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CALLS FROM PUBLIC TELEPHONES
INTERSTATE 10, DECEMBER 15-17, 1967

The following investigation was conducted by SA
R. GERARD ROBINSON:

On May 7, 1968, Mr. WALTER FRIDAY, Administrator, Choctaw General Hospital, Butler, Alabama, advised that telephone number 459-2461 has been assigned to that hospital for several years. He said that he has no knowledge concerning any telephone calls received at this hospital from Orange, Texas, or any out-of-state calls in December 1967, as such calls received by the hospital are not centrally recorded. He said that he could not recall any patient at the hospital who might logically have received any telephone calls from Orange, Texas. FRIDAY advised that he checked with several clerical employees of the hospital who served at varying times on telephone duty but none could recall any long distance calls from the State of Texas.

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

On May 8, 1968, Mr. CHARLES B. STEPHENS, Semmes Nursery, Semmes, Alabama, advised that he has had telephone number 342-1435 for a long time and that during the middle of December 1967, he had received a call at the Nursery from a customer by the name of PATFIELD, who called from Houston, Texas. He said that PATFIELD had a short time before gone into the nursery business and was then making most of his telephone calls from public telephones.

On May 8, 1968, WILLIAM T. HODGES, 1107 Hannon Road, Mobile, Alabama, advised that he has had telephone number 479-8740 for the past ten years. He said that he occasionally drives a truck moving furniture for Bekins Van Lines and on December 16, 1967, he was in Corpus Christi, Texas, at the residence of a sister-in-law. He recalled the date as it was his sister-in-law's birthday, and on that occasion, he called his wife in Mobile from Corpus Christi.

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He said that he had not made any phone calls from Houston, Texas, to his home in Mobile at any time.

Mrs. WILLIAM T. HODGES advised that the only long distance call she received in Mobile in December 1967 was from her husband in Corpus Christi, Texas. She said that she had received no call from the Houston, Texas, area.

The Mobile telephone number 479-7378 is issued to Captain Pete's Restaurant and Lounge, Highway 90. Inquiry at the Lounge on May 8, 1968, reflected that the manager of this establishment during December 1967 was FRANCES PATRONAS, who is now located in Bel Air Apartments, Mobile.

On May 9, 1968, Mrs. FRANCES PATRONAS, Apartment 140, Bel Air Apartments, advised that she recalls receiving no telephone calls at Captain Pete's Restaurant and Lounge from the State of Texas during December 1967 and could furnish no information concerning any such calls.

MARGARET GRIFFIN and MARY WEATHERELL, waitresses at Captain Pete's Restaurant and Lounge during December 1967, were located through Mrs. PATRONAS. MARGARET GRIFFIN could recall no telephone calls from the State of Texas. MARY WEATHERELL advised she recalls a man who had been a customer at this Lounge on a number of occasions, name not recalled, and she seems to recall that this customer had received a phone call one night from a girl friend from Texas. The call she has recollection of was definitely a personal call from a girl friend. She said that this man is a traveling salesman who had been coming through Mobile on a number of occasions in the past and had frequently stopped in at this Lounge.

These persons were shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY but could not identify any of the photographs as being similar to anyone seen by them in the past.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Houston airtel to the Director, 5/3/68, concerning toll calls made from Public Telephone Booths on Interstate Highway #10, 12/15 - 17/67.

On 5/7/68, Miss LINDA PETERS, a freshman student at Cedar Crest College, (a girls' school), Allentown, Pa., advised SA THOMAS F. HANNIGAN, that she resides in Room #336, on the third floor, Curtis Hall, at the college.

(It is noted that phone number 433-9403 is listed to Cedar Crest College, Curtis Hall, third floor, Allentown, Pa.)

PETERS advised that her boy friend, GEORGE VOLLMANN, a freshman at LAMAR Technical Institute, Beaumont, Texas, had called her on 12/12/67, from Texas. She received the call on the dormitory phone on her floor. PETERS advised that she had no knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY. PETERS stated that her home address was 12 Feliek Terrace, Parlin, N.J.

On 5/7/68, Mrs. DEAN STAIR, RD #3, Hanover, Pa., advised SA JOHN WILLIAM DAANE that telephone #637-8759 was listed to her husband at that address. She stated that about a week before Christmas, 1967, she had received a phone call from her foster brother, RALPH KUHN, in Beaumont, Texas. She stated that KUHN presently operated a used car lot in Beaumont.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)
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Re Houston airtel to Director, 5/3/68.

Re: Public Telephones on Interstate 10 -
Houston Division

Calling No. 769-9103, Vidor, Texas, to Tampa,
Fla., 813-229-1414, on 12/17/67.

