

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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SUSAN LEE FLIKEID, nee HARRIS, was furnished an Advice of Rights Form by SA RICHARD G. STILLING which she read and upon questioning, stated she understood and signed. FLIKEID advised that she and THOMAS FLIKEID have not taken up permanent residency in California at this time; however, plan on taking up residence in the Hollywood, California, area and that they will rent an apartment. FLIKEID advised that their furniture is presently in storage, Brattners (phonetic), Hollywood, California, and that they are planning on spending three weeks this month touring the Midwest.

FLIKEID stated that she was last employed as a barmaid during November of 1966, at a lounge called "The Barn" that has subsequently changed its name to the "Blue Bongo," 5300 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California.

FLIKEID advised that she has been in California since 1962, and that she returned to Illinois in March of 1963, subsequently returning to California in September of 1964 and that since 1964, she has been involved in prostitution activities in California. She advised that in connection with her prostitution activities, she has met a LOU TOMENY, exact address unknown, last known to have been residing on Beachwood Drive, Hollywood, California. FLIKEID advised that due to her association with TOMENY who is also a prostitute, she has been maintaining an addressbook of her customers since January of 1967, and that part of these records are in storage in California and that one book is presently with her in Illinois.

FLIKEID advised that in reference to TOMENY in April of 1967, on different dates, TOMENY, VICKIE (Last Name Unknown), RIA (Last Name Unknown), KELLY O'NEAL or O'NEIL, not her true name, and herself under the name of SUE HARRIS were arrested for prostitution activities by the Los Angeles Police Department, Hollywood Division. She advised she was arrested on April 27, 1967, by Officers LARRY CORBETT and TERRY PIERCE. FLIKEID stated that the above individuals

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whom she was arrested with during April, are females and that one JOHN BONNELI was subsequently arrested also in connection with these prostitution activities and she believes that all charges were dismissed. FLIKEID advised that many of her customers for prostitution activities were referred to her by TOMENY and that she does not know the present whereabouts of TOMENY but believes that the above named officers would probably know of her present whereabouts. According to FLIKEID, TOMENY does not know GINGER NANCE or ANITA KATZWINKEL.

FLIKEID stated that in September of 1967, LOU TOMENY gave her a customer whom TOMENY possibly had just met and that this customer, whose name she cannot recall at this time, owned a dry cleaning business. According to FLIKEID, she never made a date with him and that TOMENY only gave her his dry cleaning card; however, she cannot at this time recall the whereabouts of this card other than to state it was probably in her personal effects in California. TOMMENY, according to FLIKEID, originally came from New Orleans.

FLIKEID advised that her list of customers in many instances have only names, no addresses or phone numbers and that she obtained this list of names through friends and associates whom she met through her prostitution activities.

FLIKEID advised that the name of ERIC S. GALT and his description are unknown to her as a customer. The word "Oklahombe" also means nothing to her except that she does know GINGER NANCE at one time was married to a CHARLES DAY. FLIKEID was unable to recall any of her customers who operated a white Mustang. FLIKEID advised that to the best of her recollection, she has never furnished anyone with the names and addresses of GINGER NANCE or ANITA KATZWINKEL on a Kleenex box.

FLIKEID stated that in November, 1967, to March 17, 1968, she did not reside at the St. Francis Hotel, Hollywood, California; however, she did reside at this hotel for one week during 1965, with a BARBARA DEGUZMA who has subsequently died and a SHERRY QUESSNBERRY who were both lesbians. FLIKEID

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does not know the present whereabouts of QUESSENBERRY.

SUE FLIKEID also advised that the names RAY, RICHARD GALT and RILEY were unknown to her.

FLIKEID furnished to interviewing Agents the address book pertaining to her customers which was comprehensively, completely and thoroughly reviewed with her as to each individual, date and name. She could not recall any individual who would answer the description of GALT.

FLIKEID freely and voluntarily furnished samples of her handwriting, fingerprints and photograph.

FLIKEID advised that she is not legally married to THOMAS FLIKEID but is only in a common-law relationship with him.

