution of the murder was not made known to ROEHRS. HENDERSHOT talked with ROEHRS in private for about 30 minutes and after concluding the interview, he reached the conclusion that ROEHRS probably was a member of the Klan. However, HENDERSHOT obtained no information

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from ROEHRS which would assist in the investigation or the location of JAMES EARL RAY.

MILFORD JAMES ROEHRS, 305 East Street, Sullivan, Missouri, a member of the Sullivan Police Department, was interviewed at his home on May 10, 1968. He readily admitted that he is a member of the Ku Klux Klan, but stated he knows nothing about the escape of JAMES EARL RAY from the Missouri State Penitentiary or the whereabouts of RAY. He stated he had never heard of RAY until after he had been identified in this case. He stated he has discussed this case with several people, however, he has received no information concerning this case through the Klan organization. Any information which he has given, or statement he has made, concerning this case would be his own personal opinion.



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Re: 1968 Dodge Dart, bearing Georgia  
License 1D48283, Recovered at  
St. Louis Airport May 16, 1968

On May 16, 1968, Trooper ROBERT SHURE, Missouri State Highway Patrol, advised SA MELVIN E. DE GRAW a 1968 Dodge Dart automobile, Vehicle Identification Number LH41D8B323249, bearing 1968 Georgia license number 1D48283, had on that date been recovered at Lambert-St. Louis Airport; that same had been abandoned at least since May 5, 1968; and that it had been rented from National Car Rental Company, Atlanta, Georgia, on April 2, 1968, by an unknown individual utilizing the stolen credit cards of one SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN, 6535 Noad Street, Richmond, Illinois.

The vehicle was processed by SA DE GRAW with the result that eleven fingerprint lifts and other items were forwarded to the Bureau.

The Bureau advised on May 24, 1968, that latent prints of value found were not identical to the fingerprints of subject.

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VIII. LOOK ALIKES  
(OTHER OFFICES INVOLVED)

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RE: LOOK ALIKE - JOHN FLAVEY

The following investigation was conducted by SAs CHARLES S. DUKE and MARTIN JOHN WEBER at St. Louis County, Missouri, on May 13, 1968:

ANN MENKE, Switchboard Operator, Holiday Inn North, advised that she was on duty at approximately 3:00 p.m., May 12, 1968, when ROBERT HULL, Busman for Holiday Inn North, mentioned a suspicious individual whom he had waited on in Room 213 who did not want to go out of his room. Shortly thereafter a girl called into Room 213. MENKE stated that this was a local call, and she heard a portion of it including the fact the individual in Room 213 would be in his room all evening, and that this girl would call back if she would be able to come over and see him. She mentioned Las Vegas and asked him how long it took him to get there. She stated that her girl friend made it in two days.

MENKE advised that the occupant of Room 213 also made several long distance telephone calls, and she believed that they were all to Louisville, Kentucky, however, no record of these calls were made and no calls were recorded because this individual used a telephone credit card and went directly through the telephone operator. MENKE advised that she never observed the occupant in Room 213 and observed Wanted Flyer 442-A stating she does not know this individual and has not seen anyone resembling him.

The following employees of the Holiday Inn North were contacted, shown photographs of JAMES RAY and could provide no positive information:

HARRY POLK, Busman

JOYCE KETTENHOFEN, 36C Parc-Twaine, St. Louis

STEVEN R. NAUMANN, 2500 Green Briar Drive, Florissant

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GORDON JOHNSON, Assistant Manager, Holiday Inn North, provided Guest Registration #13333, dated May 11, 1968, and provided the following information:

JOHN FLAVEY, 7917 Columbine Drive, Louisville, Kentucky, for Room 213, having party of one, notes Gulf Credit Card # [REDACTED] used for identification.

He also furnished a copy of the Innkeeper's Form used for Gulf Credit Card purchases. The form #0781149 indicated that service was sold to CONSTANCE Y. JOHNSON on May 12, 1968, for the amount of \$9.78. The credit card number appearing on the form was [REDACTED]

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs CHARLES S. DUKE and MARTIN JOHN WEBER at St. Louis County, Missouri, on May 13, 1968:

MILLIE RIDDLE, 11930 Missouri Bottom Road, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that she is presently employed as a maid for Holiday Inn North, St. Louis County, Missouri, and has been so employed for approximately ten years. RIDDLE stated that on May 12, 1968, she and ROBERT HULL were in Room 217 of the Holiday Inn North, and that HULL was discussing with her the peculiar activities of a guest in Room 213 when they heard the occupant of Room 213 out in front of his room and she looked up and saw this individual and jumped back in surprise immediately thinking that this was the same person she had seen a number of times as MARTIN LUTHER KING's killer.

RIDDLE advised that thereafter she discussed this person's possible likeness to JAMES RAY with employees at Holiday Inn North and after carefully considering what she saw in viewing Wanted Flyer 442-A and St. Louis Police Department photograph of RAY, October 10, 1959, she feels that the individual she saw closely resembles the above photographs.

RIDDLE stated that the person she saw and that occupied Room 213 was a white male; five feet, ten inches to six feet; medium, stocky build; 170; middle 30s.