At Tampa, Florida

H. K. RUTHERFORD, Security Division, General
Telephone Company (Protect), advised records showed tele-
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Court, Tampa, installed November 2, 1967.

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It is noted JUDGE and RODGERS are Negroes and reside in entirely Negro project.

No further investigation being conducted by Tampa and Houston may desire to recheck numbers.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387) (P)
MURKIN,

Re Houston airtel to Bureau dated 5/3/68.

Mr. SAM BEASLEY, Special Agent, Security Office, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, (protect identity) advised SA JOHN W. JONES as follows on 5/7/68:

Telephone number 714-469-6604 is subscribed to by RUDOLPH SEAMAN, 567 Cardiff, San Diego, California.

Telephone number 714-745-1548 is subscribed to by MATTHEW CARRILLO, 183 Star Route, Valley Centre, California.

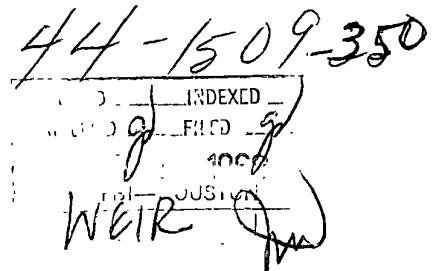
Telephone number 714-279-1714 is subscribed to by GLEN L. DOBERSTEIN, 4095 Hatton Drive, San Diego, California.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ARNOLD W. O'BRIEN on 5/7/68:

Mr. RUDOLPH SEAMAN, 567 Cardiff, San Diego, California, advised he has telephone number 469-6604, and during the month of December, 1967, his stepson, GUY MARINI,

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previously from Columbus, Ohio visited he and his wife. After departing their residence, he returned East traveling through the state of Texas. It is Mr. SEAMAN's recollection that GUY MARINI telephoned he and his wife from Texas during the middle of December, 1967. The present whereabouts of GUY MARINI is unknown to Mr. SEAMAN.

On 5/7/68, PAMELA DOBERSTEIN, 4095 Hatton Drive, San Diego, California, advised that she and her parents reside at this address and have telephone number 279-1714.

According to PAMELA DOBERSTEIN, she has an uncle, a brother of her mother, named NORBERT VILLAFLO, who formerly resided at Orange Street, Vidor, Texas. Miss DOBERSTEIN recalls the family received a telephone call from NORBERT VILLAFLO during the middle of December, 1967.

The present whereabouts of NORBERT VILLAFLO are unknown to Miss DOBERSTEIN and her family since he has departed Vidor, Texas.

Photographs of RAY were displayed to PAMELA DOBERSTEIN and RUDOLPH SEAMAN and both advised the subject is unknown to them.

The following investigation was conducted by SA HERBERT H. BUTLER on 5/7/68:

On 5/7/68, SOLEDAD GONZALEZ, 183 Star Route, Valley Centre, California, advised her parents, MATTHEW and EVA CARRILLO, reside adjacent to her and that telephone number 745-1548 is assigned to their residence. She further stated that her brothers, JOSE and RICHARD CARRILLO, ages 17 and 19, and her sister, MARIA, age 21, also reside at her parents' residence.

On 5/7/68, EVA CARRILLO advised she is unable to speak English and consequently was interviewed with the assistance of her daughter, SOLEDAD GONZALEZ. Mrs. CARRILLO stated that she generally is the only individual in the household during daylight hours and that she is unable to recall having received a telephone call from Texas in December, 1967. She stated, however, that it is possible that she did receive such telephone call and is unable to

recall it. She further advised that if the caller had spoke in English, she would have been unable to correspond and would have consequently quickly terminated the conversation and probably not recall it. Also, that if the caller had dialed a wrong number, she probably would not recall this.

All the members of the CARRILLO household consisted of JOSE, RICHARD, MARIA, and Mr. MATTHEW CARRILLO were interviewed and all advised that they have no recollection of receiving a telephone call from Texas in December, 1967. When questioned regarding friends, relatives, and associates possibly residing in the state of Texas, they all advised they have relatives residing in El Paso, but that since they are on an extremely low economic level, they do not believe they would have attempted to telephone them.

MARIA CARRILLO, upon interview, stated that during the latter part of December, 1967, including December 17, 1967, her brother, ANTONIO CARRILLO, a Catholic priest from Mexico, was visiting with her and her family and that the possibility exists that he received the telephone call. She stated he is currently residing at Casa Parroquial, Tenajapa, Chiapas, Mexico.

