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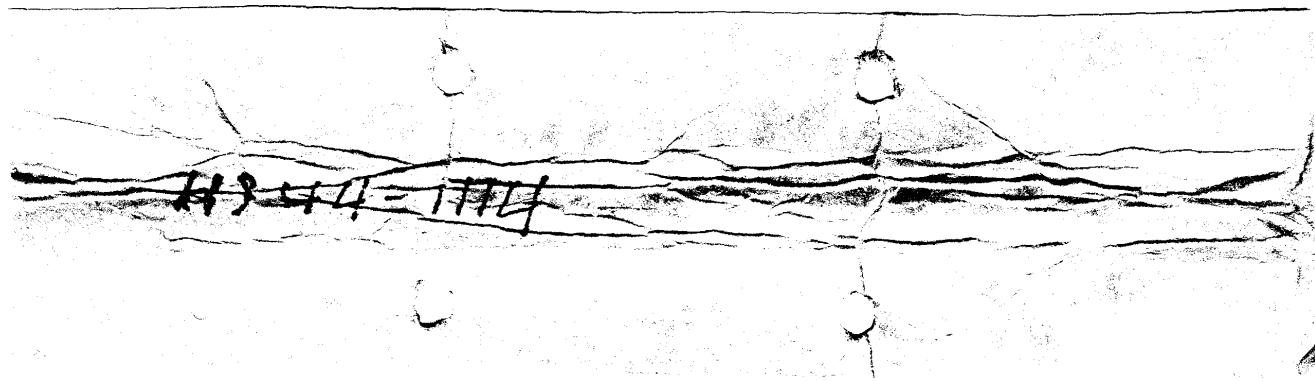
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RE KENNETH COURTY
1224 NORTH LA SALLE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The following investigation was conducted by
SA GEORGE H. PERKINS and SA JOHN J. GOLDEN:

On April 25, 1968, SA PERKINS and SA GOLDEN proceeded to 1224 North La Salle where it was ascertained that the manager was one LEONARD COUILLARD who resided in Apartment 3, 1220 North La Salle. COUILLARD advised that he was not sure but he thought that KENNETH COURTY was probably a Negro male known to him as KENNETH SMITH, who did reside in Apartment 3, 1220 North La Salle. He said that SMITH also may have used the name KENNETH COURTNEY. He described SMITH as a Negro male, 5'6" tall, medium build, 27 years old. He said that SMITH is a hippie and that he caused so much trouble in the apartment he was kicked out and since that time has been breaking into the room at night and into the basement of 1224 La Salle, where he has been observed sleeping with various white girls. COUILLARD said that SMITH had a friend, DAVE CAMBELL, who lives in Apartment 9, 1220 North La Salle, but he knows of no other way than through CAMBELL to locate SMITH. COUILLARD viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that he had seen several individuals who, being unkempt and dressed like hippies, could have RAY's general physical appearance as to height and weight but lacked age and the definite facial characteristics of the subject. He said that to the best of his recollection, he has never observed anyone completely answering the subject's physical description and facial characteristics in the neighborhood.

On April 26, 1968, COUILLARD was again contacted and stated that when CAMBELL (who is also a hippie) heard that FBI Agents wanted to speak with him, immediately vacated the apartment and disappeared. COUILLARD stated that CAMBELL in no way resembles RAY and that he had not heard further of SMITH except that someone continues to break into the basement each night. COUILLARD advised that the next time someone broke in, he would have them arrested for trespass on the probability that it might be SMITH.

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On May 7, 1968, Officer GEORGE DEUCETIS, Chicago Police Department, 18th District, telephonically advised that a Negro male, 5'6" tall, 125 pounds, using the name DON JONES, was arrested on a charge of loitering on a complaint from the manager of 1220 North La Salle. DEUCETIS advised that he had been told by the manager that JONES was identical to the person that FBI Agent PERKINS was interested in speaking with.

On May 7, 1968, SA GOLDEN and SA PERKINS attempted to interview "DON JONES" at the 18th District Police Department. JONES was very abusive, calling Agents and all law enforcement officers numerous obscene names, stated that he did not care who killed MARTIN LUTHER KING, and that he would not help any "cops" or Agents and would not discuss that matter or his true identity any further.

On the same date, Officer SAMMON, Lockup, 18th District, advised that a fingerprint check of "DON JONES" came back negative, indicating that he had never been fingerprinted before.

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RE: LONG-DISTANCE PHONE CALLS
MADE FROM PHONE BOOTHS
ALONG INTERSTATE 10
HOUSTON, TEXAS

The Houston Division advised numerous telephone calls were made along Interstate Highway 10 over which JAMES EARL RAY and CHARLES STEIN allegedly traveled on December 15-17, 1967. The Chicago Division was requested to conduct investigation around telephone number 312-832-4895.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA DAVID R. STRUCK:

On May 7, 1968, it was determined that telephone number 312-832-4895 was listed to LESTER H. BROONER, 660 South Yale, Villa Park, Illinois.

On May 7, 1968, OTTO ALBUSCHAT, Chief, Villa Park, Illinois, Police Department, advised he was unable to locate any record identifiable with BROONER.

On May 7, 1968, JEANIE SPRINGBORN, Bureau of Identification, Du Page County Sheriff's Office, Wheaton, Illinois, whose records cover the Villa Park, Illinois, area, advised she was unable to locate any record identifiable with BROONER.

On May 7, 1968, Mrs. LESTER BROONER, 660 South Yale, Villa Park, Illinois, was contacted concerning the alleged telephone call. Mrs. BROONER stated she and her husband have no relatives or acquaintances in Texas and she has no idea as to who may have made the call. Mrs. BROONER pointed out she does not recall having received any such telephone call. She advised she would consult her daughter and husband to determine if they have any knowledge of this telephone call. Mrs. BROONER advised she knows no one by the name of CHARLES STEIN or JAMES EARL RAY.

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On May 8, 1968, LESTER BROONER, 660 South Yale, Villa Park, Illinois, was contacted at which time he advised he and his wife thoroughly discussed the matter surrounding the telephone call and were unable to recall having received any such call and were unable to locate any record in their telephone bills of having received such a call. Mr. BROONER advised he knows no one by the name of CHARLES STEIN or JAMES EARL RAY.

RE: CHICAGO TELEPHONE NUMBER
312-924-8412

Mrs. EUNICE MILLER, 4848 South State Street, Apartment 1605, Chicago, Illinois, advised that she is the subscriber to Chicago telephone number 312-924-8412. She stated she is in no way familiar with JAMES EARL RAY. She stated that any phone calls from Beaumont, Texas, area would necessarily have to be attributed to her relatives living in that area. Mrs. MILLER stated that she does not recall the particular phone call but she has relatives in Galveston and Dallas, Texas, and these individuals were evidently the ones who placed the call in 1967.