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs CHARLES S. DUKE and MARTIN JOHN WEBER at St. Louis County, Missouri, on May 13, 1968:

JANET WILLIAMS, Desk Clerk, Holiday Inn North, advised that her hours are 3:00 to 11:00 p.m., and at approximately 9:00 p.m. on May 12, 1968, two white males approached the office desk and one of these men asked her if he could check out. WILLIAMS advised that she does not check people out asked this individual to go down to JACK SEDIVY, who is the regular person who checks guests out.

WILLIAMS advised as he went down to the other end of the counter, she got a good look at the individual who she talked to and observed his profile. After the individual got finished checking out, both individuals went out of the office and got into a large car which had a Kentucky license tag. WILLIAMS could provide no further description of the car.

WILLIAMS stated that she was suspicious of this individual because of his wise-cracking and general appearance, and for this reason paid particular attention to him and watched him leave. After he left, she checked his name on the guest registration list. WILLIAMS provided the following description of the individual who checked out:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5 feet, 8 inches to 5 feet, 9 inches
Weight	170 to 180
Build	Stocky
Appearance	Good looking
Age	30s
Peculiarities	Had a "smirky grin" on face

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WILLIAMS viewed Wanted Flyer 442-A and stated this individual looked very much like the one who had checked out. WILLIAMS was then shown a photograph of subject taken by the St. Louis Police Department, dated October 10, 1959, and WILLIAMS immediately advised that "This is the man." She stated that the side view of RAY was identical to the individual who she saw the day before.

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs CHARLES S. DUKE and MARTIN JOHN WESER at St. Louis County, Missouri on May 13, 1968:

ROBERT LEE HULL, Bus driver, (Bellman), residing at 4726 Page, St. Louis, Missouri, and employed at the Holiday Inn North, North Lindberg, St. Louis County, Missouri, advised on May 13, 1968, that approximately 3:00 p.m., Saturday afternoon, May 11, 1968, a man in Room 213 called for a Bellman requesting room service.

HULL stated that when he arrived at Room 213, the door was ajar and as he stepped into the room, a man who was laying on the bed stated, "Don't get close". He said that he had that he had just come in off the road from California, and that he intended to take a couple of hours of sleep. HULL stated that he asked for his name and said he may be needing him again. HULL replied, "What for?", and the man responded by requesting to get him a pint of Old Crow, some ice, two cokes, and some hair spray.

HULL further advised that the man said, "Look, I'll show you something" and he took him outside to where a 1966-1967 Lincoln Continental was parked and said that he had somewhere around \$1,000 worth of clothing in the trunk. The man then opened the trunk and HULL advised that he saw what he considered well over \$1,000 worth of fine clothing.

HULL described the car as a Lincoln Continental, in very good condition, light green with a black convertible top, bearing Kentucky tags. It had a numerical figure 4 in the tag number, which HULL thought to be the second digit. HULL also stated that he saw in the back seat of the car a dark leather golf bag with wheels and a lot of golf clubs.

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After the man closed the trunk, HULL then went to Walgreens, located at the Plaza Shopping Center, and made the purchases requested by the man.

HULL further advised that on Sunday, May 12, 1968, at about 3:00 p.m., he saw the man again at Room 213 when he again called for room service. HULL stated that the following conversation took place:

The man said, "Look here, I want you to get me something to eat. Is there someplace you can get me some sandwiches?" HULL answered by stating that he could go to the Steak and Shake or Mc Donald's. The man responded, "Is that something where you can get hamburgers?" To this HULL answered "Yes". The man stated "I want two cheeseburgers, one Coke and some ice." The man gave HULL \$5 at that time and HULL went to the Steak and Shake to make the purchases. Upon returning, the man in Room 213 gave him a \$1.70 tip.

HULL stated that he did not see the man again until late Sunday night, May 12, 1968. He said that he was in Room 217 talking with one of the maids by the name of MILLIE RIDDLE, about the man in Room 213. The door of that room was open at that time. They both heard a noise somewhat similar to that of an electric motor and upon looking out of the doorway, they both saw the man in Room 213 by the Lincoln Continental. As the man turned toward Room 217, MILLIE jumped back in surprise or fright and told HULL that was the man who shot MARTIN LUTHER KING.

HULL described the man resembling RAY is a man who was medium built, who had brown hair, and who had a small or what appeared to be a small spot or white colored mark on

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the upper lip. He was wearing light colored trousers, probably white, a black turtle neck T-shirt or a sweater with short sleeves, and tan cloth-type shoes.

BULL viewed Wanted Flyer 442-A and stated that the photograph taken in 1968 of subject RAY was very similiar to the man in Room 213.

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs CHARLES S. DUKE and MARTIN JOHN WEBER at St. Louis County, Missouri, on May 13, 1968:

JACK J. SEDIVY, 3328 Krem Avenue, St. Ann, Missouri, Desk Clerk for the Holiday Inn North, advised on May 13, 1968, that he saw the occupant of Room 213 come into the office with another man. He remembered JANET WILLIAMS asked the men if they were together. SEDIVY stated that he heard a remark similar to "We're not married".

