

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA JAMES S. WEIR

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following was conducted by SAs WILLIAM J. FLANAGAN and KENNETH B. JACKSON on 4/25/68 at Houston, Texas.

JERRY F. MC PHERSON, Manager, Holiday Inn, 9799 Katy, reviewed records for the period 12/14-20/67; D.J. GRAVINK, Manager, Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, 7953 Katy, reviewed records for the entire year 1967; LOWELL MASON, Assistant Manager, Cactus Court, 7631 Katy, records for December, 1967; each advised no record of CHARLES STEIN or of JAMES EARL RAY by name or aliases as occupants of motel unit during respective periods indicated.

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs
FRANK M. IVEY and WILLIAM G. MORRISSEY on 4/25/68 at
Houston, Texas:

Registration records of the following motels along
Katy Freeway west (I.S. 10) were reviewed through the
following persons for the period 12/16-18/67 for CHARLES
STEIN and/or JAMES EARL RAY by name or aliases, ~~without success.~~

no record located.

1. Field Inn
TED DEMETRE, Manager
9821 Katy Freeway
2. Yupon Motel
Mrs. NORA WILSIE, Manager
8615 Katy Freeway
3. Western Skies Motel
DAVID PEERY, Manager
7809 Katy Freeway
4. Robinwood Motor Lodge
ROSE PATTON, Assistant Manager
7611 Katy Freeway

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

DATE: 4/26/68

Re Atlanta airtel to Director, 4/22/68.

For information those offices not receiving reairtel, it was pointed out therein that Subject JAMES EARL RAY, aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by Atlanta to date has not established mode of transportation RAY may have used after 4/5/68. Receiving Offices were requested in reairtel to check cars recovered their division that were stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and where the transporter of same was not identified or otherwise accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

Investigation reflects Subject RAY can be placed in the Atlanta, Georgia, area 3/24/68.

In view of the above, all Continental Offices are requested to review car recoveries within their respective territories of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68, and where the transporter of same is not otherwise eliminated or accounted for, consider Subject RAY as suspect. Where there is any remote indication that Subject RAY may have been transporting such a car, exhaustive and intensive investigation should thereafter be conducted.

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514PM IMMEDIATE 4-26-68 EVB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), EL PASO AND SAN ANTONIO
FROM HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN

REBUTEL, APRIL TWENTYFIVE, LAST INSTRUCTING THAT LONG
DISTANCE CALLS BE CHECKED ON ROUTES THROUGH TEXAS THAT
SUBJECT AND CHARLES STEIN ALLEGEDLY MADE. ALTHOUGH
SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE IS INVOLVED IN A STRIKE,
OFFICIALS OF THE COMPANY ARE COOPERATING AND HAVE DETERMINED
THAT THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY TELEPHONE
BOOTHES ALONG THESE ROUTES IN THE HOUSTON DIVISION. THE LONG
DISTANCE CALLS FOR THE PERIOD DEC. FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN AND
SEVENTEEN ARE BEING PULLED AND WILL BE EXAMINED AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE. WHEN NUMBERS ARE AVAILABLE THEY WILL BE CHECKED
BY AGENT PERSONNEL THIS DIVISION SINCE TELEPHONE COMPANY
WILL BE UNABLE TO DESIGNATE ANY EMPLOYEE IN VIEW OF STRIKE.
BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS. AIRMAIL COPIES
TO BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES.

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SACS, EL PASO AND SAN ANTONIO

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- 1 - Los Angeles (AM)
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

DATE: 4/27/68

FROM : SA DONALD C. STEINMEYER

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

At 10:15 AM this date, I telephonically contacted DON MICHAELS, Chronicle Building, who advised that he dropped LOUIE LOMAX and STEIN in San Antonio at 4:30 PM yesterday. He stated they rented a car at Avis downtown office in San Antonio and indicated they would turn the car in in San Antonio when they were through with it.

MICHAELS advised that LOMAX and STEIN were going to head out of San Antonio in a westerly direction looking for the service station and phone booth. MICHAELS made the observation that both LOMAX and STEIN appeared to be lost as far as this operation is concerned and MICHAELS commented that he thinks STEIN is merely taking LOMAX for a ride. MICHAELS also indicated that STEIN had slept most of the way on the pertinent trip from California to New Orleans with RAY.