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RE: POSSIBILITY SUBJECT AT BROTHER
JERRY'S HOUSE, NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS
APRIL, 1967

On the evening of May 3, 1968, DAVID ALLEN, 1929 Washington Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois, phone AL 1-5761, advised SA RENE J. DUMAINE that JERRY RAY was formerly married to a friend of his wife's. He said that according to his wife, approximately one year ago in April, 1967, the subject was with JERRY RAY and his wife in Northbrook, Illinois.

Mrs. LINDA ALLEN also telephonically advised that she had attended school with Mrs. GJERDIS RAY, who is presently residing at 314 Wisconsin Avenue, Lake Forest, Illinois.

Mrs. ALLEN related that Mrs. RAY had told her that sometime in April, 1967, a brother had stayed with JERRY RAY when she and JERRY were residing at 2897 Techny Road, Northbrook, Illinois (from March to September, 1967). The brother stayed there for approximately one week and that although she, LINDA, rented a house in Northbrook, Illinois, next to RAY, she never physically observed the brother. She did remember that GJERDIS had told her that JERRY and the brother would go to Chicago on numerous occasions but would not take her with them. Mrs. ALLEN advised that one neighbor who was residing there at the time still lives there in the house to the west of where the RAYs used to live. She did not know whether or not the landlord was still in the area but that information could be obtained from the ex-landlord.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROBERT K. MC QUEEN and SA O. ARTHUR GRAN:

AT LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS.

ROY WILSON, Caretaker, rooming house at 314 Wisconsin, advised on May 6, 1968, that GJERDIS D. OLSEN, also known as GJERDIS RAY, occupied Apartment 72 from about November, 1967, to 3:00 p.m., Saturday, May 4, 1968, when she "sneaked off" without notice and without paying \$180 that she was

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arrears in rent. She left in a station wagon driven by her mother, which WILSON had noted parked that morning a block away. She had a red car of her own, and had worked a short while last fall at Scottie's Restaurant, Lake Forest. Her father, a retired Navy man, supposedly worked at Great Lakes. WILSON said he never noted any menfolk visiting GJERDIS. At the time she left, she had just had a phone, number 234-9047, installed the week before.

A check of Civil Service and Navy Exchange, personnel records and of registered station wagons at Great Lakes Naval Training Center failed to identify parents of GJERDIS RAY, nee OLSEN. NICOL LAMBERT, Owner, Scottie's Restaurant, Lake Forest, was located May 7, 1968. He said GJERDIS RAY had been employed only a few days as a waitress in late 1967, at which time she was rooming at 314 Wisconsin, phone 234-9894; however, other waitresses had since reported seeing her around town occasionally, most recently keeping company with a dark-skinned Negro whom she identified as her boyfriend, name not given. LAMBERT located 1967 withholding certificate for GJERDIS RAY, Social Security Number [redacted], on which was listed address of 1344 Hazel Avenue, Deerfield, Illinois, telephone 945-0356.

AT DEERFIELD, ILLINOIS.

Located at 1344 Hazel, as he came home for lunch from his two-day-a-week "manpower" job as maintenance manager at Recreation Department, United States Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, PAUL ALFRED OLSEN, Age 69, advised as follows:

GJERDIS RAY is the daughter of his brother who was killed in Whitehall, Montana, in 1949. He and his wife adopted GJERDIS at age 11 months. They also adopted GJERDIS' brother, NORMAN DALE OLSEN, now age 22, and living in Houston, Texas, and working as an auto painter. Both of the children were slow to learn, left school early, and have been constant sources of trouble for their stepparents.

GJERDIS got married three years or so ago to a DAVID STREET, had a baby by him, then got a divorce for non-support. Then she married JERRY RAY whom she met at Sportsman's golf course two years ago. Last year she put her baby up for adoption through a Methodist home in Lake Forest.

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She and JERRY separated six months ago, and she later got a divorce. She has since lived by herself and not at her "parental" home because Mr. and Mrs. OLSEN are "fed up" and did not approve of her chasing around, staying out late, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. OLSEN had become attached to the baby, and visited GJERDIS and the baby a few times at Northbrook, at the place on Techny Road. OLSEN saw JERRY RAY a few of those times but did not like him because once OLSEN got stuck in the snow right outside the Techny address, and JERRY would not "even bother to help push" him out. OLSEN never met any relatives of JERRY RAY and first knew that JERRY had a brother, JAMES RAY, when he read it in the newspapers a few weeks ago. GJERDIS never mentioned having met JAMES, and OLSEN was unaware of a visit by one of the RAY brothers to the Techny Road address. He recalled that shortly after they were married, JERRY RAY and GJERDIS went to Missouri to see JERRY's relatives with the intention of living there but he heard no more about this.

OLSEN concluded that he feels there is something wrong mentally with GJERDIS, who just moved from Lake Forest to a motel in Des Plaines and who is working as a waitress at the Kopper Kettle, Highland Park. Mrs. OLSEN works as a babysitter at the J. D. SIMMONS residence, B2724 Birchwood Lane, Highland Park, phone 945-5029.

Interviewed separately May 7, 1968, at B2724 Birchwood Lane, Mrs. PAUL OLSEN verified generally what her husband had said and added that GJERDIS is highly nervous and emotional, takes pills and is under doctor's care, principally because of the strain of having placed her baby out for adoption last summer in an attempt to preserve her marriage with JERRY RAY. She said GJERDIS, who was born [redacted] married JERRY RAY in Chicago in about January, 1967, and they first lived at Arlington Heights before moving to 2897 Techny Road, Northbrook. Before GJERDIS and JERRY were separated in the fall of 1967, Mrs. OLSEN visited them about three times, but at no time saw any of JERRY's relatives. When the papers related, much to her surprise, a few weeks ago that JAMES RAY and JERRY RAY were brothers, she recalled the following

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two incidents, the dates of which she could not precisely place:

The first was GJERDIS' relating to her about the trip she and JERRY took to St. Louis where JERRY visited a brother and his father who lived near there. GJERDIS told of "waiting in a theater" for JERRY while he went with his brother on some sort of mission. This trip was shortly after the marriage, probably in the early spring of 1967, which Mrs. OLSEN related to a time when GJERDIS had just quit working for Culligan's in Arlington or Northbrook.

The other incident concerned a phone call GJERDIS made to Mrs. OLSEN from Northbrook, in which she said that "something funny" was going on because she, GJERDIS, had discovered some strange clothes left in the garage by JERRY's brother from St. Louis; further, that this brother had taken JERRY's car and left. GJERDIS told Mrs. OLSEN that she "just don't understand" and that she had not really seen the brother.

When the publicity about JAMES EARL RAY came out, Mrs. OLSEN and GJERDIS tried to set the time of the foregoing car incident and figured that it must have been April, 1967, because "he (JAMES RAY) didn't escape until late in April" and they chose to assume that it was brother JAMES who was there at the time.

Mrs. OLSEN concluded that she is certain that GJERDIS has never in her life seen JAMES EARL RAY from what she has told and indicated to her (Mrs. OLSEN). She cautioned that GJERDIS' mind would "wander" when agents talked with her and she would not be able to recall specific dates and places.