SEDIVY stated that JANET sent the occupant of Room 213 down to him and he stated that he did not pay attention to the occupant of Room 213 or the man that came in with him because he was in the process of checking the occupant out. He said as he looked up he remembered seeing the man at about eye level, which made him believe that the man was probably about five feet, seven inches. SEDIVY stated that the man had black hair which was shiny; he had dark blue eyes; little bit better than medium build; had straight teeth when he smiled; and had no visible scars or marks. He described the other man that came into the room with the occupant as being approximately six feet, one inch; about 30 years old; light brown hair; smartly styled hair; 180 to 190 pounds.

Upon viewing Wanted Flyer 442-A and police photograph dated October 10, 1959, SEDIVY advised that the occupant that checked out of Room 213 looked more like the police photograph taken October 10, 1959. He stated, "I could almost swear it was him."

SEDIVY stated that after the men left the office, he saw a car pull around to the vending machines at the side of the building and then take off. He said that was the last time he saw both men and the car.

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs CHARLES S. DUKE and MARTIN JOHN WEBER at St. Louis County, Missouri, on May 13, 1968:

ROBERT LEE HULL, 4726 Page, St. Louis, Missouri, the Bus driver at the Holiday Inn North, furnished six \$1 bills for fingerprint examination in that one of the bills was part of a tip received by him from the occupant in Room 213, denomination and serial numbers are as follows:

\$1	H39396048E
\$1	H57803563B
\$1	L66491462D
\$1	H08926805
\$1	H44290303B
\$1	G12997632C

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs CHARLES S. DUKE and MARTIN JOHN WEBER at St. Louis County, Missouri, on May 13, 1968:

FRANK BRONNEMELHORST, 2445 Cheshire Drive, Florissant, Missouri, Auditor for the Holiday Inn North, advised that he is employed at the Holiday Inn North and that he had worked from 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 11, until 3:00 p.m. that same date. He stated that he checked a man in at about 1:38 p.m. on May 11, 1968, and assigned him Room 213. He stated that he did not remember what the man looked like nor did he see anyone else with him.

He advised that he questioned the man's signature on the check-in card because it was different from that on a credit card which he presented. The man replied that he was using his sister's-in-law credit card.

BRONNEMELHORST stated that he checked to see if the credit card was on a list of bad credit cards; he found out that it did not appear. He then rented the room to the man.

BRONNEMELHORST viewed Wanted Flyer 442-A and photograph taken at St. Louis Police Department October 10, 1959, and stated that he could not recall whether or not the man resembled the photographs.

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
(NKKK)

A source advised that on May 22, 1960, the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss consolidation of the Klan's unit of effort and activities to establish a National Fund and a National Secretary and to design a new flag. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation of Ku Klux Klan, Alabama; Association of Arkansas Klans, Arkansas; Florida Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Association of Georgia Klans, Georgia; Knights of the Klans, South Carolina; Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tennessee; and Kyksos Klan, Texas.

This source advised that at a consolidation meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1960, at which the North Carolina and Texas Klans were not represented, it was resolved and passed that their name be changed to National Ku Klux Klan.

A second source advised in March, 1964, that several meetings of Klan groups were held during the period 1960 to 1963 in an effort to unite the Klan groups under a single leadership.

The organization was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, November 1, 1963, under the name National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., as a "patriotic, secret, social, and benevolent order".

A third source advised in December, 1963, that the organization had issued a statement of its program which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-foreign born.

The third source advised in August, 1964, that the organization has a headquarters in Tucker, Georgia, and the day-to-day operations are under the direction of JAMES R. VENABLE, Chairman.

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN,  
KLAVERN #14,  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A source advised that on October 25, 1965, at a meeting of the National States Rights Party of Missouri, a speaker identified himself as a member of, and organizer for, the Klan and requested all persons interested in joining the Klan to see him after the meeting; that on November 30, 1965, the first organizational meeting of Klavern #14 was held at 2806 North Grand Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri; that on January 14, 1966, William Lon Lockhart announced at a meeting held at El Monti Tavern, 5201 Southwest Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, that he had been commissioned by the Grand Dragon of the State of Missouri, and was granted a charter to institute a new klavern in St. Louis, Missouri by James R. Venable, Imperial Wizard of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. On August 9, 1967, source advised that the klavern was called Klavern #14 and currently holds its initiations and meetings at rented halls in St. Louis, Missouri.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>CHICAGO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MEMPHIS</b>	DATE <b>10/2/68</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>8/23 - 10/2/68</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>"CHANGED"</b> <b>JAMES EARL RAY, aka</b> <b>John L. Rayns,</b> <b>John Larry Rayms</b> <b>DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -</b> <b>VICTIM</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA RENE J. DIMAINE</b>	TYPED BY <b>CES</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>CR - CONSPIRACY</b> <b>UFAC - ROBBERY</b>	

Title marked changed to include the aliases used by the subject while in Chicago.

REFERENCE: Chicago teletypes to the Bureau and Memphis dated 8/23 and 24/68.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

This report only contains information surrounding the subject's employment at the Indian Trail Restaurant, Winnetka, Illinois.