MICHAELS observations were that STEIN has no idea where the phone booth is located. He said RAY and STEIN reportedly left Los Angeles on the 15th at noon and reportedly made the pertinent call at 9:00 PM the following night. From the times involved, MICHAELS stated he would not be able to determine if the call was made close to Houston or not.

MICHAELS stated he never advised STEIN if the trip was made only with he and RAY or if someone else was along. MICHAELS further advised that the clothes of LOMAX and STEIN were still at the Rice Hotel in Houston and he expects them back in Houston before they go back to Los Angeles.

ACTION: For information.

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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI, ^{ATLANTA,} BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS,
LOS ANGELES, SAN ANTONIO

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN; CR.

RE HO TEL, APRIL TWENTY SIX, LAST.

RE LOUIS LOMAX - CHARLES STEIN.

HOUSTON CHRONICLE REPORTER ON APRIL TWENTY SIX, LAST
ACCOMPANIED LOMAX AND STEIN ON AUTO TRIP FROM HOUSTON TO
SAN ANTONIO ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE TELEPHONE BOOTH ALLEGEDLY
USED BY RAY. TELEPHONE BOOTH NOT LOCATED.

CHRONICLE REPORTER, DON MICHAELS, ADVISED THAT HE LEFT
LOMAX AND STEIN IN SAN ANTONIO AT FOUR THIRTY PM, APRIL
TWENTY SIX, LAST. STATED LOMAX AND STEIN RENTED AUTOMOBILE
FROM SAN ANTONIO AVIS CAR RENTAL, DOWNTOWN OFFICE, AND
INDICATED THEY INTENDED TO SEARCH FOR TELEPHONE BOOTH WEST
OF SAN ANTONIO. MICHAELS ADVISED IT WAS HIS OPINION THAT
STEIN WAS TAKING LOMAX "FOR A RIDE" AND BOTH APPEARED TO
BE COMPLETELY LOST AS FAR AS LOCATION OF TELEPHONE BOOTH.
MICHAELS ALSO STATED THAT STEIN HAD INDICATED THAT HE HAD
SLEPT MOST OF THE TRIP FROM CALIFORNIA TO NEW ORLEANS WITH RAY.

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204PM URGENT 4-27-68 KOB

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS,
LOS ANGELES, AND SAN ANTONIO
FROM HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN; CR.

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1241PM URGENT 4-27-68 KOB

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, AND TAMPA
FROM HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN; CR

RE TAMPA TEL TODAY

GEORGE WILLIAM RUSSELL, SALESMAN, PAT LAPE MOBIL HOMES,
THREE SEVEN ONE TWO TELEPHONE ROAD, HOUSTON, INTERVIEWED
APRIL TWENTY SIX AND ADVISED JAMES EARL RAY UNKNOWN TO HIM
BY NAME OR PHOTO. RUSSELL WAS INMATE AT MO. STATE PEN DURING
PERIOD RAY WAS INCARCERATED. RUSSELL RELEASED IN SIXTY SIX
AND CAME TO HOUSTON FROM ST. LOUIS SIX MONTHS AGO. RUSSELL
SERVED TIME FOR BURGLARY. RUSSELL ESTIMATED FOUR THOUSAND
FIVE HUNDRED INMATES AT MISSOURI STATE PEN. NAME NEIL EGAR
AEBY NOT KNOWN TO HIM. AEBY WAS INMATE FRIEND OF RAY AND
INTERVIEWED BY HOUSTON, APRIL TWENTY FIVE, LAST.

END

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AND TAMPA

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND ALBANY

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN. ~~REDACTED~~

JAKE STEVENS, MANAGER, TREASURE ISLE MOTEL, PORT ARANSAS, TEXAS, ADVISED THAT ONE JOHN J. DE SANTIS, JR., CHECKERBOARD HILL LODGE, WILMINGTON, VERMONT, REGISTERED AT MOTEL APRIL TWENTY ONE, LAST AND WAS DRIVING VOLKSWAGEN SIXTEEN HUNDRED BEARING VERMONT LICENSE ONE FOUR ONE NINE TWO NINE. DE SANTIS HAD NO AMERICAN MONEY AND INDICATED THAT HE HAD SEVEN HUNDRED MEXICAN PESOS.