An additional copy of this airtel is being furnished the Bureau for transmittal to Legat, Mexico, so that Father. ANTONIO CARRILLO, presently residing at Casa Parroquial, Tenajapa, Chiapas, Mexico can be contacted to determine if he received a telephone call during the middle of December from the state of Texas while visiting his sister at Valley Centre, California.

A photograph of subject RAY should be displayed to Father CARRILLO to determine if subject RAY is known to him in view of the fact that subject RAY has a past history of travel to Mexico.

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TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re telephone calls on Interstate 10 from the Houston Division, 12/15-17/67.

Re Houston airtel to Bureau, 5/3/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES J. CUMMINGS:

On 5/7/68, Mr. DENNIS ZERVOS, 7202 Sixth Ave., Brooklyn, NY, advised that telephone number 212-748-7417 is his private home phone and has been his phone number for a number of years. He stated that a relative of his, GEORGE MAKRILOS, a merchant Greek seaman, often calls him from Houston, Texas. He stated that he believed MAKRILOS had called him on 12/15/67, from Houston, Texas.

The following investigation was conducted by SA O. EUGENE SMITH:

On 5/8/68, NATHAN SAPIRO, 36 E. Seventh St., NYC, advised that he is subscriber to NY telephone 254-2288.

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He advised that he cannot recall receiving a telephone call from anyone in Texas on or about 12/15/67. He advised that he is not acquainted with anyone by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT or JAMES EARL RAY.

A photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was displayed to SAPIRO and he advised that he did not recognize the photograph as anyone he had ever seen.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY,
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Re New York teletype to Director and SAC's dated 4/25/68; Seattle teletype to Director and Birmingham dated 4/29/68; Birmingham teletype to Director and Memphis dated 5/1/68; (No copy of any of these communications directed to Houston.)

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Contact with the Boeing Company at Seattle revealed that GERAARD DONR RAY, Social Security No. [REDACTED] is now assigned at the Boeing facility at Houston, Texas. The Boeing Company's Address Roster still shows this person's residence as 327 First Ave. E., Pacific, Washington, and the Boeing Company files reflect that RAY's personnel file is at Houston, Texas.

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AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

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To: All SACs and LEGATs

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

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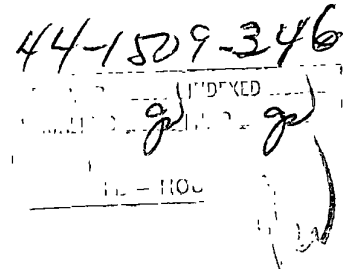
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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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**RE: LONG-DISTANCE PHONE CALLS
MADE FROM PHONE BOOTHS
ALONG INTERSTATE 10
HOUSTON, TEXAS**

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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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:

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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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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, EL PASO
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
RE: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

Re Houston airtel 5/6/68, setting forth telephone calls to be checked out regarding the trip of subject and CHARLES STEIN Dec. 15-17, 1967. It is noted that on page 3, the following calls were made:

DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-9162	915-694-3606 Midland, Texas
12/15/67	Beaumont 835-9162	915-694-3606 Midland, Texas

Since Midland is in the El Paso Division, El Paso will handle.

2 - El Paso
1 - Houston (44-1509) (Info)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
2 - Dallas
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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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SAC, DENVER (157-203)

MURKIN

Re Houston airtel to Bureau 5/3/68.

Re Denver airtel to Bureau 5/7/68.

LOUISE CARROLL, Specialist-8, Defense Communications Agency, Western Hemisphere, Fort Carson, Colorado, advised on 5/8/68, she lives at 1114 West Cheyenne Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado, with LAVERNE BAKER and DIANE PATTERSON. The telephone number is 303-636-1772, and is in the name of LAVERNE BAKER.

Miss CARROLL advised she has a boyfriend, one ROBERT BROUSSARD, who works in his father's store, Henry Broussard Food Fair, Beaumont, Texas. He resides at 8775 Old Four Lake Road, Beaumont. Miss CARROLL stated during the months of December, 1968, and January, 1968, ROBERT BROUSSARD telephoned her two or three times a week. She recalled on one occasion he made a phone call from a pay station. She remembered this because the operator cut in and she remembered the fact that he had to put additional money in the phone. She stated that ROBERT BROUSSARD stated he was away from home and away from the store at the time. She believed this was about 12/16/67.

