

if nothing else. In time it will be dissipated and lost to memory or possible verification, etc.

This man hitchhiked into Memphis on the morning of the murder, and accepted a ride from here.

The FBI may be indifferent to the identity of the murdered man's assassin because of the friction between Dr. King and Mr. Hoover, but there is surely some agency of government who will look into it.

I can be reached by phone at RE 5-2155 (West Memphis, Ark.).

Yours very truly,

Ken Davis  
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1701 N. Avalon - Apt 213  
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# Impetus Lost In Manhunt For Assassin

## 10 Days After Murder Of Dr. King, Clues Seem To Have Narrowed

By JAMES KILLPATRICK

Within minutes after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was gunned down, police had enough clues — or so it seemed — to solve a dozen crimes.

The attorney general of the United States came to Memphis the next day and talked about an imminent arrest.

But 10 days now have passed and the glimpses through the tight screen of security put up by the Federal Bureau of Investigation show that many of the clues may not be what they first appeared.

Dr. King's body was still on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel where a 30-caliber bullet had slammed him backward at 6:01 p.m. Thursday when reports of the evidence began to pile up.

A white man had come down the stairs from the rooming house at 418½-422½ South Main, and had dropped a rifle, a pair of binoculars, and a small bag containing some clothing in a doorway. The man climbed into a white 1966 Mustang parked on Main and sped off north.

Police had a good description of the man.

He was 30 to 32 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighing about 165 pounds, with hair variously described as from dark to sandy and a complexion like someone who works outside a lot. He was wearing a dark suit, white shirt and black tie. There also was a

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an additional FD-302 reflecting information of a positive  
nature. The material concerning the Home Service Laundry  
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Re Atlanta teletype summary to Bureau, 4/24/68.

Enclosed for Bureau are three copies of insert reflecting interview with LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA.

One copy of above insert being furnished to Miami and Memphis for information. Two copies of insert furnished to St. Louis and San Diego. Six copies of insert furnished to Kansas City.

In addition to leads previously set out in retel, the following offices are requested to conduct the following investigation:

KANSAS CITY

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 3)
- 6 - Kansas City (Enc. 6)
- 1 - Memphis (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Miami (Enc. 1)
- 2 - San Diego (Enc. 2)
- 2 - St. Louis (Enc. 2)
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At Jefferson City, Missouri:

- 1) Will, at Missouri State Penitentiary, determine from medical records type rash JAMES EARL RAY had on side of head and medication prescribed for RAY.
- 2) Check correspondence file to determine if RAY has any approved correspondence which may identify girl friends RAY talked about.
- 3) Attempt to determine supplier of narcotics to RAY while RAY in prison and attempt to develop information concerning RAY's outside source of income, as RAY may now attempt to contact these persons.
- 4) Ascertain present whereabouts of inmate JERRY WHITE.
- 5) Through sources at prison, evaluate information furnished by DOWDA.

At Kansas City, Missouri:

Attempt to locate bar known as Gaslight, to determine if subject RAY is known there and attempt to determine identity of girl RAY met there.

At Columbia, Missouri:

Contact bars in vicinity of college and determine if subject RAY known as well as attempt to learn identity of girl RAY had met in this area.

At Lake Ozark, Missouri:

Will, through sources, attempt to identify narcotics pushers and through them determine if subject has been in this area.

SAN DIEGO

At Palos Verdes, California:

Will locate BOB GRAHAM and interview concerning DOWDA's visit Thanksgiving 1967; determine if DOWDA made any remarks concerning contact with RAY or anyone else in California.

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St. Louis, Missouri:

Will attempt to locate bar known as Gaslight to determine if RAY is known at this bar and identity of RAY's girl friend.

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used amphetamine, taking the shot in the "main line." He stated RAY would take two to three shots a day. He stated RAY never lacked for money, but had no idea of RAY's source of income. DOWDA stated he is certain RAY was not selling amphetamine to other prisoners, stating he has known RAY to give free amphetamine to prisoners who needed a shot. DOWDA denied that he himself had ever taken any shots, but admitted he has taken pills. DOWDA claimed he and RAY were not engaged in the sale of amphetamine at the Missouri State Prison.

DOWDA stated that HAROLD SCHAEFER, Guard on the gate in the kitchen of the Missouri State Prison, was very close to JAMES EARL RAY and it was DOWDA's understanding that SCHAEFER was RAY's source of amphetamine. He stated BENJAMIN O. GOODIN was a civilian in charge of the kitchen and he is certain GOODIN was not connected in any way with the bringing of amphetamine into the prison. He stated while GOODIN was friendly with RAY, he understands it was GOODIN who had disclosed RAY's hiding place when RAY had attempted to escape in 1966.

DOWDA advised one NEIL ABBY (phonetic) was RAY's closest friend in the Missouri State Prison and was responsible for bringing RAY into the kitchen. He stated ABBY at this time was chief cook at the prison. He believes ABBY was serving time for breaking into a drug store and he does know that dope was connected with ABBY's offense. He stated ABBY had a detainer on him as he was an escapee from the State of Texas. DOWDA does not know whether or not ABBY is presently in custody but does not believe he is presently in the Missouri State Prison.

