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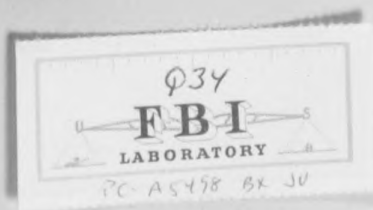
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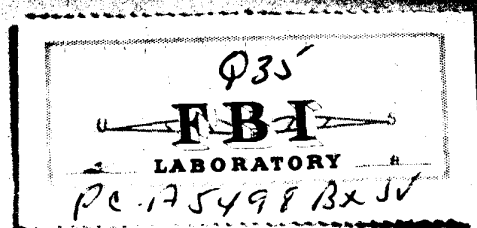
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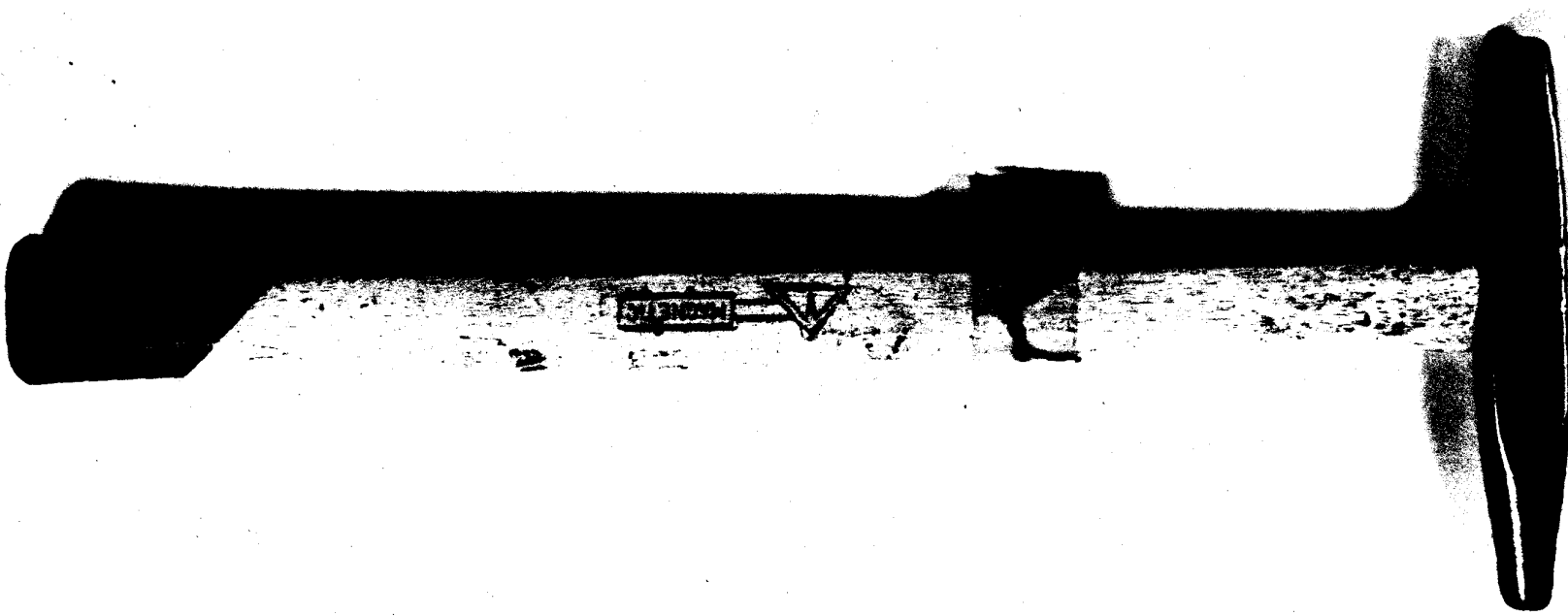
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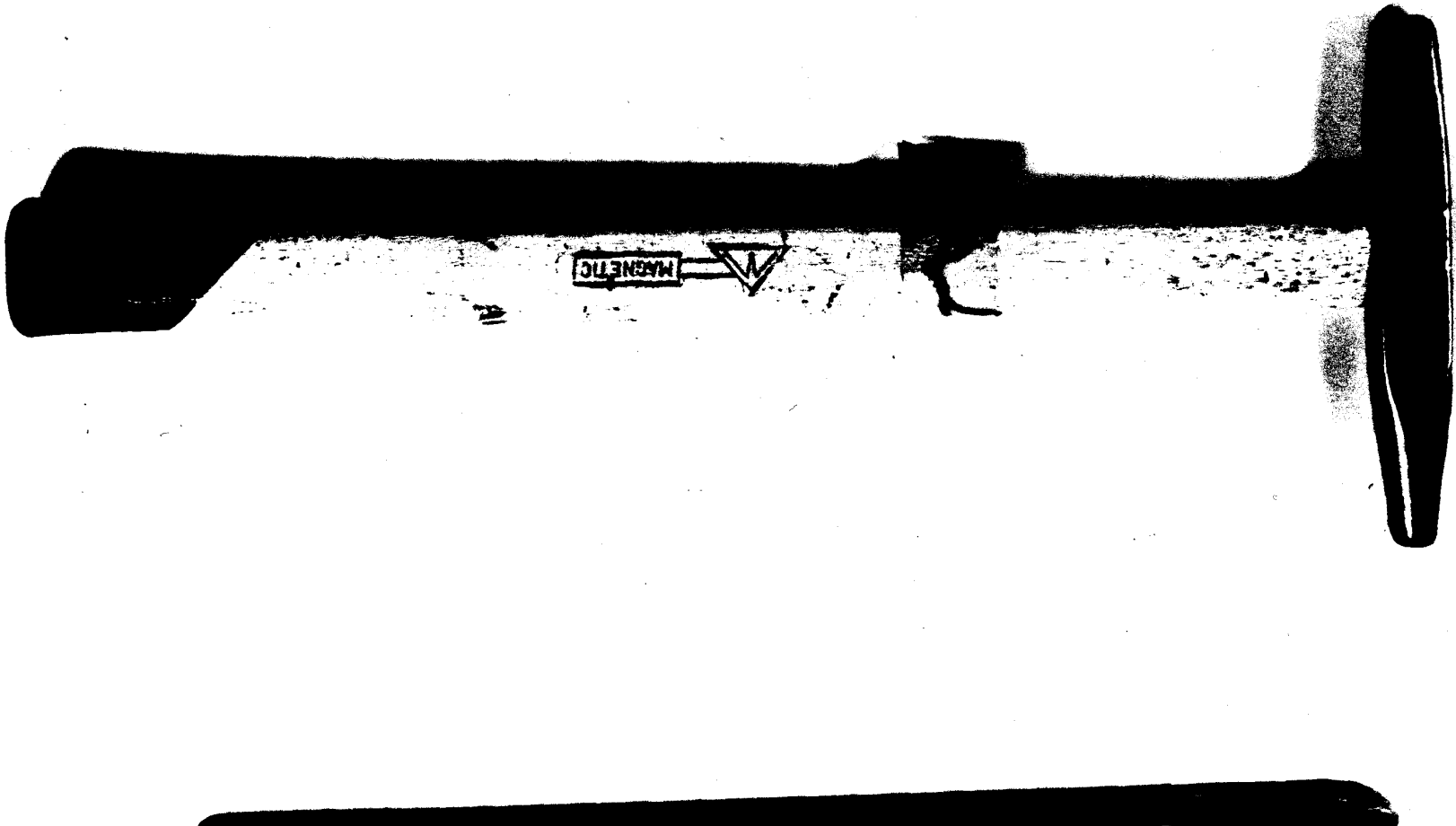