It is noted that Mrs. OLSEN as well as her husband pledged complete cooperation and said they would immediately contact the FBI should they hear or learn any information re subject.

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GJERDIS DOROTHEA ANNA OLSEN (she has again assumed her maiden name), date of birth [redacted] at St. Paul, Minnesota, who would frequently go off on unexplained tangents in response to questions, was interviewed outside her place of employment, Kopper Kettle, Routes 41 and 22, Highland Park. She said she had been "expecting" agents, that she really had no "good" information, but that she would cooperate in any way. She advised as follows:

Since May 4, 1968, she has been residing at Randel's Motel, Apartment 12, Des Plaines, but intends to move in the near future to Waukegan. She drives a 1962 Plymouth with 1968 Illinois license HK 6917. She married WILLIAM STREET, Mundelein, Illinois, August 31, 1966, and gave birth to his baby [redacted]. She divorced him in Chicago in about January, 1967, after having met JERRY RAY who was working at Sportsmans. In about Christmas, 1966, she and JERRY went to St. Louis and visited his father and his sister, MELBA, and her husband. There was another man there, probably a brother, but she never heard his name. She first knew of a brother, JOHN, when in early 1967, at the Techny Road address, she happened to see a clipping in which it was mentioned that JOHN RAY was in some kind of trouble. She never talked to JERRY about this, however, and she never knew there was a JAMES RAY until after it "came out in the papers." She has seen numerous pictures of JAMES RAY since and "is quite sure" she has never seen him before. As to her waiting in a theater in St. Louis, she responded only that she did go to a movie one time rather than go with JERRY on some sort of errand.

After the publicity about JAMES, she and her mother recalled the incident wherein a brother from St. Louis, name unknown to her, came and left some clothes and his car. This brother was about 45, had dark hair like JERRY, but was not JAMES. She and her mother figured it was about April, 1967, when this occurred. The brother came driving a 1961 red Plymouth tudor, with white top, and he traded cars with JERRY, taking JERRY's 1963 or 1964 Rambler, which JERRY had bought from the second chef at Sportsmans. This was a cream-colored four door. The brother left in this car, saying he

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was going to Los Angeles. She did not see him again. JERRY was to have been sent the title for the 1961 Plymouth but later he took this car back to St. Louis and left it and got the car which he is now driving.

GJERDIS, who had to return to work at her boss' request, concluded that she would be available at any time for further interview, but she was very certain "I have never seen JAMES." She said JERRY has been ruined by the publicity and she would like to "find him" to talk to him and "settle him down."

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Re: Telephone Calls - Virginia Hotel, Telephone #223-0403,
Quincy, Illinois
Residence of MELBA MARIE RYAN - subject's sister

By teletype May 3, 1968, the Springfield Division advised that the records Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Quincy, Illinois, indicate following listed phone calls were made from the Virginia Hotel, which are within the Chicago Division territory:

May 25, 1968
Chicago
DI 2-5442
(ELAINE HAMMOND
1318 North Ashland)

March 25, 1968
Chicago
CA 7-9532
(ZENEL MUCHO
1184 North Milwaukee Avenue)

April 3, 1968
Aurora
364-9282
(Being handled by SA ROBINSON)

April 6, 1968
Chicago
VI 7-0727
(J. D. TAYLOR
35th and Western)

April 8, 1968
Crete
OR 2-5991
(DOLORES RIPPE,
Burr Oak Road)

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April 8, 1968
Chicago Heights
SK 6-1000
(S. E. HAMMOND
St. James Hospital)

On May 6, 1968, ELAINE HAMMOND, Apartment #2 rear, 1318 North Ashland, Chicago, Illinois, advised:

Mrs. HAMMOND formerly resided at Quincy, Illinois, and her family still lives there, which includes her mother, her step-father and a sister. When she visits Quincy, she sometimes stays at the Virginia Hotel and knows several persons residing at this hotel. However, MELBA MARIE RYAN is unknown to her as is the subject RAY, and she did not recognize a photograph of RAY as being a person known to her. She could not recall receiving a telephone call from Quincy on or about March 25, 1968.

On May 6, 1968, DON HAMMOND, Operator of the Cedar Club, 1184 North Milwaukee Avenue, advised:

ZENEL MUCHO was the licensed owner of the Cedar Club and the telephone is in his name.

ELAINE HAMMOND is his wife, is pregnant, and on several occasions during the past few months has visited in Quincy, Illinois, which was originally her home. She was in Quincy the latter part of March, 1968, and called to their home in Chicago at 1318 North Ashland. She also made a telephone call to the Cedar Club on March 25, 1968.

DON HAMMOND has been in Quincy during the past month and the telephone calls on April 8, 1968, were made by him. The call to Chicago, VI 7-0727, was to the residence of J. D. TAYLOR, who serves as a bartender for HAMMOND and resides near 35th and Western in Chicago. The telephone call to CRETE, OR 2-5991, was to HAMMOND's sister, DOLORES RIPPE, who resides on Burr Oak Road. The telephone call to Chicago Heights, SK 6-1000, was to HAMMOND's father, S. E. HAMMOND, who at that time was a patient at St. James Hospital.

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HAMMOND stated that the owner of the Virginia Hotel, Quincy, Illinois, is ART CONNERS, that ART CONNERS has a brother who allegedly owns a trucking firm at Aurora, Illinois, and that one of the brothers formerly lived in Aurora, Illinois.

HAMMOND stated MELBA MARIE RYAN is personally unknown to him, however, it had been pointed out to him at the Virginia Hotel that this woman is a sister of the subject RAY. HAMMOND stated the subject RAY is unknown to him as are the other members of the subject's family.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 5/24/68

FROM : SA ROBERT C. ROBINSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Attention: SA ROBERT HALL

Regarding the telephone calls made from the Virginia Hotel in Quincy, Illinois, which information was furnished orally to the writer by SA HALL:

JOSEPH L. TREMAINE, District Manager, CW Transport Company, 919 Jerico Road, Aurora, Illinois, advised on 5/8/68 that the telephone number of his plant in Aurora is 897-9282 and neither he nor anyone in his office has any slightest idea of anyone who might have called from the Virginia Hotel in Quincy, Illinois.

TREMAINE stated he doesn't know anyone in the trucking business named ART CONNERS and the only ART he knows is ART CLARK, President of the company who resides in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin and has never been to the Aurora terminal.

It is noted that the information operator at Illinois Bell Telephone Company advised there is no such prefix as 364 in the 312 area code district, or for that matter, in the area code 815 district. The CW Transport Company is the only trucking company in the Aurora area with the last four digits 9282.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

DATE: 5/29/68

FROM : SA JOHN H. WILMES

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Laundry Checks
Re Bureau teletype to Chicago and other offices on 5/2/68 and Memphis teletype to Director dated 5/3/68.

On May 7, 8, 10, 13, 16 and 17, 1968, the following laundries and dry cleaning establishments in Chicago and other large cities in the Chicago territory were contacted regarding the laundry marks recovered from clothing believed to be the property of JAMES EARL RAY, immediately after the slaying of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. Photographs of RAY were shown at these laundries and they were advised that the laundry tags of the type described to them could still be affixed to subject's laundry.