DE SANTIS SKIPPED OWING BILL OF FIFTEEN DOLLARS AND NINETY EIGHT CENTS ON APRIL TWENTY TWO, LAST. STEVENS ADVISED THAT DE SANTIS ~~GABRIEL~~ RESEMBLED SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY, HOWEVER, DID NOT BELIEVE DE SANTIS IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

CASHIER AT TREASURE ISLE MOTEL ADVISED DE SANTIS NEEDED SHAVE, HAIR WAS UNKEMPT, HE MUMBLED WHEN HE TALKED AND HAD SCAR OVER LEFT EYE ON FOREHEAD.

ALBANY WILL AT ~~MONTPELIER~~ ^{AND WILMINGTON} VERMONT, CHECK VERMONT LICENSE ONE FOUR ONE NINE TWO NINE FOR REGISTRATION INFO AND CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY JOHN J. DE SANTIS, JR.

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AND THEREAFTER ESTABLISH WHETHER DE SANTIS IDENTICAL WITH
SUBJECT THIS CASE. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR AND ALBANY
FROM HOUSTON (44-1509) 2P

MURKIN.

JAKE STEVENS, MANAGER, TREASURE ISLE MOTEL, PORT
ARANSAS, TEXAS, ADVISED THAT ONE JOHN J. DE SANTIS, JR.,
CHECKERBOARD HILL LODGE, WILMINGTON, VERMONT, REGISTERED
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FBI MIAMI

8:32PM URGENT 4-26-68 PJL

TO DIRECTOR, HOUSTON, AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN.

RE METEL PM, INSTANT TO DIRECTOR, MIAMI AND HOUSTON RE
INFO RECEIVED FROM PAUL ALVIN LAIL.

LAIL REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND ADVISED ONLY REASON FOR
PICKING HOUSTON WAS SIZE OF CITY AND HIS FAMILIARITY WITH IT.

NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE AS TO ABEY'S WHEREABOUTS.

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FBI MIAMI

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FBI MEMPHIS

44 455PM URGENT 4-26-68 MCP

TO DIRECTOR, MIAMI, AND HOUSTON
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1P

MURKIN.

RE MIAMI TEL THREE ZERO TWO P.M., APRIL TWENTYSIX.

REFERENCE MIAMI TEL SETS FORTH INFO RECEIVED FROM PAUL ALVIN LAIL, FORMER MISSOURI STATE PEN INMATE. OF INTEREST IN CONNECTION WITH INTERVIEW OF LAIL IS STATEMENT THAT HE FELT RAY MIGHT GO TO PLACE ABOUT SIZE OF HOUSTON, TEXAS. SINCE NEIL ABEY ALSO KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN RESIDENT OF HOUSTON AREA, REQUEST MIAMI REINTERVIEW LAIL TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT HE HAD ANY REASON FOR PICKING OUT CITY SIZE OF HOUSTON, OR IF HE HAS INFO SUGGESTING RAY MAY HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ABEY OR ANYONE ELSE IN HOUSTON. AM COPIES TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY.

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FBI TAMPA

420PM URGENT 4-26-68 BLW

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, HOUSTON, AND KANSAS CITY
FROM TAMPA (157-3231) 2P

MURKIN

BOB FELLOWS, NEWSMAN, WFLA CHANNEL THIRTEEN,
TAMPA ADVISED THIS DATE HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY
A SOURCE, WHOSE RELIABILITY IS UNKNOWN, AS TO DESIRING TO
FIND OUT IF CHANNEL THIRTEEN WAS INTERESTED IN PAYING
MONEY FOR INTERVIEW WITH A PERSON WHO KNEW JAMES EARL
RAY, AKA. FELLOWS SAID SOURCE CALLED HOUSTON, TEXAS
FOR A GEORGE RUSSELL, REPORTELY EMPLOYED IN TRAILER
SALES. WHEN SOURCE DID NOT GET ANSWER, CALLED (FNU)
STORZ, SUPPOSEDLY SOURCE'S SISTER, WHO LIVES NEXT
DOOR TO TRAILER SALES. SOURCE SAID GEORGE RUSSELL
SERVED TIME IN MISSOURI STATE PRISON AND HAS KNOWN
RAY SOME YEARS. FELLOWS ADVISED SOURCE HIS
TV STATION NOT INTERESTED BUT PERHAPS CBS ATLANTA
MAY BE INTERESTED.