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							PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
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## Title:

JAMES EARL RAY;  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

## Character:

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY  
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

## Synopsis:

Subject employed at Indian Trail Restaurant, Winnetka, Illinois, from 5/3/67 - 6/24/67, as a dishwasher and cook's helper under the name of JOHN L. RAYNS, SSN [REDACTED]. RAY resided at 2731 North Sheffield and 1648 West Lunt, Chicago, Illinois, during that time. Owners, Indian Trail Restaurant, interviewed by WILLIAM BRANFORD HUIE, author, who has underwritten cost of RAY's defense for exclusive story rights. HUIE's version of KING's murder obtained from subject as told to restaurant owners set forth. Right thumb print of subject developed on paycheck from Indian Trail Restaurant.

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DETAILS:

INTERVIEW WITH OWNERS OF INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT  
Winnetka, Illinois

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date

On August 23, 1968, Dr. HARVEY A. KLINCKEL and Mrs. CLARA S. KLINCKEL, owners, Indian Trail Restaurant, 507 Chestnut Street, Winnetka, Illinois, phone MI 6-1703, residence 391 Linden, Winnetka, Illinois, phone MI 6-2932, were interviewed jointly in the conference room at the Winnetka, Illinois, Police Department, after being introduced to the interviewing Agents by Chief ROY STANING (RA), Winnetka, Illinois, Police Department.

They advised that on Tuesday, August 20, 1968, they were contacted by WILLIAM BRADLEY HUNT, Huntsville, Alabama, who is the author of "Three Lives For Mississippi". Mr. HUNT was accompanied by Mr. (First Name Unknown) HANSEN, who is a photographer for "Look" magazine. Mr. HUNT exhibited letters which he claimed were from JAMES EARL RAY and were addressed to a Mississippi attorney. These letters were purportedly given to HUNT by the attorney. HUNT told them that he had obtained all commercial rights to RAY's story and for this he has agreed to underwrite the costs of RAY's defense in the forthcoming murder trial in Memphis, Tennessee. The aforementioned letters were written on half sheets of yellow legal foolscap and both of the KLINCKELs stated that they recognized the handwriting on these papers as that of the subject RAY, whom they knew under the name of JOHN RAINES. At this point, the KLINCKELs were exhibited several photographs of the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, along with other photographs and they both positively identified JAMES EARL RAY as a man employed by them from May 3, 1967, to June 24, 1967, as a dishwasher and cook's helper. The KLINCKELs verified the foregoing statement by furnishing to the interviewing Agents their payroll ledger sheet. A review of the ledger sheet reveals the following information:

Name	JAMES L. RAYNE
Address	2731 Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois
Occupation	Cook's helper
Social Security Number	
Rate	\$2.10 per hour

On 6/23/68 at Winnetka, Illinois File # 44-1114

SA RICHARD W. STRATTON

SA RENE J. DUNAYDE RJD/cr

6/23/68

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 Exemptions  
 Marital Status            Single

In addition, the A-1502-44s also made available the employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate made out in the same name and address and Social Security Number as set forth above, dated May 10, 1968.

They also made available the following listed payroll checks all drawn on the Winnetka Trust and Savings Bank bearing the identification in the upper left-hand corner of Indian Trail Restaurant, Inc., 507 Chestnut Street, Winnetka, Illinois, 60093, made out to either JOHN L. RAYNS or JOHN RAYNS and signed by HARVEY A. KAINCZAK. The checks are endorsed by JOHN L. RAYNS or JOHN RAYNS, two of which have the address 1648 East, Chicago, underneath the signature. These checks are as follows:

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
4050	\$57.69	May 7, 1967
4912	\$64.05	May 16, 1967
4987	\$84.89	May 21, 1967
5056	\$84.30	May 28, 1967
5120	\$69.62	June 11, 1967
5203	\$95.19	June 18, 1967
5357	\$77.53	June 25, 1967

The foregoing checks total \$664.34.

Mr. KAINCZAK advised that to the best of his recollection at this time, the last check, Number 5357, was mailed to RAY's brother, name unrecalled, in Northbrook, Illinois, at RAY's request since he left his employment prior to receipt of the check, stating that he was going to work on boats with his brother. As Mr. KAINCZAK recalls, he received a letter from RAY requesting that the pay due be sent to his brother.

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Both of the KLINGEMANs characterized JAMES EARL RAY as an excellent employee, quiet, attentive, prompt, polite, a very good worker, but to their knowledge, had no friends or visitors during the time of his employment. They did recall that during the subject's last week of employment, he received three or four phone calls from a male individual who stated that he was RAY's brother. They could not recall the individual's name, nor did they believe that they would recognize this person's voice if they heard it again.

In conversation with Mr. HUIE, the KLINGEMANs received the following information on a confidential basis and advised that they were rather reluctant to divulge it, but felt that it was their duty as citizens. They requested that this information be maintained on a confidential basis within the FBI. They advised that they contacted Chief DERNING because of his reputation and are now following his advice in furnishing this information to the FBI:

Mr. HUIE showed the KLINGEMANs letters from RAY in which RAY listed employment at the Indian Trail Restaurant. (It should be noted that this restaurant is an old, large, upper class restaurant, of excellent reputation. Chief DERNING advised that the KLINGEMANs themselves have an excellent reputation within the community and that he holds them in very high regard). HUIE told them that RAY had served seven years of a twenty-year sentence at Jefferson, Missouri, prison, during which time he had eight visitors, one of whom was his brother, however, HUIE did not identify which one. Prior to his escape, RAY had stashed away a razor, green prison trousers which had been dyed black, and 12 hersey bars in anticipation that he would have to go without food for some time. RAY also had \$200 in his shoe. He escaped in abral truck and walked to Chicago, Illinois, from Jefferson City, Missouri, which took him about eight days. (The KLINGEMANs do recall that when the subject first appeared at the restaurant, his feet were swollen and that their sister-in-law gave him two Ace bandages to use which he returned three or four days later. This supposedly was mentioned in the letter in HUIE's possession).