Leader Cleaners
4235 West Harrison
Chicago
Mr. EARL GOLDBERG

North Chicago Laundry
2901 North Clybourn
Mr. F. JACOBSEN

Loop Laundry and Dry
Cleaners, 410 South Clark
Street, Chicago
Mr. CHARLES FREDERICKS

Pekin Laundry
4103 South State Street
Chicago
Mr. C. G. KOTSELAS

Alice Cleaners
1110 Granville
Chicago
Mrs. EVELYN SCARBOROUGH

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Reichardt's Cleaners
2000 North Harlem
Chicago
Mrs. BERNICE LOESS

Kay's Laundry and
Dry Cleaners
1816 North Wells
Mrs. KAY COSENTINO

Rainbow Laundry
4307 West Division
Mr. PHIL STONE

Washington Laundry and
Dry Cleaners
1550 Grand Street
Waukegan, Illinois
Mrs. DOROTHY NIEMI

Walkers Cleaners
32 West New York Street
Aurora, Illinois
Mr. MAX SAMPLE

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RE: EARL EVERETT RAY (DECEASED), SUBJECT'S UNCLE X

On May 8, 1968, Mr. JIM GILLETTE, Manager, Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, 547 West Jackson Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised that the only records in his file concerning subject's uncle is a personnel data card which reflects that EARL EVERETT RAY was employed for 13 days at Galesburg, Illinois, in 1944 as a member of an extra work detail. He stated that this personnel card would indicate subject's uncle probably worked for the railroad in Omaha, Nebraska, and subsequently returned to Galesburg, Illinois, in 1944, where his employment was "rejected." Mr. GILLETTE stated that the word rejected can be construed to mean he was either rejected for health reasons or for employment reasons.

Mr. GILLETTE advised that the personnel file for EARL EVERETT RAY has long since been destroyed.

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Re: Look Alike, O'Hare Airport Restaurant
May 8, 1968

The following investigation was conducted by SA
JOHN W. MORAN at Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Chicago,
Illinois.

On May 9, 1968, LYDIA DAVRA, Supervising Waitress, Carson Pirie Scott's "Pancake House", Chicago O'Hare International Airport, advised that only two restaurants located in either Terminal 2 or Terminal 3 (which serve Eastern Airlines and North Central Airlines) that provide seating service at tables are the "Pancake House" and the "Coffee Shop". Miss DAVRA advised the "Pancake House" opened at 8:30 AM on May 8, 1968, and between 8:30 and 9:30 AM, on May 8, 1968, there were very few customers. Miss DAVRA advised that she did remember seeing a white male, approximately 35-39 years of age with black hair combed forward, wearing a blue jacket, approximately 5'8", 165-170 lbs., who was seated by himself at a table for four, and that this person created somewhat of a disturbance during the time he was in the "Pancake House". Miss DAVRA was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that the above mentioned person definitely was not identical to JAMES EARL RAY and did not have any facial features similar to the picture of RAY. Miss DAVRA stated that because of the few number of customers in the restaurant during this time, she feels positive that she would have remembered anyone in the restaurant at that time fitting the description of RAY; however, she does not remember of such a description or anyone who bore any resemblance at all to the picture of RAY.

On May 9, 1968, the following persons who are employed at Carson Pirie Scott's "Coffee Shop" were contacted and advised they remember seeing no one fitting the description of bearing any similar resemblance to the photograph of the subject JAMES EARL RAY, which they were shown:

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WILMA HAVLICEK
Cashier

LENN TRINCHITELLA
Cashier

JUNE WIESNETH
Waitress

EDNA KIEWICZ
Waitress

EMILY TIPANOWSKI
Waitress

VIRGINIA FISCHER
Waitress

The above named employees of the "Coffee Shop" all advised they were on duty between 8:00 and 9:30 AM, on May 8, 1968, and due to a limited number of persons in the restaurant at this time, they feel that they would have remembered seeing anyone seated at a table by himself. They advised that none of the persons occupying tables by themselves resembled JAMES EARL RAY in any way.

On May 10, 1968, LYDIA DAVRA, "Pancake House" restaurant, was re-interviewed and the matter was further discussed with her based upon additional information received. She advised that she was still unable to recall anyone answering the description of the subject in her restaurant at the pertinent times. Miss DAVRA further advised that due to the few number of customers in the restaurant at that time, she is absolutely certain that there was no one who resembled the subject there at that time. She made this comment after again observing all of the photographs of the subject available.

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RE: BAKERY UNIONS

On May 8, 1968, STEVEN S. SMAGALA, Financial Secretary-Treasurer and Business Representative, Local Union Number 1, American Bakery and Confectionery Workers, International Union, AFL-CIO, 2719 North Wilton Avenue, advised SA L. DAVID WALTERS, JR. that his records fail to disclose that JAMES EARL RAY is presently listed on his union records.

Copies of the subject's Identification Record were left with Mr. SMAGALA who said he would post them on his union's bulletin board.

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RE: BAKERY UNIONS

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN A. HEBENSTREIT on May 13, 1968, at Chicago,
Illinois:

Mr. SAM S. DROLL, Bakery Union Number 1,
3153 West Lawrence Avenue, advised that JAMES EARL RAY
is not a current or former member of his union.

Mr. DROLL stated should RAY register as a member
of his union, he would immediately notify this office.

A copy of the Identification Order on RAY
was made available to Mr. DROLL.

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RE: BAKERY UNIONS

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN A. HEBENSTREIT on May 13, 1968, at Chicago,
Illinois:

Mr. SAM S. DROLL, Bakery Union Number 1,
3153 West Lawrence Avenue, advised that JAMES EARL RAY
is not a current or former member of his union.

Mr. DROLL stated should RAY register as a member
of his union, he would immediately notify this office.

A copy of the Identification Order on RAY
was made available to Mr. DROLL.

On May 9, 1968, Mr. JOSEPH PRIETO, Head, Local
Number 300, 4376 Archer Avenue, advised SA ROBERT P. BRANNIGAN that
a review of his files failed to reflect that JAMES EARL RAY
had ever worked for his local. He added present employment
records failed to reflect anyone by the above name or
aliases presently a member of his union.

SA BRANNIGAN made available three wanted flyers
re subject and Mr. PRIETO advised he would display these
flyers on his bulletin board. He further advised that he
would immediately contact the FBI if any information con-
cerning the subject came to his attention.

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RE: BAKERY UNIONS

On dates indicated, the following investigation was conducted by SA RICHARD G. STILLING at Chicago:

On May 3, 1968, Mr. DAN HEALEY, Regional Director, AFL-CIO, furnished the following list of Bakery Union Locals for the City of Chicago:

Local Number 1, 2719 North Wilton, Chicago;
Local Number 49, 1239 North Wood, Chicago;
Local Number 300, 4376 South Archer Avenue, Chicago;

Mr. HEALEY also advised that there is an independent union of bakers in the City of Chicago and suggested contacting Mr. WALTER FRIESE, President, 2503 North Kedzie, Chicago.