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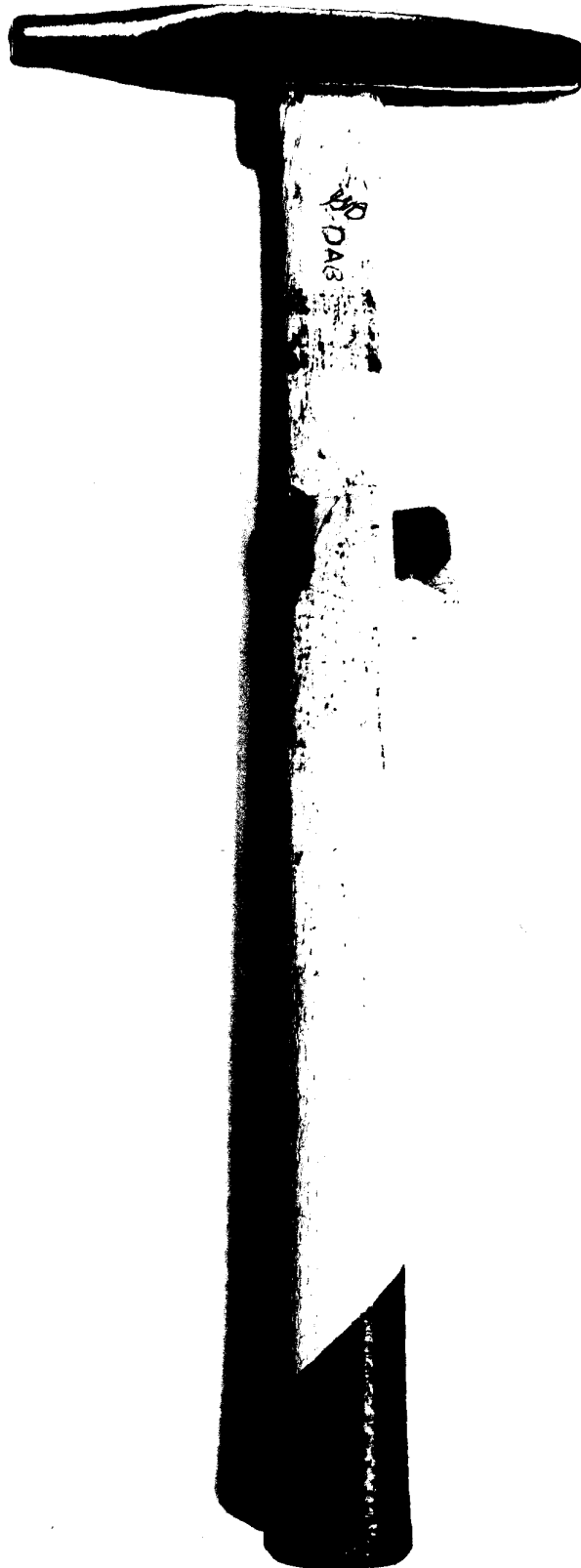
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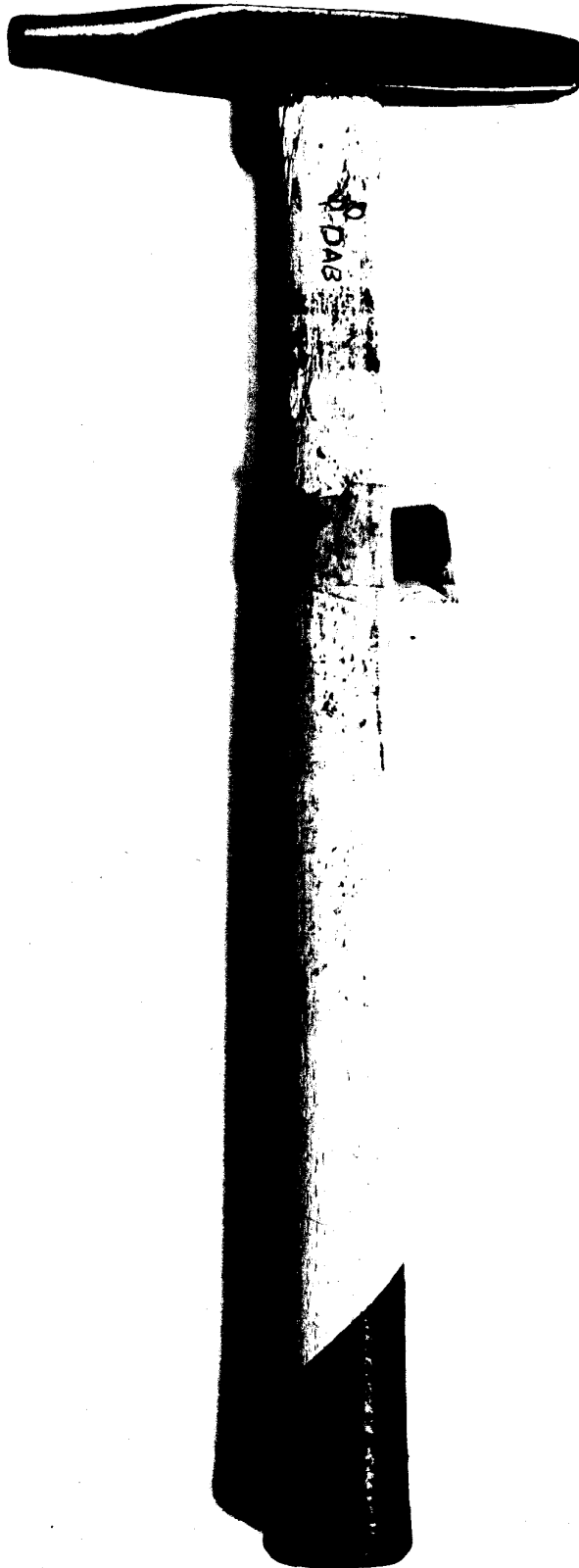
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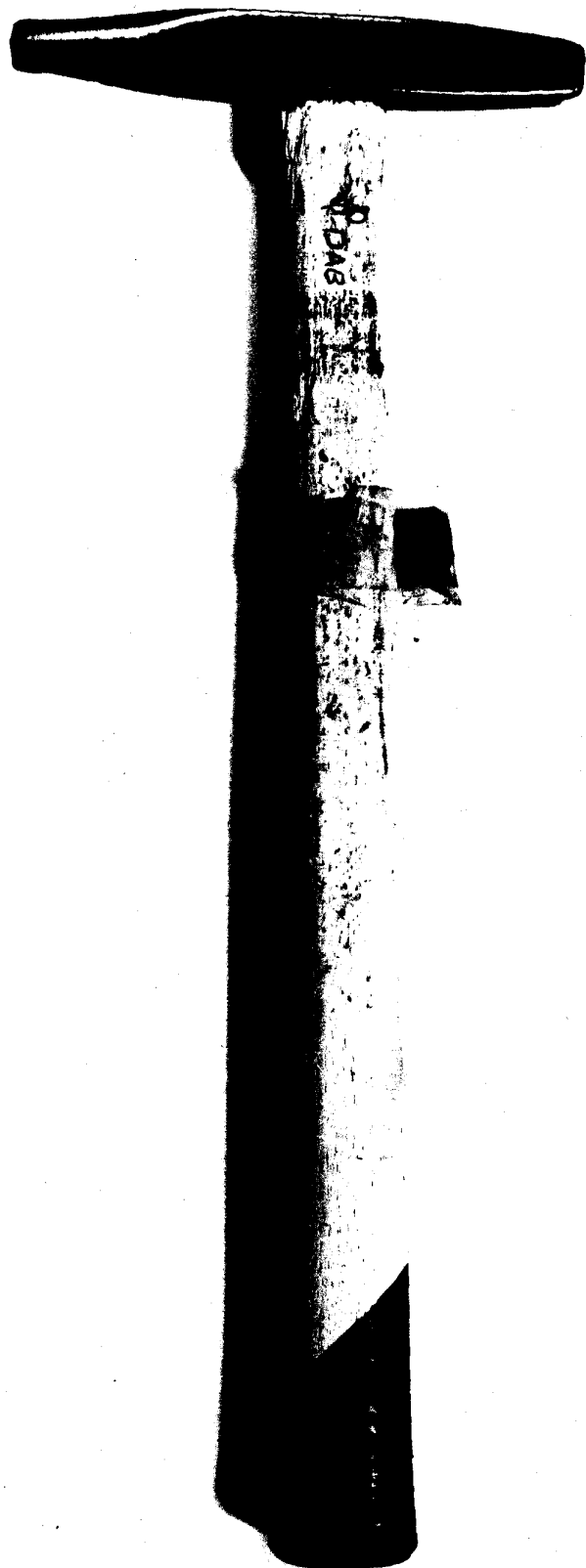
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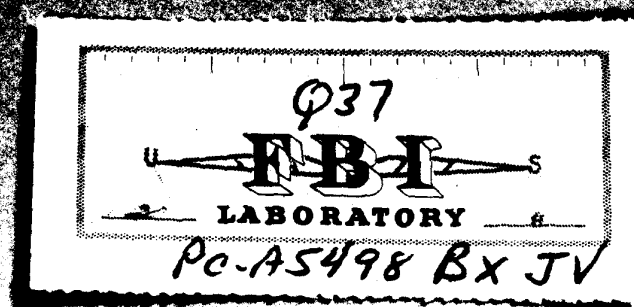