Thereafter, RAY read the advertisement in the Tribune wherein the KLINGEMANs had advertised for help in the restaurant. HUIE said that the subject in the letter

mentioned that the employment at the Indian Trail Restaurant was the "high point of his life".

HUIE mentioned that RAY had had only three jobs in his life, one of which was in a shoe factory outside of East St. Louis, Illinois, which was prior to his going to prison the last time. He also said that during the time RAY was employed at the restaurant, he was "tapped on the shoulder" by an individual who recognized him and who threatened to reveal his identity to the police and cause RAY's return to prison if he, RAY, did not work for this person. HUIE said that RAY was given \$1,200 during the initial contacts by the alleged conspirators, and was ultimately paid \$15,000, but was due to receive more.

Again, according to HUIE, RAY was told to go to Canada to investigate the difficulty of crossing the border. Supposedly RAY made two trips through the Detroit Tunnel into Canada. He also made a third trip to Canada, date and sequence not given, and "was instructed" to obtain a 40-year-old newspaper, get the names of the males born that day, and search the current phone directory for similar names. He was then to surveil the individuals with similar names to determine whether or not his physical description was similar to theirs. Thereafter, he telephoned persons of his like description, utilizing a pretext, and thereby found a man who had never applied for a passport. RAY then applied for a passport in this name.

The WICKHAMs advised that they were not sure that they were furnishing this information in its proper sequence, but that to the best of their recollection, the information preceding and following was given to them in this order by HUIE. Thereafter, RAY was given more money to purchase a Mustang which was to be driven to Acapulco, Mexico, for the purpose of obtaining a tourist sticker. He then drove through Mexico to the West Coast and hid out there to receive further instructions from the other individuals in the alleged conspiracy. HUIE stated that RAY was flown to Atlanta from the West Coast, but the time was not right, there was no action and he was sent back to California. He was also told to be in Mississippi at a certain time and place. Supposedly Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was at a Holiday Inn Motel in Atlanta, Georgia, when RAY was flown there.

Subsequently, RAY was given money to obtain binoculars and a shotgun and was to go to Memphis to be somewhere at 3 p.m. in room 312 or 313. Supposedly there were other individuals who also came to this room and there was a Negro male who purportedly called KING out to the balcony. According to HUIE, the actual murderer of KING was not RAY, although RAY was present and at a later time (probably the trial) RAY will identify the murderer. RAY did pick up the rifle, ran to his car, and sped to a rendezvous in Atlanta, Georgia. He was supposed to pick up a "bundle of money", however, the conspirators did not appear. RAY allegedly spent several days or hours at this apartment in Atlanta, Georgia, awaiting the arrival of his "fellow conspirators".

According to HUIE, the plan was for RAY to go to Mexico, but immediately fly north to throw off pursuit and to start all investigation to Mexico. However, since the conspirators did not appear in Atlanta, RAY fled to Costa thereafter utilizing his knowledge to obtain a passport and fled to England.

The KLINGSMANs advised that the rest of HUIE's story substantially follows the newspaper accounts which appeared after subject RAY's arrest in England. They did note that HUIE stated that RAY did rob a bank in London because he "got real low on money". HUIE at no time identified the alleged fellow conspirators of RAY. He did swear the KLINGSMANs to secrecy and told them that he would mail the "look" proofs on September 10, 1968, and the story would be in the November 10, 1968, issue of Look magazine. Both Mr. and Mrs. KLINGSMAN advised that they would make these proofs available to the interviewing Agents for review.

The KLINGSMANs advised that RAY began working for them as a dishwasher and because of his excellent attitude was advanced to cook's helper. During the time he was in their employ, they did not observe him in a car, nor did they know him to own an automobile. He had no visitors, he did not wear glasses, he had no women friends, nor did he make any advances toward the female personnel employed at the restaurant and they noted that his hair was "less bushy" during the time he was at the restaurant than shown in the photographs.

They are not sure how he came to work from his apartment, but believe he might have been met at the Eden's Expressway by WILLIE FERRY and PAUL BURNS, who were also employees at the restaurant.



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His conduct was excellent and they cannot recall him making any comments one way or another about members of the Negro race and specifically no comments whatsoever concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RAY made no reference to his previous employment, but did mention that he was in Bremerhaven, Germany, during World War II. They advised that when RAY received the phone calls during his last week of employment he seemed to be disturbed and that his concentration on his work was not as good as it usually was.

They then recalled that according to RUIE, that when JAMES EARL RAY left England, he was going to Lisbon to get to Africa, however, he was unable to do so which is when he returned to England and held up a bank receiving about \$200 in loot. They again stated that the information furnished to them by RUIE came from letters which RAY had written to his attorney, who in turn turned them over to the author. Also Mr. KLINGSMAN stated that in one of the letters which he believed was to the attorney from RAY, while he was in London, England, there was a drawing identifying a location which appeared to be Diversey Street and Sheffield Avenue in Chicago, Illinois.