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44 455PM URGENT 4-26-68 MCP

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915 PM URGENT 4/26/68 DLN

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), HOUSTON, LOS ANGELES (44-1574),
AND NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
FROM PHOENIX (44-371)

MURKIN.

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST, AT THREE SEVEN-
TEEN PM, AND PX TEL TO NEW ORLEANS INSTANT DATE.

INSTANT DATE, MR. JACK GRAHM, SECURITY, MOUNTAIN STATES
TELEPHONE, ADVISED THAT A REVIEW OF ALL PAY PHONE CALLS FROM
YUMA, ARIZONA ON DECEMBER FOURTEEN, FIFTEEN AND SIXTEEN, NINE-
TEEN SIXTYSEVEN, INDICATES ONLY ONE PAID CALL FROM UNIDENTIFIED
CALLER TO SHREVEPORT NUMBER THREE ONE EIGHT, SEVEN FOUR SIX,
FOUR TWO ZERO ZERO MADE AT TEN PM, DECEMBER FIFTEEN.

GRAHM FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE IS CHECKING THE COLLECT CALLS
MADE TO LOUISIANNA ON DATES ABOVE BUT THAT SUCH CHECK WILL TAKE TIME
BECAUSE OF THE NATION WIDE TELEPHONE STRIKE WHICH REQUIERED TEL-
EPHONE SUPERVISORY TO COMPUTERIZE SUCH CHECK.

PX DIVISOION WILL REPORT RESULTS OF SUCH COLLECT CALL CHECK
AS SOON AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. AM COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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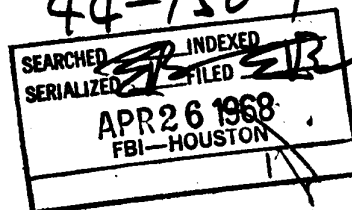
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FBI DALLAS

FBI WASH DC

729PM URGENT 4/26/68 LCC

TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

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THE MAIN FILE ON KING HAS BEEN REVIEWED AT THE BUREAU
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OF CHARLES STEIN.

DECARVELHO INTERVIEWED FOUR TWENTYSIX SIXTYEIGHT AND ADVISED THAT CHARLES STEIN WAS IN NEW ORLEANS THE WEEK BEFORE DECEMBER, TWENTYFOUR, LAST. ON UNRECALLED DATE HE FOUND A NOTE IN HIS DOORWAY FROM STEIN, AND THAT EVEING HE MET STEIN AT RESIDENCE OF MARIE LEE. HE HAS KNOWN STEIN FOR APPROXIMATELY TWENTY YEARS, AND IS A CLOSE FRIEND OF STEIN.

DECARVELHO ADVISED THAT STEIN WAS WEARING A BEARD, WHILE HE WAS IN NEW ORLEANS, AND HE AND STEIN HELD NUMEROUS CONVERSATIONS CONCERNING THE "COSMIC PHILOSOPHY", WHICH DEALS WITH FLYING SAUCERS, SPACE PEOPLE ON EARTH, AND ATTEMPTS TO GET CLOSER TO THE CREATOR. DECARVELHO STATED THAT STEIN IS A BELIEVER IN THIS PHILOSOPHY, AND TRIED TO CONVERT HIM.

DECARVELHO STATED THAT STEIN ADVISED " THE CREATOR PROVIDED FOR ME", IN REFERENCE TO HIS TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS. DECARVELHO ADVISED THAT STEIN CLAIMED AN INDIVIDUAL WHOM HE HAD JUST MET, NAMED GALT, HAD DRIVEN HIM TO NEW ORLEANS, AND HE WAS REFERRING TO THIS INDIVIDUAL WHEN SPEAKING ABOUT THE CREATOR PROVIDING FOR HIM. STEIN ADVISED DECARVELHO

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THAT GALT WAS TRAVELLING THROUGH NEW ORLEANS TO A NEIGHBORING STATE, EITHER MISSISSIPPI OR ALABAMA, ON BUSINESS, AND WAS TO PICK UP STEIN AND TAKE HIM BACK TO LOS ANGELES, AFTER COMPLETION OF HIS BUSINESS.