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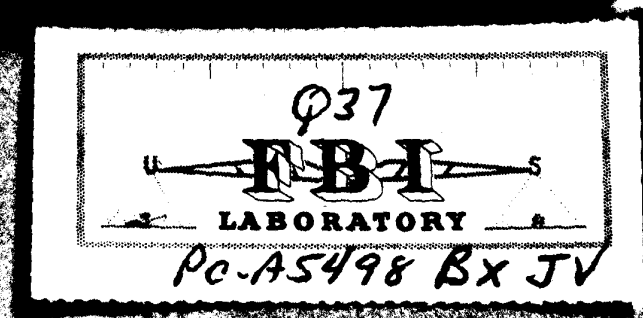
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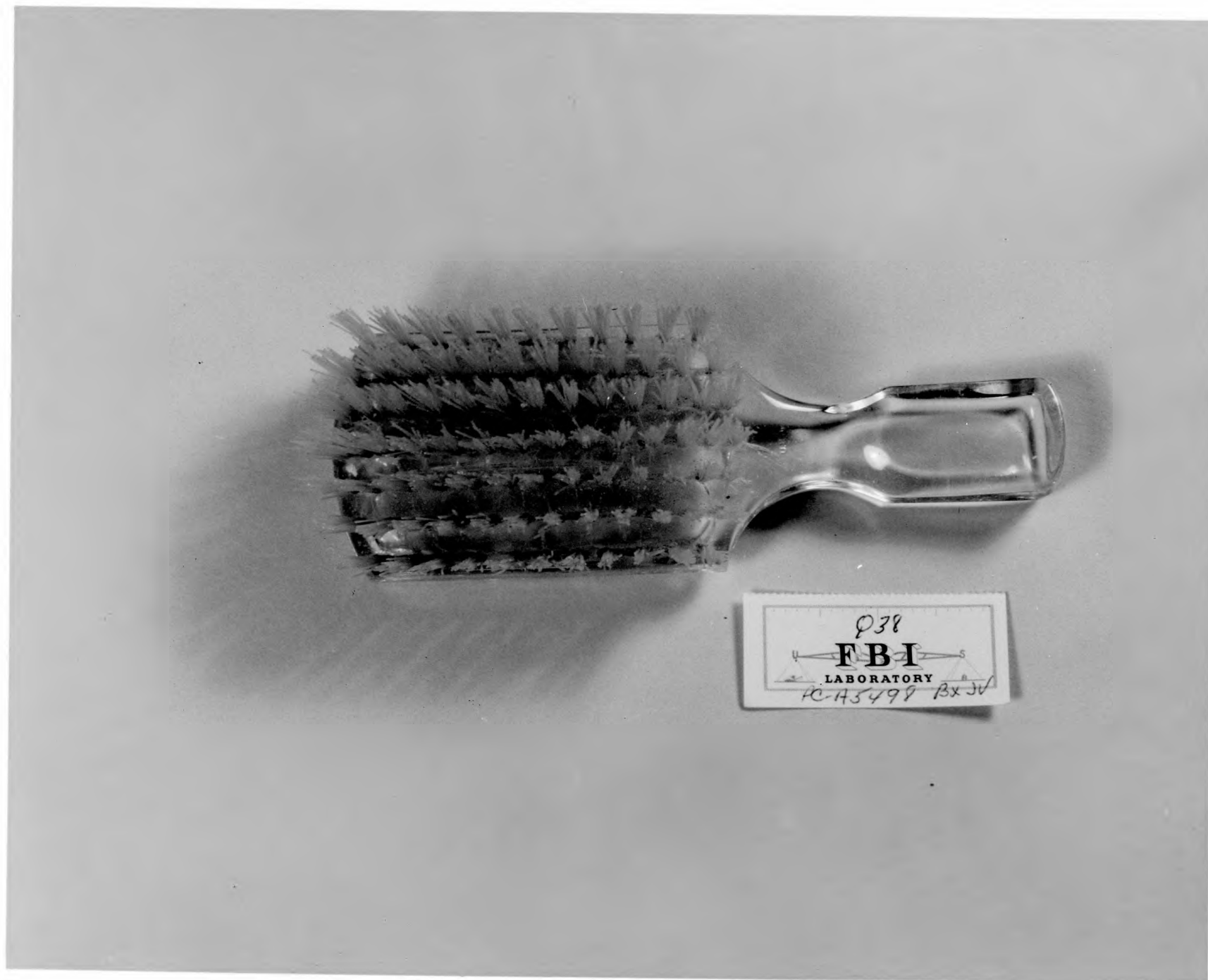
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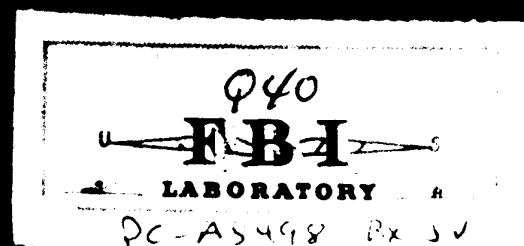
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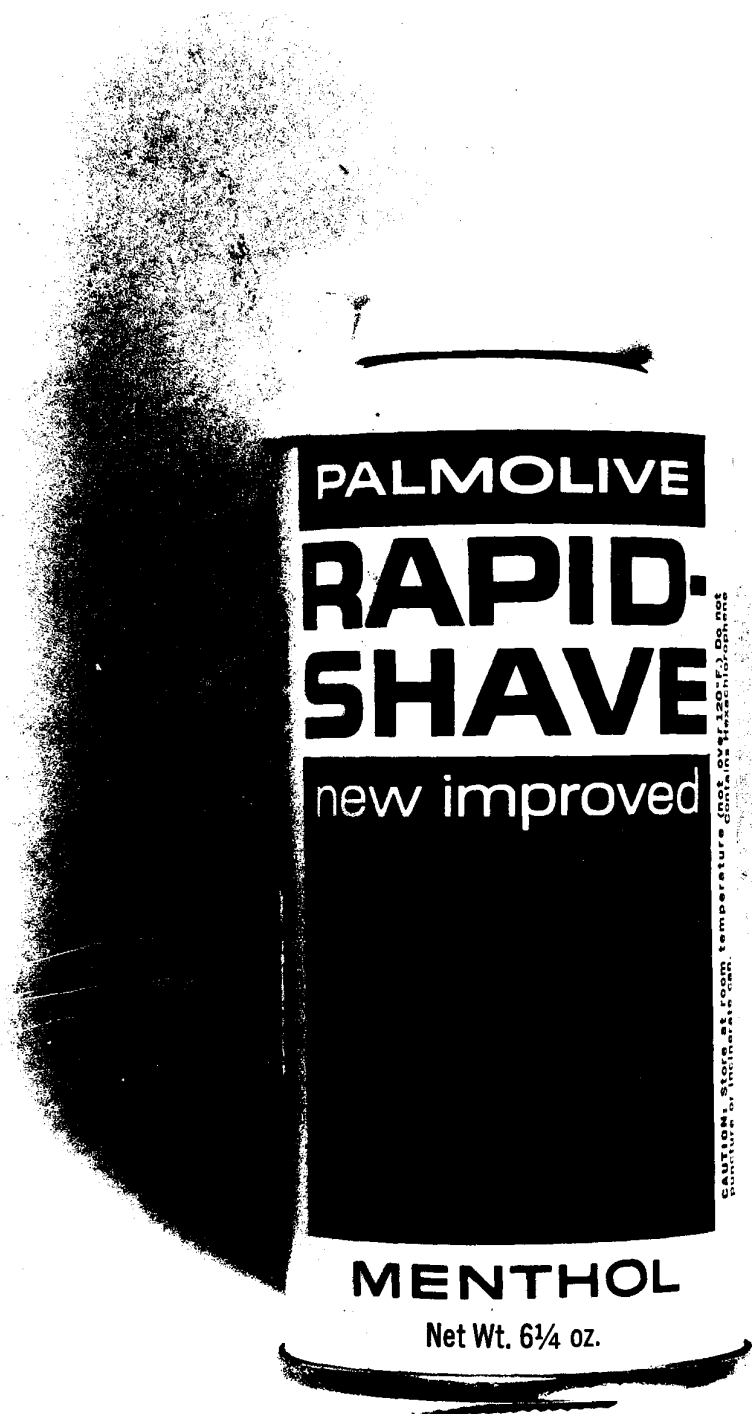