The following description of SUE LEE HARRIS FLIKEID was obtained through observation and interview:

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| Sex | Female |
| Race | White |
| Nationality | American |
| Date of Birth | |
| Place of Birth | Mendota, Illinois |
| Hair | Black |
| Height | 5'6" tall |
| Weight | 140 pounds |
| Build | Medium |
| Complexion | Fair |
| Arrests Admitted | January, 1966, Hollywood, California, 30 days suspended sentence; March, 1966, suspicion of stolen automobile, Hollywood Police Department, dismissed; April 27, 1967, prostitution, Hollywood Police Department, dismissed. |

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Captain GEORGE GREEN, who is Watch Commander of the 8th District, Chicago Police Department, 63rd Street and St. Louis Avenue, and who resides at 2942 South Emerald, Chicago, Illinois, furnished the following information:

Captain GREEN shot JAMES EARL RAY in the vicinity of 9 West Delaware Street, Chicago, in May, 1952, while apprehending RAY during hot pursuit following the robbery of a cab driver. Captain GREEN and his partner, Detective JOHN MC DONOUGH, ordered RAY to halt several times. RAY temporarily eluded the police officers by diving through a window through the basement of a residence. When RAY was ascending the basement steps ignoring orders to surrender, he was shot in the right arm by Captain GREEN. The bullet passed through the right arm approximately mid-way between the elbow and wrist. The bullet then grazed left arm. Only one shot was fired in effecting RAY's apprehension.

Captain GREEN further stated that when RAY dove through the window into the basement, he landed in an area where bathtubs were stored and either injured his face around the head area from glass or upon landing in the basement. Captain GREEN opined RAY's wounds in the head area and in the left arm were probably superficial and would leave no scars.

Captain GREEN was unable to suggest the identity of any associates of RAY in the Chicago area.

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JOHN MC DONOUGH, retired Chicago Police officer, and now inspector for the Chicago Civil Defense, City Hall, 140 South Dearborn Street, and who resides at 4427 North Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois, stated he could only vaguely recall the shooting and apprehension of JAMES EARL RAY in 1952. MC DONOUGH stated he was unable to recall in which arm RAY was shot by MC DONOUGH's former partner, Chicago Police Department Captain GEORGE GREEN, during the apprehension of RAY following a robbery.

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY, who was present in the Chicago FBI Office, was requested to furnish his fingerprints, including sides and tips and palm prints. He was also requested to pose for photographs. He complied with both requests and also furnished handwriting samples.

Based on information furnished by the St. Louis Division, JERRY was requestioned concerning the discrepancy as to the identity of his father and present whereabouts. He advised that JERRY RAYNES, Center, Missouri, was not his father and reiterated that his father was JAMES GERALD RAY, who died in 1951 at Hannibal, Missouri. He said that the information concerning his relatives and parents is correct to the best of his knowledge because it was told to him by his mother. He said that he is unaware of where CAROL PEPPER might have obtained her information since she left the mother's home in about 1956 when she was 15 years old. He then stated that prior to his father's death in 1951, he was employed by the railroad (identity unknown), and worked on a farm in the vicinity of Hannibal, Missouri.

He further related that all of the children left home upon reaching the age of 15 or 16 and there was very little family contact thereafter. When the parents separated in 1949, all of the younger children who were then at home went with the mother.

In response to a question as to the reason for his brother's commission of the murder of KING, JERRY advised that he was unable to furnish any reason. He went on to say that during the three or four time that he has talked with his brother in the last 15 or 16 years, JAMES never expressed any particular outward dislike for members of the Negro race. But JERRY did have the feeling that the subject was not particularly fond of Negroes.

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JERRY said that he is not aware of JAMES' present whereabouts and has no idea where JAMES has been since his escape from prison. He said that he has not been contacted by JAMES in any manner. He classifies JAMES as a "loner" and does not know of any member of the family that JAMES would likely contact. The only occupation for JAMES that he is aware of is that of a baker, which JAMES learned in prison.

JERRY informed that he has only seen his brother once outside of prison and that was sometime in 1951. All of his other contacts with his brother have been when either he, JERRY, has visited his brother in prison, or JAMES has visited him while he was in prison. JERRY said that he has no knowledge of his associates other than WALTER TERRY RIFE, who was arrested with his brother and served in prison with him. WALTER RIFE is also known personally to JERRY since they both served time together in the Illinois State Penitentiary, Menard, Illinois. JERRY has no information as to the present whereabouts of RIFE and has not seen him since JERRY's release from prison in 1960. He is of the opinion that RIFE could have returned to Quincy, Illinois. JERRY also knows LONNIE RIFE since he did time in Menard with him, also. He said that the name of ROBERT JOHNS was not known to him.