DECARVELHO STATED THAT STEIN LEFT LOS ANGELES WITH APPROXIMATELY THIRTY DOLLARS, AND THAT GALT PAID FOR EVERYTHING ON THE TRIP. STEIN ADVISED DECARVELHO THAT HE FELT HE WAS ON THE THRESHOLD OF CONVERTING GALT TO THE "COSMIC PHILOSOPHY", AND HOPED TO COMPLETE THIS CONVERSION ON THE RETURN TRIP TO LOS ANGELES.

DECARVELHO STATED ON THE DAY STEIN LEFT NEW ORLEANS, DECARVELHO DROVE TO MARIE LEE'S RESIDENCE TO SAY GOOD-BYE. AS HE WALKED UP TO THIS HOUSE, HE OBSERVED AN INDIVIDUAL STANDING ON THE FRONT STEPS AND CHARLES STEIN TOLD HIM, THIS IS GALT. DECARVELHO AND GALT DID NOT HOLD A CONVERSATION, AND GALT REMAINED ON THE STEPS AS DECARVELHO AND STEIN CARRIED SUITCASES TO GALT'S WHITE MUSTANG.

DECARVELHO STATED THAT GALT HAD SOME PERSONAL ITEMS IN THE TRUNK, WHICH HAD TO BE MOVED BEFORE THE LUGGAGE FOR

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RITA STEIN'S TWO CHILDREN, COULD BE PLACED IN THE TRUNK, AND GALT WALKED FROM THE PORCH AND RE-ARRANGED THE TRUNK TO MAKE ROOM FOR THIS LUGGAGE. DECARVELHO STATED HE OBSERVED SOMETHING THAT APPEARED TO BE A SURVEYOR'S TRANSIT, THAT WAS WRAPPED IN A BROWN LEATHER CASE, SIMILAR TO A GOLF BAG. HE NOTICED NOTHING ELSE UNUSUAL IN THE TRUNK. DECARVELHO ADVISED HE GAVE STEIN AND GALT A MAP WITH DIRECTIONS TO GET OUT OF THE CITY, AND THEY LEFT IMMEDIATELY.

DECARVELHO STATED THAT GALT DOES NOT RESEMBLE THE PICTURE TAKEN AT THE BARTENDER SCHOOL IN LOS ANGELES. HE STATED GALT'S FACE IS MUCH MORE SHALLOW.

HE DESCRIBED GALT AS A WHITE MALE, LATE TWENTIES OR THIRTIES, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE SIX ZERO POUNDS, SLIM BUILD, DARK HAIR, LIGHT BROWN EYES, WITH NO DISTINGUISHING MARKS OR CHARACTERISTICS. DECARVELHO ADVISED THE PHOTOGRAPH THAT APPEARS ON THE IO AND WANTED FLYER THAT WAS TAKEN IN ONE NINE SIX ZERO, IS A GOOD LIKENESS OF GALT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SHORT HAIR.

DECARVELHO ADVISED THAT HE HAS NOT HEARD FROM
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STEIN SINCE THIS TIME, AND ALSO HAS NOT SEEN ANY MEMBER OF STEIN'S FAMILY SINCE THIS TIME. DECARVELHO STATED THAT STEIN, BY HIS VERY NATURE, WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO FURNISH INFORMATION TO ANY POLICE AGENCY, AND THAT STEIN WAS FORMERLY MARRIED TO MICKIE MEDINA.

RE: CHARLES STEIN, JR.