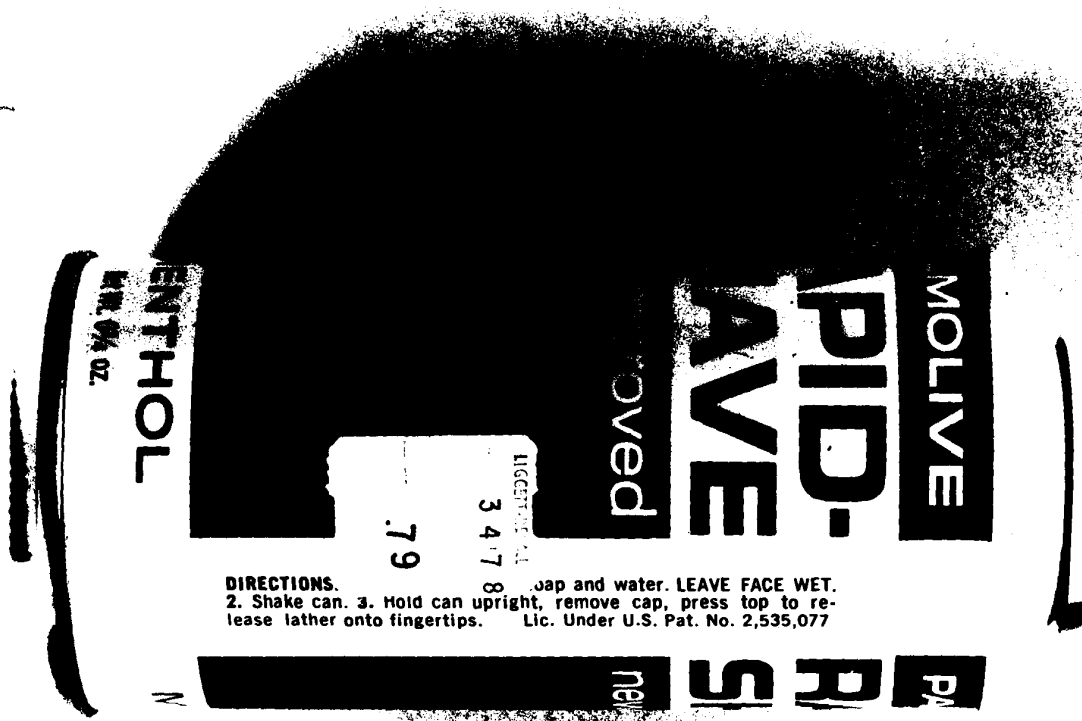
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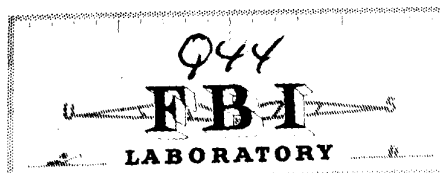
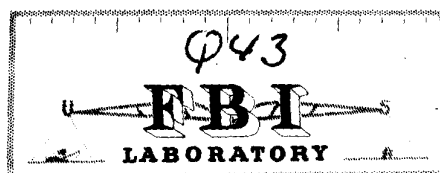