JERRY advised that to the best of his recollection, he never informed JAMES of his residence address; however, he has received mail from JAMES from prison addressed to Post Office Box 22, Wheeling, Illinois. JERRY said that he obtained this box so that his brother could write to him and that mail from the Penitentiary would not be going to JERRY's employment. He said that he has no reason to believe that JAMES would contact him. JERRY said that he feels that he would cooperate with the FBI in this matter but that it would take considerable thought on his part to turn his brother in. He said that he thought that if he was telephonically contacted by his brother, he would not talk to him but would hang up. JERRY was asked how his brother would know his phone number if he was not aware of his residence and employment. JERRY said that he has no reason to believe that his brother is aware of his phone number, that he never gave it to him and made the foregoing statement about a phone call merely as a matter of conjecture.

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He said that he has no idea of the present whereabouts of his brother JOHN, stating that the last time he saw him was in February, 1968, at the McArthur Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri. He said that on this occasion, he and his brother went to their sister Carol's house and stayed until three or four in the morning. They both returned to the hotel where they had several drinks in the bar and then JOHN left. JERRY assumed that JOHN was staying in the McArthur Hotel but could not furnish a room number nor was he ever in JOHN's room.

He said that he did not know his brother JOHN's present occupation but that he has worked in the past as a bartender, painter and laborer. JERRY noted that JOHN had attended bartender's school in Chicago, Illinois. He said that JOHN, to his knowledge, has never been married. JERRY further related that his brother JAMES also has never married and that he knows of no girl friends with whom his brother JAMES had associated. He said that JAMES would usually pick up a girl in the hotel, or go to a hotel and obtain a girl through the bellboy or patronize houses.

He said that he was not aware of his brother visiting any private doctors but did recall that one time when his brother was in prison, he was sent for psychiatric treatment to Fulton, Missouri. As JERRY recalls, this was for a nervous condition and his brother JAMES was there about a month.

JERRY said that the reason that he went to Kansas City in February, 1968, was to visit with his sister since "she is all the family I have." He denied that he had seen his brother JAMES while in St. Louis. He also advised that he makes the trip from Chicago, Illinois, to St. Louis, Missouri, about once every six or seven weeks.

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY was interviewed at the Sportsman's Country Club, Northbrook, Illinois. RAY advised he also uses the name of JERRY WILLIAM RYAN and that due to the fact he could never locate a birth certificate in the name of RAY and his mother had used the name RYAN, he registered for the draft under the name of RYAN and has used the name RYAN on all legal documents.

RAY advised since he last was interviewed by the FBI, he talked with his sister, CAROL, on the phone. He stated his conversation with CAROL did not produce any information as to the current whereabouts of his brother, JAMES EARL RAY.

JERRY RAY advised he did not think his brother, JAMES RAY, would contact any of the immediate members of his family, as he felt JAMES would not want to get any of his close relatives in trouble. JERRY RAY stated there was a possibility that if JAMES RAY contacted any relative, he would contact his uncle, WILLIAM MAHER, 118 East 7th Street, Alton, Illinois. MAHER is a painting contractor. JERRY advised both he and JAMES RAY have stayed with MAHER in the past. He stated the reason he thinks JAMES would contact MAHER is that he has stayed with him in the past, however, he is not particularly close to or fond of this uncle, and therefore, he would not be afraid of getting MAHER in trouble from such a contact.

JERRY RAY advised his father's sister, MELBA FULLER, who was married to FRANK FULLER, resides in Quincy, Illinois, and would be able to identify members of the family on his father's side that he, JERRY RAY, was not familiar with. He stated MELBA FULLER is not close to himself or any of his brothers and sisters.

In recalling his brother's habits, RAY stated he is not very familiar with his brother's habits as he has not seen his brother, JAMES RAY, outside of some prison visits since he, JERRY RAY, was age 13. He did recall of past

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conversations with JAMES RAY where he talked of the cheap living in Tijuana, Mexico. JERRY RAY advised as far as he knew, JAMES used to like to frequent "rough house" bars.

JERRY RAY was asked if his brother contacted him would he notify the FBI. RAY advised he did not know if he would call the FBI if he heard from JAMES. He stated he did not feel that he would have this problem because he did not think JAMES would contact him, however, if he did contact him, he felt he would probably immediately hang up the phone so as not to get involved.

JERRY RAY was advised by interviewing Agents of the Provisions of the Harboring Statute. He was told any assistance he gives his brother could possibly be a violation of that statute and interviewing Agents solicited the full cooperation of JERRY RAY in locating his brother to include the immediate contact of the FBI in the event he were contacted by his brother, JAMES RAY.