At the conclusion of the interview, the Klingesmans again requested that this information be maintained in confidence and expressed a willingness to co-operate with the FBI in any way possible.



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INVESTIGATION AT 2731 DUNN STREET

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/2/68

EDWARD DONNELLY, who resides at 2731 North Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at his place of employment, 7300 Linder Avenue, Skokie, Illinois. DONNELLY was advised interviewing Agents were interested in the person whose name appears on page 13 of the rent registration book DONNELLY keeps for 2731 North Sheffield. DONNELLY was shown a xerox copy of page 13 and was asked if he could recall the person signing the register as JOHN LARRY RAYNE on April 30, 1967. DONNELLY advised he recalled an individual who had stayed in the rear basement apartment by that name.

DONNELLY was shown photographs of the following individuals:

ROBERT T. KENNEDY, FBI Number 6155908

FRANK GRUBRINSEI, FBI Number 9386238

JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 4039424

PHILLIP J. KURTZ, Chicago Police Department IR No. 80161

ROBERT I. CHEN, FBI Number 8360263

WILLIE G. DERRINGTON, FBI Number 8500247

Mr. DONNELLY advised the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY looks familiar to him; however, he could not be certain if this person was identical with the man who registered as JOHN LARRY RAYNE.

Mr. DONNELLY advised the individual he recalled as being identical with the man who used the name JOHN LARRY RAYNE and who occupied the rear basement apartment had trouble with his feet. He recalled this individual had to run some kind of preparation on to his feet. Mr. DONNELLY stated this man did not have any visitors and he did not know of any associates of this individual. He recalled that Mr. RAYNE said he had worked on the Mississippi River as a cook

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by SA WILLIAM J. DORNEY, Jr. and SA ROBERT H. BRYAN/cag Date dictated 8/22/68

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on barges. He also recalled that when Mr. RAYMS left the apartment, he said he was going to Canada and was going to look for a job in Canada. Mr. DONNELLY could not recall if this man received any mail while he stayed at the apartment.

Mr. DONNELLY said he did not know if Mr. RAYMS had a car or where he worked. He did not know what of type of work he did, but he did know he left the apartment every day as if to go to work.

Mr. DONNELLY described JOHN LARRY RAYMS as a white, male, age 30 to 40, medium height, slender build, dark hair.

Mr. DONNELLY advised after looking at the xerox copy of page 13 of the rent record book that it appeared the next person to rent the rear basement apartment was GEORGE WASHINGTON WACHS, Jr.

Mr. DONNELLY stated that someone of the individuals who had lived in his apartments had told him he was moving out of the apartment to go home and stand trial for murdering his brother-in-law. However, Mr. DONNELLY was unable to recall who had made this statement to him, and he did not know if this statement had been made by Mr. RAYMS or some other person.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 3, 1968

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GLORIA DONNELLY, 2731 North Sheffield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, telephone number LA 5-0691, was interviewed at her residence. Mrs. DONNELLY advised she and her husband, EDWARD, own the building at 2731 North Sheffield. Mrs. DONNELLY stated that they rent apartments in the basement and on the second floor of their building.

Mrs. DONNELLY reviewed the Rent Record Book maintained for the rentals at 2731 North Sheffield, and determined there was an entry dated April 30, 1967, showing a rental to a JOHN LARRY RAYMS. Mrs. DONNELLY stated the handwriting on the entry would be the handwriting of the person renting the room. This person occupied the rear basement apartment.

Mrs. DONNELLY advised from the Rent Record Book she could not determine how long this individual stayed at the apartment; however, the best she could recall at this time was that Mr. RAYMS stayed there approximately three or four weeks. Mrs. DONNELLY advised the apartment is rented by the week and the rental is \$12, or \$13 a week.

Mrs. DONNELLY stated she had some difficulty recalling this individual, but to the best of her recollection he was a quiet man who did not associate with anyone else in the building and did not have any friends or visitors come by the apartment. She further recalled Mr. RAYMS had complained of his feet hurting. She stated on one or two occasions when she was in the rear basement apartment while he was renting it, she noticed he had a lot of books and had bought some cooking utensils.

Mrs. DONNELLY said that Mr. RAYMS received one letter that she knew of while he stayed at the apartment. This letter was from some place in Canada; after receiving this letter, Mr. RAYMS came up and told them he was going to move and go to Canada. He said he was going to work in Canada. Mrs. DONNELLY advised he said something about trying to get on a ship; however, she could not recall any further details of this comment. Mrs. DONNELLY said that

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ROBERT E. HALL JWB/prk Date dictated 8/29/68

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after receiving the letter, RAYMS moved the same day. He did not leave a forwarding address or indicate where he was going; however, he left the distinct impression he was going to Canada in answer to the letter received.

Mrs. DONNELLY advised that while Mr. RAYMS rented the basement apartment, he went to work, or at least left the house daily by 7:00 a.m. She advised she could not recall Mr. RAYMS having any type of car.