On May 6, 1968, Mr. WALTER FRIESE, President, Independent Local Number 2, Bakery and Confectionery Workers, 2503 North Kedzie, reviewed his files pertaining to the true name and alias of JAMES EARL RAY without locating a record identifiable with this individual.

Mr. FRIESE further suggested contact with the following independent locals in the City of Chicago:

Local Number 1, 3153 West Lawrence Avenue, Chicago;
Local Number 13, 4044 West 26th Street, Chicago.

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RE: LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTES

The following investigation was conducted by
SA R. B. YADON, JR. on May 8, 1968:

Mr. DEAN CARPENTER, Owner, Hoffman Locksmith Supply Company, 6245 North Western, advised that a search of the records failed to reveal that ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as JAMES EARL RAY, had ever made any purchases of lock supplies from his concern. A search of the known aliases of the subject was also negative.

Mr. CARPENTER was queried concerning the existence of any locksmith schools in the Chicago area and he advised he knew of no such schools. He suggested that the two most advertised schools were as follows:

Belsaw
1082 Field Building
Kansas City, Missouri

Locksmithing Institute
c/o Technical Home Study School
Little Falls, New Jersey

Mr. CARPENTER also advised that the Nelson Hall Company, 325 West Jackson, Chicago, Illinois, also advertises courses in locksmithing.

Mrs. ANN MC GOVERN, Prentice-Hall, Incorporated, advised that this company did publish a book on locksmithing but that the record of its sales would be kept at the company's office at Inglewood Cliffs, New Jersey, telephone number WI 7-1000. She further advised that this company generally sells to schools and bookstores but will fill individual orders by mail if they are received.

Mr. ANTHONY C. HIBBS, Nelson Hall Publishers, 325 West Jackson, advised that his firm did publish the book, "Modern Locksmithing," which was sold to the Locksmithing Institute, c/o Technical Home Study School, Little Falls, New Jersey.

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He also advised that they sold this book to purchasers who answered their advertisement in the "Popular Mechanics" Magazine. Mr. HIBBS made available the company's records for the period January 1, 1967, to date, which were reviewed against the true name of the subject and his known aliases without any indication that he was in contact with this company.

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There is no record of such a bank robbery occurring in 1967 in the files of the Chicago Office.

On May 10, 1968, a review was made of the Chicago "Tribune" at the Chicago Public Library, Fourth Floor, for the dates June 23, 1967, to July 3, 1967, and no article was noted indicating a bank robbery such as that described by GAWRON took place.

On May 10, 1968, Sergeant RICHARD QUAGLIANO, Chicago Police Department, advised that there is no record of such a bank robbery and he has no recollection of such occurring in 1967.

On May 10, 1968, Sergeant JERRY HARMON, Cook County Sheriff's Office, advised that he could locate no record of a \$50,000 bank robbery occurring during 1967.

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RE: \$50,000 BANK ROBBERY, 1967

On May 9, 1968, St. Louis office advised JOHN EUGENE GAWRON stated that within a few days after he was released on bond on June 23 or 24, 1967, he read in the Chicago "Tribune" that a bank in a southern state was robbed of approximately \$50,000 and that he and JAMES EARL RAY had previously cased this bank in 1958 or 1959.

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Both Sergeant QUAGLIANO and Sergeant HARMON advised that they had no record or recollection of any unsolved local robbery wherein the amount was \$50,000.

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~~GINGER~~ NANCE advised to the best of her knowledge she did not give her name to any bartender or leave her name at any bar while she was residing in the Los Angeles area.

NANCE advised that while living in the Los Angeles area, she frequented the following bars: The Vegas on Hollywood Boulevard; the Rabbit's Foot on Hollywood Boulevard; the Black Horse on Western; and the Red Vest on Western.

NANCE stated she has been trying to determine in her own mind if she could identify JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC GALT, as a person she met while living in Los Angeles but has been unable to identify this individual with anyone she knew in the Los Angeles area.

On 5/10/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # Chicago 44-1114 -15
by SA JOSEPH M. BURKE/jap Date dictated 5/14/68

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY telephonically advised that he has returned from ~~St. Louis~~ and during conversations with his brother and sister, he had developed no further pertinent information regarding the subject's whereabouts. He has returned to work at the Sportsman's Country Club, Northbrook, Illinois, and is now residing at 314 Wisconsin Avenue, Lake Forest, Illinois. He requested that he be recontacted at 9:00 a.m., May 12, 1968, since he was extremely tired and desired to get some sleep.

RAY advised that he was calling from a pay phone, number CE 4-9832.

On 5/11/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # Chicago 44-1114-16
by SA RENE J. DUMAINE/jap Date dictated 5/13/68

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY was shown the new photograph of his brother, JAMES EARL RAY, in a business suit taken sometime in January or February, 1968. After viewing the photograph, JERRY stated that the photograph is a good likeness of his brother except that he remembers him being thinner in the face. In fact, this particular photograph depicts JAMES fuller in the face than JERRY has ever seen him.

JERRY advised that his father, JERRY RAYNES, Center, Missouri, left his mother in 1951 to live with RUBY CARPENTER. RUBY has a son, JEROME, who is presently in prison, Jefferson City, Missouri, and is acquainted with the subject. JERRY also knows JEROME since he was in the reformatory at St. Charles, Illinois, with him. JERRY classified JEROME as being "off mentally" and a person who very seldom talks to anyone. JERRY believes that JEROME may have been in the hospital for the criminally insane at Fulton, Missouri, when the subject escaped from prison. JEROME is presently doing time for the murder of a Negro. JERRY also related that when his father left, JERRY was in the Boys' Reformatory at Sheridan, Illinois.

JERRY said that he does not know NEAL EDGAR AEBY, JAMES DAVID DAILEY, nor is he acquainted with the Half Way Restaurant at 1549 South Jefferson, St. Louis, Missouri. He said that he never heard his brother mention DAILEY nor does he have any information that DAILEY had ever hidden his brother from the law. JERRY also advised that he never heard of an organization named the "Coolies" nor did he ever hear his brother mention that organization. JERRY said that when he was in prison, he was involved in a fist fight with (First Name Unknown) MENARD, who worked with him in the shoe shop. He said that he could not recall this individual's first name and that there would be no record of the fight at the prison since it was not reported nor were they observed fighting. He said that on one of the occasions when he visited with his brother in prison, he told him about it and JAMES was joking with him because JAMES

On 5/12/68 at Wheeling, Illinois File # Chicago 44-1114-17
by SA RENE J. DUMAINE & SA ROBERT F. PEVAHOUSE/RJD:jap Date dictated 5/13/68

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said that he was close friends with the MENARD brothers who were then in Jefferson City, Missouri, prison with JAMES.

JERRY said he visited his brother about three or four times while he was in prison in Jefferson City, Missouri, the last time being around 1964. JAMES came to Menard prison to visit JERRY on one occasion. JERRY again stated that the last time he saw his brother JAMES outside of prison was in 1951 in Quincy, Illinois, and JERRY was fifteen years old at that time. The father was still living with his mother then.