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MARTIN LUTHER KING....AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL



The above picture was made by an employee of the State of Georgia, at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. The photographer was sent to the Highlander Folk School by the Georgia Commission on Education. The Highlander Folk School was abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee at a later date because it was charged with being a subversive organization.

Those numbered in the picture are:

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STATEMENT TAKEN IN THE GRAND JURY ROOM ON FEBRUARY 7, 1969, FROM WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE AT 10:55 a.m. CONCERNING A POSSIBLE CONSPIRACY IN THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING. ALSO PRESENT IN THE GRAND JURY ROOM AND QUESTIONING MR. HUIE WERE DISTRICT ATTORNEY PHIL M. CANALE, JR., EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT ROBERT K. DWYER, AND ASSISTANT JAMES C. BEASLEY.

Taken in shorthand by Loretta Bondora
and Marjorie Fortinberry and transcribed
by Marjorie Fortinberry.

Q. Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give will be the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

A. Yes

Q. Mr. Huie, I am going to ask you if you would tell these gentlemen, first let me explain.

A. My experience in the cases where murder has been committed to try to prevent racial change (named books he has written concerning racial murders) I was heavily engaged in a Shetoba County case as well as several other cases regarding this type of murder. I know that information must be gotten from guilty men; you gentlemen understand that James Earl Ray as a suspect and a defendant does not have to talk to any representative of the law; I assumed from the beginning that James Earl Ray would never give information to any part of the law, never testify; therefore, the only way the information could be gotten from him was for a man in my position to make a deal with Ray for him to furnish me with information so I made a deal with him to tell me everywhere he went, who he saw and who gave him assistance. This was my contract with him because only by making this deal could you hope to get any information. It was a calculated risk as he had practiced deception all his life. Most of what he did tell me would not be true, a constant effort of going back at him to get the truth. It would be a considerable effort to get the truth, with that understanding this is why I have paid him money to get the truth and this is my only interest as so stated in my relationship with Ray. This was my contract with him. I should also add I made complete disclosures to Judge Battle and told him of the contract and told him of everything I planned to do. There is nothing secret about my activities.

Q. Mr. Huie, let me ask you, will you relate to these gentlemen what version Ray gave you in regard to what took place on April 4 in the rooming house at 422 1/2 South Main?