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Date 5/1/68

JERRY WILLIAM RAY was interviewed at the Chicago FBI Office and furnished the following information:

He was shown a photograph of an individual identified as ERIC STARVO GALT and taken in Los Angeles, California, about March 1, 1968, and in which photograph GALT had his eyes closed. RAY stated that the photograph was above his brother JAMES EARL RAY. He was questioned as to whether he was certain that the photograph depicted his brother and he said "I'll put it this way. If I was a citizen and knew that you were looking for JAMES EARL RAY and saw the individual depicted in the photograph, I would immediately call the proper authorities and notify them that I had seen the individual that was wanted."

He was shown the same photograph in which eyes had been drawn by an FBI artist. He said that he did not like the eyes in the picture as they were drawn because they did not truly represent his brother's eyes.

RAY stated that he is employed as a maintenance man and handyman at the Sportsman Country Club located at Northbrook, Illinois, on Dundee Road. He said that he was steadily employed at the country club from late March, 1968, to the date of interview.

RAY stated that he has served prison sentences in the Illinois State Penitentiary at Menard, Illinois, and believed his inmate number was 2497J. He said that he had served time in Illinois State Penitentiary at Pontiac, Illinois, and believed that his inmate number was 20229. He said that he had also been confined in the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri; however, he was unable to recall his inmate number. He gave his Social Security Number as

He said that his brother, JAMES EARL RAY, has been in prison on several occasions serving sentences for ~~burglary but that these burglaries were for things like~~

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stealing gas from a gasoline station and that his brother was really not much of a "real burglar". He said that he last seen his brother in about 1964.

RAY related that the family has never been real close and that mostly the children had been born in the Quincy, Illinois area. He said that the only family member that he has really been close to is his sister, CAROL ANN PEPPER, who resides in Maplewood, Missouri. He advised that he frequently visits with CAROL because she is the only real family that he has.

He said that he knew of no reason why his brother would have killed MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., because he had never known his brother to have any particular hate for members of the Negro race or of KING himself.

JERRY WILLIAM RAY was requested to furnish his family tree and furnished the following information:

He said that his father was JAMES GERALD RAY who died in 1951 at Hannibal, Missouri, just across the line from Quincy, Illinois.

He advised that his mother was LUCILLE MARY RAY, nee MAHER, who at one time changed her name to LUCILLE RYAN after separation from his father in 1948 or 1949, and he claimed that his mother had died in January, 1961, at St. Louis, Missouri.

There were seven children born of this marriage and he identified them as follows:

1. JAMES EARL RAY, age 39 or 40, who has never been married, whereabouts unknown.
2. JOHN LARRY RAY, age about 35, who has never married, address unknown, but whom JERRY last seen at the MacArthur Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri, about February 2, 1968.
3. JERRY WILLIAM RAY, born [redacted] at Quincy, Illinois, residing at the Sportsman Country Club, Northbrook, Illinois, divorced from wife GJEREIS, nee OLSON.

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4. CAROL ANN PEPPER, age about 27, married to ALBERT PEPPER, and residing in Maplewood in suburb of St. Louis, Missouri.

5. FRANK DELANO RAY, age 22, who drowned in an accident in 1963 on the Missouri side of the river at Quincy, Illinois, at West Quincy, Missouri.

6. SUSAN (LNU), age about 21, who was adopted by some family in the Quincy, Illinois area in about the fall of 1952. He believed that CAROL would know SUSAN's full name and address.

7. [REDACTED] (LNU), age about 18, who was adopted out at Quincy, Illinois, in about 1952.

He said that the only maternal relatives he has is his mother's brother, WILLARD MAHER, age about 60, whom he believes resides in San Francisco, California, and the only employment he could recall for WILLARD was in Guam after World War II in about 1946-1947.

He said that the only paternal relatives he has is his father's brother, EARL RAY, age about 70, who was released from the Illinois State Penitentiary in Menard, Illinois, in about May, 1958, and died possibly in the fall of 1958 at Syracuse, New York.

RAY said that he was unable to recall any other relatives on either his father or mother's side such as aunts, uncles, cousins, etc.

RAY advised that he normally receives his mail at Box 22, Wheeling, Illinois, but sometimes receives mail at the Sportsman Country Club, Northbrook, Illinois.