He said that he believes that WALTER TERRY RIFE and JAMES went to Leavenworth together but that LONNIE RIFE never did time with JAMES. He said that if he had given the impression that LONNIE did do time with JAMES in the previous interviews, this was in error. JERRY again stated that he himself has done time in Menard, Illinois, with both RIFE brothers.

He stated that he has no idea as to the present whereabouts of "BLACKIE" AUSTIN and doubts if his brother has maintained contact with AUSTIN nor would be in contact with him since his escape. He said that of all of the persons that he knows of, JAMES was the friendliest and closest with AUSTIN. JERRY pointed out, however, that his knowledge of this is limited since JERRY was in prison when both AUSTIN and his brother were on the street. He does know that "BLACKIE" liked his brother and has always talked about him.

In clarification, JERRY advised that his brother JOHN first came to Chicago sometime around July, 1960, and he, JERRY, came to this area around September, 1960. JOHN first worked at Murphy's Steak House. He also worked at the White Pines Country Club and JOHN's last employment in the Chicago area was the Indian Hills Country Club, Bloomingdale, Illinois. JERRY advised that he was employed with his brothers JOHN and FRANK at the Rolling Green Country Club beginning in September, 1960 and JERRY stayed there for about sixteen months and JOHN for eight or nine months. He was uncertain to the length of time that his brother FRANK worked there but believed he had left a good length

of time prior to his death in September, 1963.

JERRY advised that sometime during June or July, 1967, when he was living at 2897 Techny Road, Northbrook, Illinois, JOHN drove here in a 1961 Plymouth which he had bought from the father, JERRY RAYNES. At this time, JERRY owned a 1962 air-conditioned Rambler. JOHN was having trouble with the transmission in the Plymouth and they switched cars. He does recall that JOHN transferred some clothes and other items from the Plymouth to the Rambler. Also, that JOHN left some old shirts and pants and some other papers in the garage at Techny Road and JERRY hid these items above the rafters in the garage. He said that JOHN stayed a couple of days and was in either an apartment or a hotel in Chicago and did not reside at JERRY's residence while here. JOHN left with the Rambler and both cars ~~were~~ presently at his father's farm in Center, Missouri. JERRY said that his wife did not meet JOHN on this occasion but did meet him at Christmas time, 1967, when JERRY and his wife went to St. Louis where they had dinner at CAROL PEPPER's house and JOHN was present. JERRY advised that JOHN did not know how to find his residence in Northbrook, Illinois, and that he, JERRY, met him in the town of Northbrook and then JOHN followed him to the residence. JERRY also advised that his brother JAMES did not ever know that JERRY resided at this address in Northbrook.

In previous interviews, JERRY advised that he borrowed somewhere between \$40 and \$50 from his brother JAMES while JAMES was in prison. He reiterated that statement in this interview at which time the financial transactions from his brother's account at the Inmates Bank, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, were discussed with JERRY. It was pointed out to him that this list shows that his brother had sent him \$266.25. JERRY advised that this must be an error since the only amount he recognized was \$55.25 which was sent to him on June 22, 1964. He stated that at this time, he, JERRY, was in St. Louis, Missouri, and needed money to return to Chicago to obtain employment. He wrote to his brother requesting this loan and was in the process of paying JAMES back when

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JAMES escaped. JERRY suggested that the money listed to him was instead paid to his brother's attorney, name unknown, in Jefferson City, Missouri. JERRY advised that he himself did not receive money from his brother to be sent to the attorney or anyone else. JERRY advised that this attorney had been hired by his brother to handle his appeal and that he believed the attorney did visit with JAMES while JAMES was in prison. JERRY said that his brother never mentioned anything concerning Benzedrine inhalers or any type of "bennies" or dope. JAMES never mentioned being involved in any illegal drug selling while in prison nor did he ever mention that he was involved in any type of racket with a guard. He also never mentioned any guard that he was particularly friendly with and in fact, made no comment whatsoever concerning the prison officials that JERRY can remember.

JERRY also advised that his brother never mentioned reading any of the James Bond novels and in fact, JERRY did not believe his brother was much of a "reader." The only location that he can recall his brother making a comment as to how much he liked it was Tijuana, Mexico, and he believes his brother was there sometime in 1951. The brother made no mention to him at anytime as to the identity of any persons with whom he was acquainted in Mexico.

JERRY advised that when he left Chicago on this latter occasion, he stayed with his brother JOHN for two nights, with his father one night, with his sister CAROL one night, at the St. Regis Hotel one night and at the Mac Arthur Hotel one night. In conversations with his brother JOHN and sister CAROL, they both stated that they believe, from newspaper stories, that the subject is the victim of a frame-up or being used as the "fall guy." He also stated that CAROL is concerned over the newspaper articles speculating that the subject is dead and she has that opinion. He said that JOHN told him that some people came to the tavern at the time of the KING funeral requesting him to close down for that day which he did not do.

JOHN also said that if he himself receives any publicity, he will close down the tavern and leave because he feels that people will throw firebombs in his place. JERRY related that one of the newspaper reporters located and interviewed a woman named RUBY who works for his brother since JOHN had used that woman's address about three or four years ago. RUBY told the newspaper people that she did not know the whereabouts of JOHN. JERRY also said that in conversations with JOHN, JOHN told him that the subject would be "crazy" to give himself up because even if he is not guilty of the KING murder, he still would have eighteen years to do in the penitentiary at Jefferson City. JERRY explained this by stating that his brother has thirteen years left on his previous sentence and that he would get at least an extra five years for the escape.

JERRY again speculated that if his brother was KING's murderer, he would have had to have been paid because he could not see how his brother would have obtained enough money to purchase the 1966 Mustang, take the trips he was supposed to have taken and to pay \$150 for the telescope used in the murder. He said that there was just too much money coming in and in response to a direct question, he said that he did not think his brother would have been able to steal this much money because he would have had "slipped up and been caught." He explained that in his opinion, his brother was not an accomplished thief and that most of his previous scores were "small time."

JERRY advised that he is presently residing in Apartment 14, 314 Wisconsin Avenue, Lake Forest, Illinois, which rooming house was recommended to the Sportsman's Country Club by WAYNE CLENDENEN (phonetic). JERRY noted that his ex-wife DJERDIS also used to reside at this rooming house. He said that he is not listed as a tenant and that the rent of \$60 per month is being paid by the country club. He advised that there is no phone at the building with the nearest one four blocks away. He said that he plans to continue his employment at the Sportsman's Country Club and will contact SA RENE J. DUMAINE on a daily basis.

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He advised that his ex-wife presently works at a restaurant near the expressway and is living in a motel in Wheeling, Illinois. He went on to say that yesterday there was a knock on the door of his apartment and when he opened it, his ex-wife was there. She said that she had found him by inquiring of the rooming house manager, the room numbers of the last two tenants and then came to talk with him. He said that they talked of personal matters with nothing of interest in this case. JERRY advised that he may have to move from this address since his ex-wife might inadvertently give out his whereabouts. He said that he was not concerned with the problem of people making threats against his safety because of what his brother did but that he was most concerned of the people who would attempt to harm him without making threats. In explanation, he made the comment, "Like that guy who shot King, he did not make any threats."