A. Ray told me that he was instructed that on the night of April 4, he was in a motel in Mississippi and his contact came and instructed him to

register in the Bessie Brewer Rooming House at 3:00 p.m. on the afternoon of April 4. He said that he came into Memphis on April 3, got a haircut in Memphis, drove around Memphis to the Rebel Motel and registered and that on April 4 in the afternoon he arrived fifteen minutes late at three-fifteen, then registered at Bessie Brewer's Rooming House. Then carried the gun into Room No. 5 then he said that he opened, oh, he also told me he went and bought the binoculars and he said he spent some time in Jim's Grill drinking beer and told me he was certain I could find evidence that people had seen him in Jim's Grill. He told me that when the shot was fired there was another man present and that when the shot was fired that he was in the Mustang in front of Canipe's, and said the other man came down the stairway, dropped the gun in front of Canipe's, jumped in the Mustang and got in back and covered himself with a sheet, took off for about eight or ten blocks; the other man got out of the car and they were to meet sometime in New Orleans later. Ray said he drove and left Memphis.

Q. Has he ever identified or said to you the name of this party or any other party that was supposed to be with him in the rooming house?

A. He has never given me any names other than the name Raoul. This is an uncommon name here but not in Canada. He said he was a Latin man, a French-Canadian, approximately thirty-five years old. He described him as a blond but after I had written it Ray told me he was more red headed than blond. This man met him in a bar in Montreal and this was the man that crossed the border with him twice with contraband and he met him in New Orleans on December 16 and told him the next job was three months off. Called him in California on the seventeenth day of March and told him to come back to Alabama. He claims he does not know this man's name other than Raoul but he has a phone number in New Orleans but has never given me the number. I think he knows the number as he has certainly made some calls to New Orleans but he has never described the man other than that. He also said the man was conservatively dressed. I have had several photographs at one time or other, photographs that the FBI has. The only reason I know is that they have shown them to other people they learned about through my investigation. Ray has never given any more of a description other than thirty-five years and

Canadian and that was the man that was with him here in Memphis. Now this is Ray's account; since I have never been able to interrogate Ray; I wish I could have; and I hope today to win the right; so it has been very difficult; but in the constant interrogation of Ray which proceeded under Hanes and then ended when Hanes left, the case; and only began again when Foreman began to interrogate Ray that I began to get information again. Ray changes his stories and some of those that he told me last August is not necessarily the same information that he sent me in February and I go off and travel for the reason of trying to find the truth so I could tell Ray you didn't tell me the truth so it has been a constant battle of trying to get information out of this man which no other agency of the law can get from Ray but there has been changes in what he told me.

Q. From your experience with Ray and your own investigation of this matter what is your opinion about whether James Earl Ray fired the gun that killed Martin Luther King?

A. I have never had the slightest doubt that Ray and Ray alone killed Dr. King.

Q. He received a phone call in a motel on the night of April 2, did he ever relate or give you the name of the person that called him?

A. No sir.

Q. From your investigation and your correspondence with James Earl Ray, have you ever been able to identify or connect anybody up as an accomplice of James Earl Ray here in the city of Memphis, Los Angeles, Birmingham, or New Orleans or any other place in your investigation that would connect them with Ray killing Dr. King here on April 4?

A. No sir, the answer would be no to that.

Q. Mr. Huie, would it be a fair statement for me to say that if statements have been alleged to have been made by you as to other coconspirators with Ray in the assassination, that there was not a factual basis to that but a theory or supposition through your correspondence with Ray?

A. I have had nothing from the beginning Mr. Dwyer, I am not a detective and I am not in competition with the FBI so I have not pretended at any time to have any advantage or information other than that furnished to me by James Earl Ray which may or may not be true. I have found that a great deal that Ray told me was true as well as some things that were not true. The only advantage that I have and the only information I have is that I am the only man who has received in Ray's handwriting words from him, something like twenty or twenty-five thousand words. I have nothing

to go on whatsoever except what Ray has told me and what I can divine, guess, and assume by studying this man's record from childhood and tried to find his motivations. It is true that I have been able to come up with information that the FBI didn't have but only because Ray told me. There were areas of time that the FBI did not know where Ray was; I thought the important thing was to determine where Ray was from the day he escaped till the time he was apprehended. He hasn't given me answers to everything but there are still areas I am still interrogating. I am not responsible for what appears in the press. I have beliefs and there is one particular individual I am convinced had foreknowledge of the crime. This is only a conviction on my part but I can never name or cause the arrest of anybody until Ray signs the documents for the legal officials because I can't even publish such a name but if people have presented me as some sort of super detective, I am not. The only information I have is information that Ray has told me and what I have been able to verify or not. I have nothing to give you except what Ray has told me.

Q. You mentioned one particular person that you have reason to believe might be involved in this, are you making this statement on what you heard from Ray, you didn't have independent information only what Ray said, he never told you this person was involved?

A. No sir, only what Ray said; he only mentioned seeing this person and talking to him by phone.

Q. Would it be a fair statement to you to say that that was James Earl Ray's brother Jerry Ray?

A. That is right.

Q. Now Mr. Huie, concerning Ray's Meetings with his brother Jerry both before and after the slaying, would you relate that briefly?

A. Well first of all gentlemen, I have published two lies. The account of how James Earl Ray got out of the prison in Jefferson City is a lie which James Earl Ray has admitted because he had accomplices. Ray had two accomplices to get out of prison. He went to Chicago where his brother Jerry was living at that time. After he had worked for eight weeks to set up an identity he then went back to Quincy, Illinois. According to him he got a gun for the first time. The gun that was on him when he was arrested in London on June 8 is the gun he acquired in Quincy,

Illinois. He also acquired an automobile, a \$200 red plymouth. He told me he was in conference with his brother Jerry before he went to Canada. When he came back from Canada, he met Jerry. Spent a night at Gary, Indiana, in a motel five miles east of Gary, Indiana, after coming from Indiana to Chicago he met Jerry. He gave Jerry the red plymouth which Jerry disposed of; then James Earl Ray got on the train and went to Birmingham and arrived on the night of August 25; registered as John L. Raynes. Later he said he stayed in Birmingham five weeks. He heard from Jerry Ray while he was there. He then went to Mexico and I was unable to find that he had telephoned Jerry. The next important moment is when James Earl Ray leaves Los Angeles and makes a hurried trip across the country to New Orleans. James Earl Ray tells me he met the same man he met in Montreal at a bar in New Orleans and described the bar where he went. There is a question of telephone calls made by James Earl Ray on that trip. Ray told me that he made three telephone calls on that trip, two of which were to Jerry Ray. The other call was to a contact in New Orleans, so Ray told me. The trip to New Orleans is important; it was at that time it was told that the next job would be eight or ten weeks later. It is important it seems to me that he did contact Jerry at that time. After the murder here in Memphis and Ray left and went to Birmingham, he has told me that he was in Birmingham for more than an hour after the murder and he went on to Atlanta. Then he tells me this is the way he went to Toronto. He abandoned the car, went to the room in Atlanta, left several things there, such as a letter from the John Birch Society which he hoped the FBI would investigate while he got away.