2-Bureau
2-Memphis (44-1987)
①-Houston (Info)(44-1509)
1-Denver
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5/9/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO-DALLAS

RE: SUSPECT JAMES ALLEN SMITH

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau, 4/16/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
EARLE HALEY:

AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS

On 4/25/68, MR. FRED PICK, Attorney, 202 Burk Burnett Building, furnished the following information:

He has known JAMES ALLEN SMITH for about two years. SMITH has been in a lot of trouble and has a long arrest record. In the summer of 1967 SMITH was in the Tarrant County Jail on four charges of burglary, forgery, and theft. He contacted PICK on several occasions to represent him and get him out on bond. SMITH could not raise any money and finally raised a total of \$400. PICK had set a fee of \$700. SMITH told PICK he owned some property in Houston and had some assets in Houston and if he could get out he could easily raise the other \$300 and pay him in full. PICK finally agreed to make the bonds and SMITH was released. He talked to SMITH after he was released from jail. SMITH was going to Houston and liquidate some assets and pay PICK the balance of his fee for making his bonds. PICK never saw or heard from SMITH until 2/29/68, when he read in the paper that SMITH was arrested with WALKER MARK FLANAGAN, well known Fort Worth police character, in Dallas. SMITH and

3 - Bureau
1 - Houston (Info)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Dallas
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DL 44-2649

FLANAGAN were immediately taken to Houston, Texas, to face a number of burglary charges. FICK went to the District Attorney's Office in Fort Worth to get off the bonds of SMITH and learned that SMITH had been cooperating with law enforcement officers to get evidence on MARK FLANAGAN. FICK did not plan to make any bond for SMITH in Houston, Texas. The District Attorney in Fort Worth and Houston, along with state officers asked his assistance in this matter, and he made bond for SMITH in Houston on or about 3/4/68. He has not seen nor heard from SMITH since then. He has tried to locate SMITH through all known contacts in Fort Worth but has not been successful. He had heard rumors that SMITH might have been killed for cooperating with officers regarding MARK FLANAGAN. He has also heard that SMITH is using this as an excuse to lay low. FICK related that SMITH is a chronic liar, boastful, and exaggerates stories about himself. He stated SMITH is a low-life police character and will do most anything to raise a few dollars. FICK had never heard of SMITH having any dealings with MARTIN LUTHER KING and never heard SMITH mention "South Christian Conference." He has talked about everything else but this matter to FICK. SMITH claimed he could do nearly anything on earth. FICK did not trust or believe SMITH very much prior to last time he made bonds for him. He stated at this time he would not believe SMITH "on a stack of Bibles." SMITH has been involved in car thefts but FICK never heard of him being involved in Georgia or deep South. FICK is still trying to locate SMITH, as they have indicated they would call his case in Houston, Texas, in the near future. FICK related if he should receive any information as to the whereabouts of SMITH, he would notify the Fort Worth RA.

MR. H. J. COBB, Deputy Sheriff, was contacted on 4/29/68 and furnished the following information:

He is well acquainted with JAMES ALLEN SMITH and has handled him for auto theft in the past. SMITH is wanted by his attorney and bondsman at this time. SMITH is also wanted for questioning in Oklahoma, but they have not issued a warrant. COBB believes SMITH is hiding due to the fact he cooperated with law enforcement officers in arresting WALTER MARK FLANAGAN. COBB stated SMITH might have been buried but he had not learned any definite information to sustain this belief.

DL 44-2849

MR. G. W. BURKS, Texas Ranger, advised on 5/2/68, he had not heard from SMITH and had not been able to develop any information as to his whereabouts. He stated SMITH might have been knocked off by some friends of MARK FLANAGAN. BURKS knows SMITH well and has talked to a number of contacts of SMITH but has not been able to locate SMITH. He stated SMITH talks big, brags, tells big stories, and is one of the biggest liars in the world.

MR. GLEN HAWKINS, Detective, Fort Worth PD, was contacted on 5/6/68. He advised he is well acquainted with JAMES ALLEN SMITH. He has made inquiries through all his sources but has not turned up any information on SMITH. He related SMITH could be buried by some friends of MARK FLANAGAN or SMITH might be taking advantage of the situation, has left Fort Worth, and is laying low. HAWKINS had never heard of SMITH being involved in anything in Georgia or Alabama. He further related he would not believe SMITH or any of the big stories he tells.

MR. FRED FICK was recontacted on 5/7/68, at which time he advised he had not received any information as to the whereabouts of SMITH. The case at Houston has been called but he obtained a postponement for 60 days.

No further investigation being conducted to locate SMITH.

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STEVE FULLER
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Car - Volkswagen, California license VOD 912
Room 109, two in party, 12/18/67

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SPRINGFIELD

ROBERT A. CONEY, Judge
311 Fayette Street
Peoria, Illinois
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Room 212
Three in party
12/17/67

NEW ORLEANS

JOE PARISH
Belle Chasse, Louisiana
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12/18/68

A. A. CASBARIAN
716 Governor Nichols
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