STEIN INTERVIEWED NEW ORLEANS OFFICE FOUR TWENTYSIX SIXTYEIGHT, ADVISED BELIEVES MET FATHER, CHARLES STEIN, SUNDAY WEEK PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS (PROBABLY DECEMBER SEVENTEENTH) AT RESIDENCE OF AUNT MARIE STEIN LEE IN NEW ORLEANS, LA. HE INQUIRED AS TO HOW FATHER ARRIVED IN NEW ORLEANS AND WAS ADVISED THAT HE GOT A RIDE AND FATHER STATED WAS GOING TO STAY ONE OR TWO DAYS AT MOST. STATES NO CONVERSATION CONCERNING NAME ERIC OR GALT BY FATHER ON THAT DATE OR THE FOLLOWING DAY WHEN HE AGAIN SAW HIS FATHER AT THE SAME ADDRESS. DID NOT SEE RAY ON ANY OCCASION AND COULD NOT IDENTIFY PHOTOS OF RAY. MOTHER'S MARRIED NAME MARIE MCLEOD AND BOTH RESIDE THREE FOUR THREE SIX PEOPLES AVENUE, NEW ORLEANS.

MRS. MARIE MCLEOD ADVISED DID NOT SEE EX HUSBAND STEIN AT ANY TIME WHILE HE WAS IN NEW ORLEANS DURING DECEMBER SIXTYSEVEN. STATED HAS NEVER SEEN ANYONE RESEMBLING PHOTO OF GALT OR RAY AS SEEN FROM NEW ORLEANS NEWSPAPERS.

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING DAILY DELTA AIRLINES

FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX WHICH LEAVES NEW ORLEANS FOR FRANKFORT,
GERMANY WITH STOPS AT ATLANTA AND WASHINGTON, DC.

ALL CREWS MEMBERS RE DELTA FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX
FOR APRIL FIVE AND SIX, SIXTYEIGHT INTERVIEWED AND
DISPLAYED PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY AND ALL ADVISED THAT THEY COULD
NOT IDENTIFY ANYONE ABOARD FOR THOSE DATES, WITH EXCEPTION
OF STEWARDESS RITA REHKOPF. REHKOPF ADVISED THAT UPON
REVIEW OF PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY THAT THE INDIVIDUAL
THEREIN APPEARED SIMILAR TO A PASSENGER WHO SAT IN THE LAST
THREE ROWS ON THE RIGHT OF THE ONES FACING THE FRONT OF THE
PLANE. REHKOPF UNABLE TO REMEMBER WHERE THIS PERSON GOT
OFF BUT THINKS HE BOARDED IN NEW ORLEANS. SHE DESCRIBED
HIM AS A WHITE MALE, FORTY - FORTY TWO, FIVE FEET ELEVEN
INCHES, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS, MEDIUM BUILD AND COMPLEXION,
DARK HAIR, CURLY AND COMBED BACK, WEARING SHABBY CLOTHES.
OTHER DELTA AIRLINE PERSONNEL INTERVIEWED IN CONNECTION WITH
THIS PHASE OF INVESTIGATION AND INDICATED REHKOPF IS FLIGHTY
AND EMOTIONAL.
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ON APRIL TWENTY SIX NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT SA PHIL RODRIGUEZ, OSI ADVISED HIS COMMANDING OFFICER AT SHREVEPORT HAD RECEIVED A CLASSIFIED MESSAGE FROM PARENTS OF RITA REHKOPF INQUIRING AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THEIR DAUGHTER WAS IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY OF THE FBI. RODRIGUEZ STATED THAT REHKOPF WAS TO MEET HER PARENTS NOW IN THAILAND IN CALIFORNIA UPON THEIR RETURN FROM OVERSEAS BUT HAD ADVISED HER PARENTS SHE COULD NOT MEET THEM UNTIL "AFTER THE TRIAL" REFERRING TO THE TRIAL OF RAY AND THAT SHE WAS FLYING TO FLORIDA, REASON NOT INDICATED. RODRIGUEZ WAS ADVISED THAT REHKOPF INTERVIEWED BY AGENTS OF THIS OFFICE IN CONNECTION WITH FUGITIVE INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED INSTANT MATTER ALONG WITH NUMEROUS OTHER STEWARDESSES AND CREWMEN OF DELTA AIRLINES AND THAT SHE WAS NOT IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY OF FBI AND THAT THIS OFFICE HAD NO INFORMATION TO INDICATE REHKOPF WOULD BE INVOLVED IN ANY TRIAL.