Q. You relate that he left the articles in the rooming house, for what purpose?

A. So that the FBI would investigate while he got away. Ray thinks entirely like a criminal; life is a continuing contest between him and the FBI. The only time this man smiles is when he thinks he left a false clue for the FBI. This is important to me that he left the clues to deliberately throw people. Then he tells me that he went to the bus station, took a bus and arrived in Cincinnati about 2:00 a.m. on the morning of April 6, Saturday; he was there about two hours and

another bus to Detroit, then took a taxi cab to Windsor and got a train to Toronto, arrived in Toronto Saturday night April 6. There is no record that Ray was in Toronto till Monday, April 8, 5:30 p.m. At this moment I am trying to get Ray to account for thirty-six hours enroute to Toronto that he can't account for. Ray puts his attorney off when he is questioned on that; says we will get to that in a few minutes, so Ray has not given to me, either in writing or to his attorneys, as to where he was during this period. We couldn't discover any place where he stayed in Toronto. It is my belief and this Ray has not told me. It is my belief, if Ray can ever tell me that James Earl Ray met Jerry Ray in Detroit and this accounts for the time that is missing there and so there may be other times. The one thing I find through all the writings of Ray is a woman Ray met in Canada that Ray talked about his brother to, said he had to leave Monday to meet his brother. The only man on earth who is close to Ray is his brother Jerry Ray. Both John Ray and Jerry Ray had records as juveniles so it is my opinion that Jerry Ray had foreknowledge of the crime and was in contact with his brother at every strategic moment before and after the crime.

Q. Mr. Huie, in Canada and particularly in relation to this woman, did she relate to you that Ray expressed some dislike for the colored race?

A. Yes. One thing that Ray said to me from the beginning was to deny that he had any racial or political feelings. As I investigated Ray I found this to be completely untrue. He deliberately went looking for a woman to help him get a passport. This woman spent a good deal of time with me and has suffered from it. She is truly a remarkable woman and I could not believe she ever had sexual contact with Ray. Very attractive woman. As far as I could determine one of the most honest people I had ever met. She told me she lived fifteen years with a very aggressive man and she just got rid of him. Ray was so modest and nonaggressive and this was what attracted her. She told me of an evening in a nightclub in the Harkay Apartments, the Acapulco Restaurant. She told me of the only occasion he had to make a comment raciall was that there was some discussion of racial difficulties in the United States. Ray made a statement to the effect You people don't know anything about Niggers, got to live with them before you know what the problem is but this was

racism in his background which he denied to me in his early writings. One of the mistakes I have made is because I began on the assumption that Ray did not take the initiative; the decision to murder King was made by other people and that Ray was used. The longer I studied Ray and the more I traveled, the more I began to believe that Ray did take the initiative. I still think Ray was assisted but I believe the initiative and decision to kill Dr. King was made by Ray.

Q. You related to me Mr. Huie along the racial lines of your investigation revealed that racism was exhibited by Ray in Levenworth.

A. When Ray was in Levenworth other than trying to escape, this man was a model prisoner. He began his prison career in the Los Angeles County Jail and was in prison in Illinois State Prison and then for a federal offense he then went to Levenworth for three weeks. The records kept at Levenworth when he was being conditionally released are the most professional and accurate examinations of Ray ever made. One thing that you will find is that most of the time he has been assigned to the bakery. He is a very capable man when working in a kitchen. For example, he was a very successful employee of the Indian Trail Restaurant. At Levenworth he was offered what many prisoners value; he was offered the status of a honor prisoner to be assigned to the honor farm. He flabbergasted the people there at the prison by rejecting this because if he became an honor prisoner those dormitories were integrated and he didn't feel that he could sleep in a dormitory that was integrated simply because he wasn't willing to associate with black prisoners so he was returned to the kitchen because he couldn't stay in a integrated dormitory.

Q. What is your evaluation of him along psychological reports as to his motivation for this?

A. He thinks like a criminal and yearns for status among prisoners. He yearns for approval. This man wants status as a convict. He wants to be looked up to by other criminals. Ray was held in contempt because his previous crimes had been inept. He told me as a fugitive he got plastic surgery because he thought the FBI would put him in the top ten. The FBI thought he was a joke; no one was looking for him. Nobody was looking for him. The reward was \$50. Yet here's a man writing to me because he is expecting to be put in the top ten. This means a yearning. This is

what this man wants. In studying his life at Jefferson City, there is a man named Alex Borman, real name is Bennie Anderson, who held Ray in contempt in the prison class system. Ray was the kind of man you used to strike matches on. What he yearned for was status. In my opinion Ray wanted to kill Dr. King first of all for approval for some feeling of distinction for himself. This is not unusual. Man like Ray wants to commit a big crime. He thinks he has some distinction here because some of his jailers approve of his crime. In the jail in Memphis he has had some degree of approval. First of all he wants distinction as a criminal. Ray believed passionately, as he and his brothers believed, that George Wallace was going to be elected and he thought he would walk out of this jail and perhaps be given a medal. His brother feels this. He thought he would win approval. He thought a shower of gold would fall on him. The greatest disillusionment in his mind and his brother is the fact that only about \$376 has been contributed to his defense. This has been the greatest disappointment to James Earl Ray that a shower of gold did not fall on him and his brothers. This is a strange and complex man who does not think rationally. This is his motivation; he is unpredictable. He is almost like a whipped little boy. Often he is anxious to tell his lawyer I told you a lie last week now I will tell you the truth. One example of Ray, I told the story in the first issue of LOOK. I told how he got out of the prison. I told it like Ray told me. I want Ray to read this and know I am telling the story like he told it. Well since then Ray has told me through his lawyers that this is not the truth but as a convict he had to protect the men that helped him get out of prison. My interest has been to find out where he got the money for support. Whether he pulled holdups or somebody gave him the money. Ray has felt like he has had to account to me where he got the money so he told me he held up a whore house. Then later in the last few weeks he revealed to me that that wasn't true that he told me a story; that he once did that in 1959 but not in August, 1967, but had actually held up a food store in Montreal but he could not afford to have me tell that because he thought he would beat this here and he did not want a Canadian hold on him. Ray changed lawyers from Hanes to Foreman and now I have to deal with