He stated RAY had another friend, one DONALD DEAN RIGGER. He stated RIGGER was from California and RIGGER's wife was a psychiatrist at the Napa State Hospital, which

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is located north of San Francisco, California.

DOWDA advised that RAY and other inmates that might have DOWDA's address would have a Route 1, Sanford, Florida, address, and would not know that he is presently in Marietta, Georgia. He stated his father, STEVEN C. DOWDA, presently resides at 110 South Chandler Street, Deland, Florida, and that anyone inquiring for him at Sanford, Florida, would be sent to Deland, Florida. DOWDA claims he has not been contacted by RAY and has heard nothing to indicate RAY has attempted to contact him. He stated RAY had talked about traveling over all the United States, but had never mentioned anything which would indicate RAY was associated with anyone in the Atlanta, Georgia, area. DOWDA stated the only other prisoner he knew who was from the State of Georgia, who was an inmate at the Missouri State Prison was one JERRY WHITE from Calhoun, Georgia. He advised WHITE had a Federal detainer against him and believes WHITE is still incarcerated at the Missouri State Prison.

DOWDA advised he had made a trip to California in November of 1967, and that he and his wife had spent Thanksgiving Day visiting her uncle, BOB GRAHAM, who resides at Palos Verdes, California. He stated GRAHAM is Regional Manager for IBM in that area. He stated that he and his wife had stopped at Jefferson City and while there, contacted a Missouri State Prison guard, Mr. "PETE" PETRIE. He stated he had not made any inquiry concerning RAY and was not aware that RAY had escaped. He stated he had not made any inquiry concerning inmates inasmuch as his wife did not know he was a former inmate of the Missouri State Prison. He stated he had stopped in the Kansas City, Missouri, area and attempted to locate PAUL ALVIN LAIL, JR., who had been in the Missouri State Prison as PAUL ALVIN CARTER. He stated LAIL had been released approximately a year before he had and that they had agreed to attempt to get together



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used amphetamine, taking the shot in the "main line." He stated RAY would take two to three shots a day. He stated RAY never lacked for money, but had no idea of RAY's source of income. DOWDA stated he is certain RAY was not selling amphetamine to other prisoners, stating he has known RAY to give free amphetamine to prisoners who needed a shot. DOWDA denied that he himself had ever taken any shots, but admitted he has taken pills. DOWDA claimed he and RAY were not engaged in the sale of amphetamine at the Missouri State Prison.

DOWDA stated that ~~HAROLD SCHAEFER~~, Guard on the gate in the kitchen of the ~~Missouri State Prison~~, was very close to JAMES EARL RAY and it was DOWDA's understanding that SCHAEFER was RAY's source of amphetamine. He stated BENJAMIN O. GOODIN was a civilian in charge of the kitchen and he is certain GOODIN was not connected in any way with the bringing of amphetamine into the prison. He stated while GOODIN was friendly with RAY, he understands it was GOODIN who had disclosed RAY's hiding place when RAY had attempted to escape in 1966.

DOWDA advised one ~~NEIL ABBY~~ (phonetic) was RAY's closest friend in the ~~Missouri State Prison~~ and was responsible for bringing RAY into the kitchen. He stated ABBY at this time was chief cook at the prison. He believes ABBY was serving time for breaking into a drug store and he does know that dope was connected with ABBY's offense. He stated ABBY had a detainer on him as he was an escapee from the State of Texas. DOWDA does not know whether or not ABBY is presently in custody but does not believe he is presently in the Missouri State Prison.

He stated RAY had another friend, one ~~DONALD DEAN RIGGER~~. He stated RIGGER was from California and RIGGER's wife was a psychiatrist at the Napa State Hospital, which

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is located north of San Francisco, California.

DOWDA advised that RAY and other inmates that might have DOWDA's address would have a Route 1, Sanford, Florida, address, and would not know that he is presently in Marietta, Georgia. He stated his father, STEVEN C. DOWDA, presently resides at 110 South Chandler Street, Deland, Florida, and that anyone inquiring for him at Sanford, Florida, would be sent to Deland, Florida. DOWDA claims he has not been contacted by RAY and has heard nothing to indicate RAY has attempted to contact him. He stated RAY had talked about traveling over all the United States, but had never mentioned anything which would indicate RAY was associated with anyone in the Atlanta, Georgia, area. DOWDA stated the only other prisoner he knew who was from the State of Georgia, who was an inmate at the Missouri State Prison was one JERRY WHITE from Calhoun, Georgia. He advised WHITE had a Federal detainer against him and believes WHITE is still incarcerated at the Missouri State Prison.