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Date December 5, 1968

Mrs. GLORIA DONNELLY, 2731 North Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at her place of employment, 4501 West Irving Park Road, Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. DONNELLY made available to interviewing agents a letter and the envelope which the letter came in. This envelope is postmarked November 25, 1968, Reidsville, Georgia. It is addressed to Mrs. DONNELLY, 2731 North Sheffield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. It shows a return address for RAY RUSSELL. Under the name RUSSELL is a number which is not clearly legible. The letter itself is addressed to Mrs. DONNELLY and is signed by RAY RUSSELL. The letter makes reference to the fact RAY RUSSELL resided in the rear basement apartment and also mentions the name JOHN LARRY RAYNS and it requests Mrs. DONNELLY to get some money for RUSSELL.

Mrs. DONNELLY advised she did not recognize the name RAY RUSSELL. She checked her rent record books and could not find anyone by that name that had stayed at 2731 North Sheffield. She also stated she did not know of what money this RAY RUSSELL was talking about.

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SA JOSEPH M. BURKE JMB :DRD Date dictated 12/5/68

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Date December 13, 1968

GEORGE SEYMOUR HELLER, 1337 West Fargo, Chicago, Illinois, phone 262-4854, was interviewed at his place of employment, the Bernard Harwich branch of the Jewish Community Centers of Chicago, 3003 West Touhy, Chicago, Illinois, phone RO 1-9100, where he is employed as a social group worker. Mr. HELLER advised that some time in the summer of 1967, he ran an ad in the "Chicago Tribune" for the sale of a 1959 Chrysler, green over white. He said that the manager of the Sunoco Station, Lunt and Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, named MAURICE (LNU), acted as his agent. After the ad had been run in the paper, he received a call from MAURICE (LNU), telling him that a party had called about the car and would be at the gas station. HELLER went to the gas station and waited for the purchaser to arrive. He first observed the purchaser along walking into the gas station. This individual was dressed in a green jacket, dressed almost as in a government issued fatigue jacket and green pants. He was neat and clean and had no unusual characteristics. Mr. HELLER was exhibited a group of nine photographs, three of which were photographs taken at different times of JAMES EARL RAY. Mr. HELLER picked out photo number 00416 dated January 4, 1966, and stated that this photograph would be the closest resemblance to the purchaser of his car; however, he could not state definitely that the individual represented by this photograph was identical to the purchaser. He also advised that he has seen numerous photographs of JAMES EARL RAY in the news media and has never once associated him with the purchaser of his Chrysler. He was shown additional photographs of RAY and stated that he could not say that RAY was identical to the purchaser.

He said that his overall impression of RAY was that he was "lanky" and of the "hillbilly" type". He commented that RAY was extremely quiet and said no more than a dozen words during their conversation, which was completely about the Chrysler. RAY made no comment as to his residence, employment, or any other matters of a personal nature. RAY also made no comment concerning the reason for the purchase of the car and in fact seemed to have very little interest

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at HELLER's comments concerning the vehicle. RAY made no mention of utilizing the car for a long trip and asked no questions as to the roadability of the car. He appeared to be purchasing it merely for transportation. RAY also did not argue about the price and paid in cash the \$200, which was HELLER's asking price. HELLER further related that there was nothing unusual about the money, that he did not believe it was new currency, and he could not recall the specific denominations of the bills.

HELLER advised that the only thing that stuck in his mind concerning RAY was that he was very quiet. HELLER took the Illinois license plates off of the car and RAY drove it away. HELLER had no further contact with him.

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Date 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 405942 G

PHILLIP J. KURTZ, Chicago Police Department IR Number 80181

ROBERT I. CHERN, FBI Number 539026 D

WILLIE G. DEERINGWATER, FBI Number 950024 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 RAYMS. 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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ROBERT E. HALL JMB/prk Date dictated 8/28/68

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Date September 3, 1968

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 RAYMS.

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Date 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 Shhubert, 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 GRUDZINSKI, FBI Number 959823 A

JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942 G

PHILLIP J. KURTZ, 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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Date 9/3/68

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 RAYMS 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 615590A

FRANK GRUDZINSKI, FBI Number 959823A

JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942G

PHILLIP J. KURTZ, Chicago Police Department IR No. 80181

ROBERT I. CHERN, FBI Number 539026D

WILLIE G. DEERINGWATER, FBI Number 950024F

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 RAYMS.