Mrs. DONNELLY said that her aunt, JEAN WILKS, who had resided with her, rented the apartment to Mr. RAYMS. Mrs. DONNELLY advised JEAN WILKS passed away on May 1, 1968; she recalled her aunt told her this man came into the apartment as a result of seeing an advertisement in the local newspaper called "The Booster". Mrs. DONNELLY advised this is a neighborhood paper and they run advertisements in this paper whenever they have a vacancy.

Mrs. DONNELLY stated the only ones in the building now who would have been in the building at the time Mr. RAYMS occupied the basement apartment are ANNIE KEEGAN and EDWARD SPERLING. She stated that these two persons rent rooms on the second floor.

Mrs. DONNELLY advised DOROTHY LEHNING and her daughter, PHYLIS, had occupied the front basement apartment for approximately two years. They moved some time in the spring of 1967, and may have been living in the front basement apartment at the same time that Mr. RAYMS was living in the rear basement apartment.

Mrs. DONNELLY reviewed her Rent Records, and from these records she advised an individual named GEORGE WASHINGTON WACHS, JR. appeared to be the next man to rent the rear basement apartment. The record book showed that Mr. WACHS rented this apartment on May 17, 1967, or June 17, 1967.

Mrs. DONNELLY stated there is currently a disconnected phone in the rear basement apartment. She did not know how long this phone had been in the apartment or if it had been connected when Mr. RAYMS lived in the apartment. Mrs. DONNELLY checked this phone and determined the number on the phone is 327-0336.

Mrs. DONNELLY stated she could not recall Mr. RAYMS leaving anything behind when he left other than

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some cooking utensils, which would have been left in the apartment for the use of other occupants of that apartment.

Mrs. DONNELLY was shown photographs of the following individuals:

ROBERT T. KENNEDY, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
(FBI) Number 615590 A

FRANK BRUDZINSKI, FBI Number 959823 A

JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942 G

PHILLIP JOSEPH KURTZ, Chicago Police Department  
Number 80181

ROBERT I. CHERN, FBI Number 539026 D

WILLIE G. DEERINGWATER, FBI Number 959024 F

Mrs. DONNELLY stated she was unable to identify any of these individuals as being the man named RAYMS who resided in the basement apartment.

Mrs. DONNELLY stated the person who had the most contact with this man was her aunt, JEAN WILKS, now deceased. Mrs. WILKS ran the rooming house and baby sat for her children and was home all day, and had much more contact with the tenants than herself.

Mrs. DONNELLY described JOHN L. RAYMS as follows: a white male, in his late 20's or early 30's, tall and thin, dark hair. She could not be more specific in her description.

Mrs. DONNELLY made available page number 13 of her Rent Record Book which contained the signature of JOHN LARRY RAYES.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date September 3, 1968

EDWARD SPERLING, 2nd Floor Apartment, 2731 North Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at his residence. SPERLING was shown photographs of the following individuals:

ROBERT T. KENNEDY, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Number 615590 A

FRANK GRUDZINSKI, FBI Number 959823 A

JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405842 G

PHILLIP J. KURTZ, Chicago Police Department ID Number 80181

ROBERT I. CHERN, FBI Number 539026 D

WILLIE G. DEERINGWATER, FBI Number 950824 F

SPERLING advised the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY bears a resemblance to a man who had lived in the rear basement apartment at 2731 North Sheffield, approximately a year ago.

SPERLING advised the man he was referring to was a man named BAYMS. SPERLING stated he never saw this individual have any visitors or associate with anyone in the area. He further stated this man was not friendly with any of the other people living in the building. He recalled that this man lived at the building for approximately one month.

SPERLING advised he thought on one occasion he saw this man around or getting into an old car; however, he could not recall the car's description. SPERLING was unable to furnish any other facts regarding this individual.

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by SAs JOSEPH M. BURE  
ROBERT E. HALL JMB/rrk Date dictated 8/23/68

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Date September 3, 19681

ANNIE KEEGAN, 2731 North Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at her residence. KEEGAN stated she did not get acquainted with any of the people who had rooms in the basement, and she stated she was unable to provide any information regarding a person who stayed in the rear basement apartment who used the name of RAYES.

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1Date September 3, 1968

PHYLLIS LEHNING, 925 Schubert, Apartment A, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at her residence. LEHNING advised she formerly resided at 2731 North Sheffield, in the front basement apartment. She stated she and her mother moved from that apartment on approximately May 10, 1967. She stated the apartment at 925 Schubert, was rented from May 1, 1967, to the present.

LEHNING stated she could not recall anyone moving into the rear basement apartment at 2731 North Sheffield, at the approximate time they moved from their front basement apartment. LEHNING was shown photographs of the following individuals:

ROBERT T. KENNEDY, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
(FBI) Number 615590 A

FRANK GUDZINSKI, FBI Number 959623 A

JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942 G

PHILLIP J. EURTZ, Chicago Police Department IR  
Number 80181

ROBERT I. CHERN, FBI Number 539026 D

WILLIE GENE DEERINGWATER, FBI Number 950024 F

LEHNING stated none of these individuals looked familiar to her.

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The following investigation was conducted  
by SA JOSEPH M. BURKE on August 24, 1968:

A check of the public telephones located  
in the M. SARNATZKY Pharmacy, 1000 West Diversey Parkway,  
determined the numbers of these telephones are 348-9470,  
and 348-9471.