Mr. Foreman to get information from Ray. I know them both; they have different personalities; but they are both interested in money but Mr. Foreman is a lot richer which means he is more not less. In any case, it is perfectly obvious to you gentlemen that I have been completely dependent on Ray's defense counsel because I didn't have any other way. Judge Battle never attempted to interrupt in any way my communicating with Ray through his attorney. He tells me one story then I write him that it didn't happen this way; then he tells me another one then you go and try to verify and find out it was true. I have one objective to use this guilty man as a source of information. Anyone who has any information about this case is obviously a guilty man. It hasn't been easy because I haven't seen the man myself.

Q. Mr. Huie, did James Earl Ray state to you in relation to this mysterious man, Raoul, that he was running contraband with Ray across the Canadian border?

A. Yes sir. The fact that he made a deal in Montreal to make these trips for a man. Reason this is believable is that this is standard operating procedure. Most of the heroin that comes in the United States comes by way of Montreal because it is easier. The people who bring heroin across the border use people like Ray to bring these packages in the United States. One thing they look for is a man that wouldn't be noticed and Ray is not a man who attracts attention. One reason he had plastic surgery was because he had a prominent nasal tip which he had cut off. Unfortunately he didn't have time to get the ear fixed. His story of how he made the two trips across the border with packages hidden in the red plymouth. This is believable not only to me but to Mr. Foreman. Anyone connected with the Mafia, incidentally Mr. Foreman has defended several members of the Mafia. Ray says the man would give him the packages and then the man would cross the border in a taxi cab and meet him on the other side. In Detroit there are two ways to cross the border, a tunnel and a bridge. Ray gives his account of how he goes through the tunnel once and goes back and goes across the bridge. Then he tells the story about taking something across the Mexican border. A package in an automobile tire. There is not nearly so much traffic with narcotics but there is a great deal of jewelry that is stolen in the United States that

is transported to Mexico. It is believable that a tire full of jewelry could have been taken across the Mexican border. He has a fantastic mind for detail and places as to where he stayed. You can go there and there is no trouble to find it at all. I had a diagram of where he spent the night in Acapulco. He couldn't remember the place but he drew a map but I go there, find it time after time. In all the allegations made about this man as being a poor stupid guy that has been used; this is not true. He is a clever man. there is absolutely nothing about this crime that Ray himself was not capable of carrying out. There have even been stories about how difficult the shot would be but I have set the shot up exactly like Ray from the same angle and anyone of you gentlemen that has ever fired a twenty-two could have killed Dr. King. King was not even a moving target. I let two, twelve year old boys fire the shot and they both would have been fatal shots. Any idea at all that it took a lot of planning, none of that is true; everything that was done that involves this killing, including the escape, is completely within ~~the talents of James Earl Ray.~~

Q. Mr. Huie, you made a statement in Atlanta before a civic group that you could name two coconspirators; would it be a fair statement for me to say that the coconspirators that you might have revealed in that speech in Atlanta would be James Earl Ray's brother Jerry and Raoul?

A. First I made no such statement. I am a journalist myself. I am fifty-eight years old and have been in the business for a long time. I know people in Memphis and Atlanta. I have fortunately been a little more successful materially than a lot of other people. I am somewhat at their mercy because I don't want to say I don't want to talk to you. I try to help and co-operate with everyone. I may be in jail in Memphis tonight because of what I say in Memphis today. I don't want to say no comment. I have to try to be co-operative. I made a speech in Atlanta; I did not say I could name two coconspirators. I made the statement which I made to you that there was perhaps as many as two people that had foreknowledge of this crime. I believe that there are two or three things that I have not been able to explain. Ray does not smoke, never has smoked. When Ray after having stopped in Birmingham the next morning after the assassination of Dr. King; Ray was very proud of that Mustang automobile because it was by far the most expensive car he ever owned.

When the Mustang was abandoned in Atlanta, it was reeking with cigar and cigarette smoke. It was also very muddy inside. You have this sort of thing which is very difficult to explain. Ray's explanation to me was that sure Raoul was in the car; Raoul smokes. I have consequently been looking for other people and I have been waiting for Ray to come back and say he was lying and tell me who he really was. Number one I did not say that. Number two the only man whose name I know whom I feel confident was involved with James Earl Ray was his brother Jerry. The only name that I have for the alleged French-Canadian is the name Raoul that Ray has given me. The big mystery is still the trip to New Orleans.

Q. Have you ever been able to by any means to identify this person that Ray gave you named Raoul?

A. There is an enormous amount of interest in the American assassination in Europe which states that the assassination of Dr. King was planned by the CIA and that Ray was let out of prison for this reason. The point is this: There are photographs; there is a man who many people; there is a very large number of Americans that think there is a connection between the killing of John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King and there are a couple of places where the same area of New Orleans is involved. At least one of the books that has been written will go into that theory. There are photographs; there is a photograph of two men who were arrested thirty minutes after the assassination of John F. Kennedy at Daley Plaza. One of those men is a French-Canadian who meets the description that Ray gives of Raoul. That photograph has been shown to Ray and he says it looks like him but he doesn't have the same type of clothes on. The man that was arrested in Dallas had French cut clothes. Ray has not identified this man. This photograph has been shown to a number of people that knew Ray such as Peter Cherpes. When photograph was shown to Cherpes, he was said to have reacted. Then he said no I don't think I have ever seen this man. There is also another photograph of two men who are suspects of one sort or another. The FBI have photographs of several men. When I revealed to the FBI that Ray had been at the Indian Trails Restaurant, the FBI showed up there with the photographs and showed the photographs. They asked about telephone calls and played tapes of different voices and asked was this the voice that called Ray. I answered the