Mr. DONNELLY advised the individual he recalled as being identical with the man who used the name JOHN LARRY RAYMS and who occupied the rear basement apartment had trouble with his feet. He recalled this individual had to rub 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. RAYMS said he had worked on the Mississippi River as a cook

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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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Date 9/3/68

LOLA BALLARD DESPINS, Day Clerk at the Lincoln Apartment Hotel, 1648 West Lunt, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at her place of employment. DESPINS was shown a xerox copy of Registration Card Number 8075. 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. RAY~~; however, she can not recall the individual's facial features. Mrs. DESPINS was shown photographs of the following individuals:

ROBERT T. KENNEDY, FBI Number 615590A

FRANK GRUDZINSKI, FBI Number 959823A

JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942G

PHILLIP J. KURTZ, Chicago Police Department IR No. 80181

ROBERT I. CHERN, FBI Number 539026D

WILLIE G. DEERINGWATER, FBI Number 950024F

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

Mrs. DESPINS made available a ledger sheet for room number 105 for June, 1967. This sheet shows room number 105 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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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.

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Date 9/3/68

Mr. JAMES K. 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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Date 8/30/68

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

They advised that on Tuesday, August 20, 1968, they were contacted by WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE, Hartselle, Alabama, who is the author of "Three Lives For Mississippi". Mr. HUIE was accompanied by Mr. (First Name Unknown) HANSEN, who is a photographer for "Look" magazine. Mr. HUIE exhibited letters which he claimed were from JAMES EARL RAY and were addressed to a Mississippi attorney. These letters were purportedly given to HUIE by the attorney. HUIE 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 KLINGEMANS stated that they recognized the handwriting on these papers as that of the subject RAY, whom they knew under the name of JOHN RAYNS. At this point, the KLINGEMANS 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 KLINGEMANS 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 | JOHN L. RAYNS |
| Address | 2731 Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois |
| Occupation | Cook's helper |
| Social Security Number | <input type="text"/> |
| Rate | \$2.10 per hour |

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|----------------|--------|
| Number of | 1 |
| Exemptions | |
| Marital Status | Single |

In addition, the KLINGEMANs 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. KLINGEMAN. The checks are endorsed by JOHN L. RAYNS or JOHN RAYNS, two of which have the address 1648 Lunt, Chicago, underneath the signature. These checks are as follows:

| <u>NUMBER</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>DATE</u> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 4838 | \$57.69 | May 7, 1967 |
| 4913 | \$84.89 | May 14, 1967 |
| 4987 | \$84.89 | May 21, 1967 |
| 5058 | \$84.89 | May 28, 1967 |
| 5130 | \$89.63 | June 11, 1967 |
| 5283 | \$95.19 | June 18, 1967 |
| 5357 | \$77.53 | June 25, 1967 |

The foregoing checks total \$664.34.

Mr. KLINGEMAN 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. KLINGEMAN 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 \$300 in his shoe. He escaped in a bread 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 date, 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 KLINGEMANs 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 an 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 steer all investigation to Mexico. However, since the conspirators did not appear in Atlanta, RAY fled to Canada thereafter utilizing his knowledge to obtain a passport and fled to England.

The KLINGEMANs 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 KLINGEMANs 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. KLINGEMAN advised that they would make these proofs available to the interviewing Agents for review.

The KLINGEMANs 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 PERRY and FRED 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 Brimerhaven, 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 HUIE, 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 HUIE came from letters which RAY had written to his attorney, who in turn turned them over to the author. Also Mr. KLINGEMAN 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 Klingemans again requested that this information be maintained in confidence and expressed a willingness to co-operate with the FBI in any way possible.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 3, 1968

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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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, PHYLLIS, 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:

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(FBI) Number 615590 A

FRANK GRUDZINSKI, FBI Number 959823 A

JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942 G

PHILLIP JOSEPH KURTZ, Chicago Police Department
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ROBERT I. CHERN, FBI Number 539026 D

WILLIE G. DEERINGWATER, FBI Number 950024 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 RAYMS.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 3, 1968

Mrs. MAYE CANAPA, Manager, Lincoln Apartment Hotel, 1648 West Lunt, Chicago, Illinois, telephone number RO 4-0900, was interviewed at her place of employment. Mrs. CANAPA was shown photographs of the following individuals:

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JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942 A

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ROBERT I. CHERN, FBI Number 539026 D

WILLIE G. DEERINGWATER, FBI Number 950024 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. RAYNS, address 2731 North Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois, checked into room number 105 on June 18, 1967. This man 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. RAYNS, 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 DESPINS.

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

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