JERRY advised that he will continue to cooperate with the Bureau in furnishing information.

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Date 5/16/68

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JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN, 2023 West Warren Boulevard, was exhibited six photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and was asked if he was acquainted with the individual depicted by the photograph. AUSTIN replied, after viewing the photographs, that he did not know this individual. He was then told that the photographs were of JAMES EARL RAY. AUSTIN replied that he had been acquainted with RAY and in fact, had committed a robbery with him. He then looked at the photographs again and stated that the partial profile photograph of the subject in a business suit looked a little like RAY but was heavier in the face than he recalls RAY.

AUSTIN stated that he had no idea that RAY had escaped from prison in Jefferson City, Missouri, and was not aware that the subject was being sought for the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. AUSTIN advised that he is one of very few white persons living in this particular neighborhood and that although he has heard much comment concerning KING's murder, he could not ever recall hearing RAY's name mentioned in that regard.

AUSTIN stated that he was acquainted with RAY for approximately six months during 1959 in St. Louis, Missouri. He could not recall where or under what circumstances he first met RAY, never knew any male friends of RAY and was never aware of RAY to have girlfriends. He classified RAY as a very quiet person who kept to himself and furnished very little information about himself.

AUSTIN related that he did not know whether or not RAY was employed during this period of time during 1959 or if RAY was committing robberies or burglaries during this period. He said, in fact, he had no idea as to how RAY was obtaining his money. He said that the first and only crime he committed with the subject was the robbery of a supermarket in Alton, Illinois, in 1959. AUSTIN said that he could not recall any details of the planning of the robbery and that the only reason he committed the robbery was that JAMES wanted him to go with him. He said that he did not know why the subject picked him to go along on that robbery.

On 5/14/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # Chicago 44-1114-18

by SA RENE J. DUMAINE/jap Date dictated 5/15/68

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He said that he and RAY lived close together but that he, AUSTIN, did not associate with him too much. He again stated that he knew of no associates of the subject and could not recall any taverns or bars that they might have visited if, in fact, they did visit such places. He also could not recall any comments made by RAY as to any particular cities or towns that he might have preferred or if he had made any comment about residence in Mexico or Canada. AUSTIN also advised that to his knowledge, he has never met the subject's brothers, JOHN and JERRY RAY.

AUSTIN advised that if he ever sees the subject or develops any information at all concerning the subject's whereabouts, he will immediately contact the FBI since he has no use for the subject at all because RAY cheated him out of his part of the loot from the supermarket robbery.

AUSTIN advised that he was born [REDACTED] and is presently existing on a \$94 a month welfare pension. He said that he has been out of prison since February 23, 1965, has not been committing any crimes and is presently being assisted by the St. Leonard House, 2100 Warren Boulevard.

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1.

RE: JERRY RAYNES

On May 14, 1968, Mr. JIM GILLETTE, Personnel Manager, Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company, 547 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, advised that a check of his personnel records for the names JERRY RAYNES, JERRY RYAN, and JAMES GERALD RAY reflects that one JAMES GERALD RAY was employed by the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company previous to 1949. Mr. GILLETTE stated that the exact date of RAY's employment cannot be established as the personnel files concerning him were destroyed in 1949 and the only record of his employment is that of a small index card with name only.

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1.

RE: EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHTS OUT OF
ATLANTA APRIL 5 THROUGH APRIL 12, 1968 X

On May 9, 1968, the Miami Division advised that Eastern Airlines (EAL) reservation card for Flight 248Y, April 9, 1968, indicates one JERRY HERRON made reservation at Atlanta, 6:20 p.m., April 9, 1968, Atlanta to Chicago, with contact point being Atlanta lobby. Agent making reservation was number 10B. Flight 248 tickets checked, no record JERRY HERRON. Thirteen first-class tickets and thirty-three coach tickets of other airlines used on EAL Flight 248. United Air Lines (UAL) numbers are as follows:

First Class Tickets: 450-0321877
233-0680257

Coach Tickets: 260-0304239
475-0404829
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The following investigation was conducted by
SA DANIEL R. HUNTINGTON at Elk Grove Village, Illinois,
on May 14, 1968:

Mr. JOHN HUDSON, advised that the following
United Airline (UAL) tickets were issued to the following
passengers and itineraries as indicated:

Ticket number 016-450-321-877, issued to
Mr. R. WRIGHT, itinerary - Des Moines-Chicago-
Atlanta-Chicago-Des Moines; Coupon 1, Des Moines-
Chicago, 4/8/68, UAL flight 408; Coupon 4,
Chicago-Des Moines, 4/8/68, UAL flight 207;
Coupons 2 and 3, Eastern Air Lines (EAL) Flight
249, 4/8/68, Chicago-Atlanta EAL flight 248,
4/9/68, Atlanta-Chicago.

Ticket number 016-233-680-257, issued to
Mr. J. WILLIAMS, itinerary - Atlanta-Chicago-
Omaha; Coupon 1, EAL flight 248, Atlanta-Chicago;
4/8/68; Coupon 2, UAL flight 207, 4/9/68,
Chicago-Omaha.

Ticket number 016-260-304-239, issued to
Mr. V. HORKAN, itinerary - Atlanta-Chicago-
Omaha; Coupon 1, EAL flight 248, 4/9/68, Atlanta-
Chicago; Coupon, UAL flight 207, 4/9/68, Chicago-
Omaha.

Ticket number 016-350-033-777, issued to
Mr. J. EVERETT, itinerary - Asheville-Atlanta-
Chicago-Denver, purchased with UAL credit card
in name of STANLEY V. VERACRUZ; Coupon 1, UAL
flight 671, 4/9/68, Asheville-Atlanta; Coupon 2,
EAL (no further information); Coupon 3, UAL
flight 309, 4/9/68, Chicago-Denver.

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Ticket number 016-475-404-829, was issued in a block of tickets to the Burgess Vibrocrafters, Inc., Grayslake, Illinois, in 1966, and, according to Mr. HUDSON, should long since have been used. Mr. HUDSON surmised that this ticket number may be incorrect.

On May 15, 1968, the Atlanta Division advised that a recheck of the above number with EAL developed that instant number was correct.

On May 16, 1968, Mr. ROBERT ROGALA, Treasurer, Mr. JACK LAMPE, and DONNA CLARK, Head Bookkeeper, all of the Burgess Vibrocrafters, Inc. Grayslake, Illinois, advised that the name of JERRY HERRON was unknown to them and that a review of the employment records did not reveal any employee with that name for the past eight years. They advised that the company has a plant in St. Petersburg, Florida, and one in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and that very few of their salesmen fly into or out of Atlanta.

The last salesman to fly out of Atlanta was there on March 5, 1968.