REHKOPF TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED NEW ORLEANS OFFICE IN INSTANT DATE SHE WAS EMOTIONALLY UPSET, NEEDED COMPANIONSHIP AND HAD TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT AN AUNT IN OKLAHOMA WHO SHE

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FEELS WILL FLY TO NEW ORLEANS INSTANT DATE TO ASSIST HER IN THE ABSENCE OF HER PARENTS.

IDENTIFICATION RECORD CONCERNING CHARLES STEIN AND MARIE MARTIN, AKA MYRIAL TOMASO.

CHECK OF BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION, NOPD, DISCLOSES ARREST HISTORY OF CHARLES STEIN, FBI NUMBER EIGHT EIGHT ONE FIVE THREE FOUR B. ARREST HISTORY DISCLOSES STEIN ARRESTED NOPD INITIALLY IN FIFTYTHREE AND LAST ARRESTED TWO SIXTEEN SIXTYTHREE. ARRESTS INVOLVE NO HONEST VISIBLE MEANS OF SUPPOR, GAMBLING, POSSESSION OF NARCOTICS, STOLEN PROPERTY, PANDERING, SOLICITING FOR PROSTITUTION, POSSESSION OF BARBITUATES.

IDENTIFICATION RECORD NOPD, DISCLOSES ARREST HISTORY OF MYRIAL TOMASO, FBI NUMBER ONE ONE ZERO NINE ONE THREE C WITH FIRST ARREST NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE LAST ARREST NINETEEN SIXTYTWO. ARRESTS INVOLVE VAGRANCY, INVESTIGATION OF NARCOTICS, AUTO THEFT, DRUNK, RESISTING ARREST, POSSESSION OF NARCOTICS, CREATING NUISANCE AND NO VISIBLE MEANS OF SUPPORT.

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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION REQUESTED TO FORWARD TO
LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS AND NEW ORLEANS COPIES OF IDENTIFICATION
RECORDS OF MYRIAL TOMASO AND CHARLES STEIN AS IDENTIFIED ABOVE.

HOUSTON - HOUSTON DETERMINE EXACT TIME OF CALL
FROM INSTANT PHONE BOOTH ON EVENING OF DECEMBER SEVENTEEN
LAST.

AIRMAIL BOPY BEING SENT MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM.

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INVESTIGATION RE MOTELS AND LODGING PLACES ALONG
CHEF MENTEUR HIGHWAY.

INVESTIGATION AT ALL MOTELS AND LODGING PLACES
ALONG CHEF MENTEUR HIGHWAY FROM THE GENTILLY SHOPPING CENTER
TO THE INTERSECTION OF U. S. HIGHWAY NINETY AND HIGHWAY
ELEVEN WHICH IS THE MOST LOGICAL AREA THAT RAY WOULD HAVE
SELECTED A LODGING PLACE DURING THE THREE SEVENTEEN - TWENTYFOUR
SIXTYEIGHT PERIOD NOW COMPLETED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT
SEVEN TWO FIVE, APRIL ONE SIXTYEIGHT, WHERE ON WAS
REPORTED RIFLE BOX LABELED "MAUSER UNDER CONTROL
OF FLIGHT CAPTAIN."

MAX K. JONES ADVISED THAT HE WAS ASSIGNED AS FIRST
OFFICER OF DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT SEVEN TWO FIVE ONE FOUR ONE
SIXTYEIGHT WHICH FLIGHT ORIGINATED FROM NEWARK, NEW JERSEY
AND TRAVELED TO NEW ORLEANS WITH STOPS AT WASHINGTON, D. C.,
ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM. JONES RECALLS THAT A STEWARDESS HAD
BROUGHT A BOX CONTAINING A GUN TO THE CABIN OF THE PLANE.
HE SAID THAT THE BOX WAS LARGE ENOUGH IN SIZE TO CARRY

A RIFLE. JONES STATED IT IS NORMAL POLICY TO PUT ANY
WEAPONS CARRIED BY PASSENGERS IN THE PILOT CABIN. JONES UPON
VIEWING PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY STATED HE DID
NOT RECOGNIZE RAY.

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