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1Date 9/3/68

Mr. JAMES E. ABBOTT, President of Nelson Chevrolet, 1002 West Diversey, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at his place of employment. Mr. ABBOTT advised an individual named GEORGE WASHINGTON WACHS, Jr., was employed by the Nelson Chevrolet Company from May 1, 1967, to August 9, 1967. He was dismissed for excessive absenteeism.

Mr. ABBOTT checked the employment records for WACHS and determined that at the time he was hired he resided at 5300 West Wellington. Mr. ABBOTT made xerox copies of a sheet entitled Social Security Information containing background information on GEORGE WACHS and a copy of an application for position also containing background information on GEORGE WACHS.

Mr. ABBOTT stated he does not know the current location of GEORGE WACHS.

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by SAs WILLIAM J. DUNNE, Jr. and  
SA [illegible]

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INVESTIGATION AT 1640 WEST LUNT

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 9/3/68

LOLA BALLARD DESPINS, Day Clerk at the Lincoln Apartment Hotel, 1646 West Loop, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at her place of employment. DESPINS was shown a xerox copy of registration Card Number 8076. She advised this card was made out by her and the person registering filled out the name, the street, the city and the state.

DESPINS stated she recalls the individual named on this card, JOHN L. RAYNE; however, she can not recall the individual's facial features. Mrs. DESPINS was shown photographs of the following individuals:

ROBERT T. KENNEDY, FBI Number 613580A

FRANK GREGGINSKI, FBI Number 950823A

JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942G

PHILLIP J. KORTE, Chicago Police Department ID No. 69161

ROBERT L. CHERN, FBI Number 639028B

WILLIE G. BARNINGWATER, FBI Number 960024F

Mrs. DESPINS stated none of these individuals looked familiar to her.

Mrs. DESPINS made available a ledger sheet for room number 103 for June, 1967. This sheet shows room number 103 was rented on June 18, 1967. The amount for this rental was a total of \$13.61. A notation on June 19, 1967 shows "checked out". Mrs. DESPINS advised this means the person renting the room on June 18, 1967, checked out on June 19, 1967. She stated this person did not come by the desk and did not get back his \$1.00 deposit.

Mrs. DESPINS stated she recalled that the individual who rented the room came to the desk, signed the registration card, then went outside. When he came inside to

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SA JAMES E. BARNES, JR., INCH/AM Date dictated 8/30/68

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sign the registration card, he had no luggage. However, when he walked around the windows on the outside to go to his apartment, she recalled he was carrying a suitcase.

Mr. DESPINS did not see anyone with Mr. RAYNS and she did not know him to have any visitors; however, his apartment is entered from the rear of the building and visitors would not come past the desk where she works.

Mrs. DESPINS advised room 105 is a small room with a small bed, chest of drawers, and table. The occupants of room 105 share a bath with other roomers in the area.

Mrs. DESPINS reviewed the ledger sheet for room 105 for June, 1967, and determined Mr. RAYNS did not make any long distance phone calls or any phone calls which were reported on this ledger sheet.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 3, 1968

Mrs. MAYE CANAPA, Manager, Lincoln Apartment Hotel, 1649 West Loop, Chicago, Illinois, telephone number HO 4-0800, was interviewed at her place of employment. Mrs. CANAPA was shown photographs of the following individuals:

ROBERT T. KENNEDY, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Number 615620 A

FRANK GRUDZINSKI, FBI Number 930823 A

JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942 A

PHILLIP JOSEPH KURTZ, Chicago Police Department IR Number 40181

ROBERT I. CHASE, FBI Number 535025 D

WILLIE G. DEERINGWATER, FBI Number 920024 F

Mrs. CANAPA advised none of these photographs looked familiar to her.

Mrs. CANAPA reviewed the registration cards for May, and June, 1967; card number 8075 reflected that a person named JOHN L. RAYNE, address 2731 North Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois, checked into room number 105 on June 18, 1967. This was checked in by clerk LOLA BALLARD. The registration card is marked "rented for one week".

Mrs. CANAPA advised she was not familiar with the person named JOHN L. RAYNE, who stayed in room 105 as per the above information. Mrs. CANAPA advised the clerk, LOLA BALLARD, still works at the Lincoln Apartment Hotel and has remarried, her married name being DESPINE.

Mrs. CANAPA made available registration card 8075 to the interviewing Agents.

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SAs JOSEPH M. BURKE  
by ROBERT E. HALL JMB/prk

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LABORATORY REPORTS REGARDING RESTAURANT PAY CHECKS





# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20535

## REPORT

of the

## IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

### LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 44-1114  
FBI FILE NO. 44-38861  
LATENT CASE NO. 91075

August 30, 1968

TO: SAC, Chicago

RE: MURKIN  
CR

REFERENCE: Airtel 8-23-68  
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Chicago  
SPECIMENS: Eight payroll checks of Indian Trail Restaurant, Inc.,  
Q398 through Q405  
Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate, Q406

Specimens examined and one latent fingerprint of value developed on check, Q404.

See attached page for result of comparison.

Specimens enclosed.

Laboratory report separate.

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Latent Case No. 91075

August 30, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G

The latent print developed on the check #5283, Q404,  
is identical with the right thumbprint of James Earl Ray.

The check is enclosed.

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