Mrs. CLARK advised that UAL ticket number 016-475-404-829 had never been issued to her company. She made available an order form dated June 29, 1966, UAL number 192220 showing that a block of 25 tickets was consigned to the company on that date. These tickets were numbered 475-404-801 through 825. The form also had the number sending station code number 42000. She said that the next block of tickets received from UAL was a group of fifty in August, 1967, and these numbers were in no way similar to the ticket which the FBI was attempting to locate.

On the same date, JAMES HARRIS, Manager, Credit Bureau, Waukegan-North Chicago, Illinois, which handled Grayslake, Illinois, and Chief of Police GORDON SHATTUCK, Grayslake, Illinois, advised SA JOSEPH B. GRAFF that their respective agencies contained no information identifiable with JERRY HERRON.

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Mr. JOHN HUDSON, UAL, Ticket Control, Revenue and Accounting Department, upon re-examination of UAL ticket 016-475-404-829 advised SA DANIEL R. HUNTINGTON on May 16, 1968, that this ticket was issued in a block of tickets to Elrick and Lavidge Incorporated, Chicago, Illinois, no further address, in 1966. Mr. HUDSON stated that he was sorry that he had made an error in his original check of this ticket.

On May 17, 1968, Miss PAT LOVELLE, Clerk, Elrick and Lavidge, Incorporated, 10 Riverside Plaza, advised SA DUMAINE that a review of the company records showed that the above UAL ticket was used by CHARLES PLOCAR who flew via UAL out of Chicago on April 7, 1968, to Atlanta, then to Albany, return to Atlanta and thence to Chicago. The ticket indicates that Mr. PLOCAR flew from Atlanta on April 9, 1968, via EAL flight 248 to Chicago.

Miss LOVELLE advised that from her own personal knowledge and recollection Mr. PLOCAR has been employed at instant company from either late 1964 or early 1965. He in no way resembles the subject this case.

RE: UNITED AIR LINES CHECK

The Atlanta Office by teletype and telephone call on April 12, 1968, requested that United Air Lines, Chicago, Illinois, among others, be contacted to review reservation and passenger manifest lists for passengers traveling on above airline leaving Atlanta from 8:30 a.m., April 5 to April 10, 1968, using the names of the subject then known at that time. Requested top priority. Subsequently, in other communications the dates were changed from April 9 to April 15, 1968. In subsequent communications, the dates were changed to April 5 to April 12, 1968. For the purposes of this search, the latter dates are the ones that will be utilized.

SA DANIEL R. HUNTINGTON will instruct SA ROBERT A. KEANE and SA THOMAS C. COLBERT on the procedure for pulling the various flight envelopes and setting up the tickets for review. The other Agents will review the flight tickets of the portion of the flight leaving Atlanta on the above dates for the following listed name and aliases:

JAMES EARL RAY, aka
ERIC STARVO GALT
ERIC GAULT
W. C. HERRON
HARVEY LOWMYER
JAMES MC BRIDE
JAMES O'CONNER
JAMES WALTON
JAMES WALYON
JOHN WILLARD
JIM

SA KEANE and SA COLBERT will meet with SA HUNTINGTON at United Air Lines Headquarters, 1200 Algonquin Road, Elk Grove Village, at 9:00 a.m. on May 17, 1968. The other Agents assigned will meet with SA HUNTINGTON the same time and place on May 20, 1968.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA DANIEL R. HUNTINGTON at Elk Grove Village, Illinois,
on dates indicated:

JOHN HUDSON and TOM O'LOUGHLIN, Ticket Control,
Revenue and Accounting Department, United Air Lines (UAL),
advised that the following flights of UAL traveled between
Denver, Las Vegas and Los Angeles: Flights 163, 241, 243,
359, 857, 169 and 571.

The flight coupons relating to the above flights
were checked by Mr. O'LOUGHLIN on May 5, 7, and 13, 1968,
for the name of CARL RAY with negative results. Mr. O'LOUGHLIN
stated that UAL prepares no manifest for passengers boarding
their aircraft and the only record is the ticket removed
from the passenger at the time he boards the aircraft
which tickets are then placed in envelopes and mailed
each day to UAL Headquarters, Elk Grove Village, Illinois.
These tickets are then turned over to the Data Processing
Unit, Revenue and Accounting Department, for accounting
and sales promotions and extraction and insertion into
computers and there is occasioned a necessary delay from
five to eight days before the tickets become available
for examination.

The tickets cited above for the given flights
related only to United tickets, not to other airline tickets
which may have been used on a United flight. Other airline
tickets are not available for approximately one month
after a given flight.

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RE: BLACKIE DE CORE (PH)

The following investigation was conducted by
SA RENE J. DUMAINE on May 17, 1968:

The St. Louis Division advised that JAMES LOAMA OWENS, 1959 Kroger robbery partner of subject, stated that one BLACKIE DE CORE (PH), Chicago gambler, ex-pro fighter, life parolee from Menard prison, was associate of RAY though apparently not as close as BLACKIE AUSTIN and JOHN GAWRON.

A review of files of the Chicago Division did not reveal any information identifiable with the above named individual. In addition, contact with various members of the Criminal Intelligence Program Squad, particularly those who are familiar with gambling matters in the Chicago Division, did not develop any information of pertinence.

A review of the records of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, did not reveal any information identifiable with the subject. Mr. CLARENCE NELLIES, Department of Public Safety, Illinois Board of Parole, advised that a review of his records did not develop any information identifiable with captioned individual.

Detectives JOHN ZITEK and LEE GEHRKE, Intelligence Unit, Sergeant H. NORTHFELL, Gambling Unit, and Sergeant RICHARD QUAGLIANO, Criminal Intelligence Unit, all of the Chicago Police Department, advised that they had no record or recollection of captioned individual.

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Sergeant JERRY HARMON, Major Investigation Division, Cook County Sheriff's Office, advised that the name BLACKIE DE CORE is unknown to him; however, he is well acquainted with one BLACKIE DE COOK who is a known gambler and fence making most of his purchases from the seamen of the various ships that utilize Calumet Harbor. DE COOK is an associate of TONY GALLAS and DOMINIC DI DONATO. GALLAS is a known bank robber and cartage thief. DI DONATO is a cartage thief and small-time hoodlum. DE COOK is also connected in some manner with a discount appliance store at 79th Street and Halsted. DE COOK resides in Midlothian, Illinois, and is employed for the United States Steel Company South Works, 88th and Burley.

DE COOK has no known arrest record and they have made efforts to locate same. He is described as a white male, about 48 to 52 years old, 6'1" tall, 240 pounds, and black hair.

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RE: WILLIAM A. MARSHALL

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOSEPH M. BURKE:

On May 21, 1968, Miss J. OSTROWSKI, Employment Clerk, General Offices, International Harvester Company, 401 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, checked the worldwide employment listings for the International Harvester Company as compiled as of April 30, 1968, and determined there was no listing identifiable with a WILLIAM A. MARSHALL. This listing shows all current employees. A listing of employees that have left International Harvester within the last year was also checked with negative results.

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