DOWDA advised he had made a trip to California in November of 1967, and that he and his wife had spent Thanksgiving Day visiting her uncle, BOB GRAHAM, who resides at Palos Verdes, California. He stated GRAHAM is Regional Manager for IBM in that area. He stated that he and his wife had stopped at Jefferson City and while there, contacted a Missouri State Prison guard, Mr. "PETE" PETRIE. He stated he had not made any inquiry concerning RAY and was not aware that RAY had escaped. He stated he had not made any inquiry concerning inmates inasmuch as his wife did not know he was a former inmate of the Missouri State Prison. He stated he had stopped in the Kansas City, Missouri, area and attempted to locate PAUL ALVIN LAIL, JR., who had been in the Missouri State Prison as PAUL ALVIN CARTER. He stated LAIL had been released approximately a year before he had and that they had agreed to attempt to get together

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after their release from prison. He stated LAIL worked in the license shop at the Missouri State Prison and although he was acquainted with RAY, he did not believe LAIL was a particularly good friend of RAY. He stated after his return from California, he was contacted by ~~PAUL ALVIN LAIL, JR.~~ He stated LAIL owns a home at 34 Barbodos Drive, Palm Springs, West Palm Beach, Florida, Telephone Number 965-4221. He stated LAIL in February of 1968 was out of a job and had come to Marietta, Georgia, looking for employment. He stated LAIL had come to Marietta, Georgia, with his wife and a small baby and had resided with DOWDA for approximately one and one-half weeks, leaving approximately two or three days after DOWDA was arrested, DOWDA having been arrested on March 4, 1968. ~~PAUL ALVIN LAIL, JR.~~ *Mo*

DOWDA advised he could recall nothing else concerning RAY which might assist in his location, but in the event he remembered anything additional, he would contact the FBI.

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Date: 4/26/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTELAIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: FBI Laboratory  
 FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Enclosed for laboratory examination is an envelope addressed to the editor, Citizen News, 1545 North Wilcox, Hollywood, California, with returning address of JAMES E. RAY, Far Away, and its contents which is a clipping captioned "88 Days in a Red Prison" which appeared to have been smeared with a fecal material. On the reverse side of this clipping is typed "The Citizen News has become toilet paper".

The enclosure is submitted for latent fingerprint and typewriting examination and to be compared with pertinent information developed in this matter.

The enclosed was furnished by HAL HUBBARD, Hollywood Citizen News, 1540 North Wilcox Avenue, Los Angeles. He advised that several individuals employed at this newspaper handled the letter in the normal procedures connected with the mail department and the routine handling of mail at this newspaper. He stated that it is not possible to identify all the employees who have handled the enclosures.

SA THEODORE J. A'Hearn was the only Bureau employee who handled this letter.

The enclosure need not be returned.

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Special Agent in Charge

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY (D-560301 JK)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SAC, COLUMBIA (44-299)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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EXP. PROC.

Re Bureau teletype to All Offices, 4/9/68, Albany teletype to Columbia, 4/9/68, Tampa teletype to Columbia, 4/10/68, and Albany airtel to Director, 4/10/68.

A survey of all laundries in the State of South Carolina disclosed that 12 thermo seal marking machines are located in this State.

Enclosed are samples from these machines as indicated:

<u>OWNER</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>
1. Post Laundry Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S. C.	33487
2. Post Laundry Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S. C.	33486
3. Deluxe Cleaners and Laundry 310 State Street West Columbia, S. C.	32571
4. Navy Exchange Laundry U. S. Naval Station Charleston, S. C.	34424
5. Navy Exchange Laundry U. S. Naval Station Charleston, S. C.	34422

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- 2-Bureau (RM) (Enc. 12)
- 2-Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
- 1-Columbia

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| 6.  | Doughty Dry-Cleaners, Inc.<br>1410 Taylor Street<br>Columbia, S. C.                | 31837 |
| 7.  | Lane's Dry-Cleaners and<br>Laundry<br>359 Meeting Street<br>Charleston, S. C.      | 31962 |
| 8.  | Georgetown Laundry<br>Georgetown, S. C.  | 32363 |
| 9.  | Port City Laundry and<br>Cleaners<br>Palmetto Shopping Center<br>Charleston, S. C. | 32658 |
| 10. | Newberry Steam Laundry<br>Newberry, S. C.  | 33643 |
| 11. | White's Cleaners<br>Shaw AFB, S. C.  | 32436 |
| 12. | Summerville White Swan<br>Laundry<br>Summerville, S. C.                            | 34096 |

These enclosures are being sent to the Bureau for comparison with known specimens obtained in this case. The Bureau may retain these samples for future use.

Regarding Albany airtel to the Bureau, 4/10/68, the following information is being furnished for the Memphis Office:

Inquiry at Robinson Laundry and Cleaners, 2547 Forest Drive, Columbia, S. C., disclosed that they sold their thermo seal marking machine to the Newberry Laundry mentioned above and that Robinson had never used markings such as located in instant case.

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On 4/15/68 Miss NELL TAYLOR, Center Supply Company, 915 Lady Street, Columbia, S. C., advised that this concern has not sold thermo seal marking machines for about three years. He said that this type machine with serial number 32571 was sold to Deluxe Cleaners and Laundry, West Columbia, S. C., new, several years ago. Regarding thermo seal machine with serial number 32568 she said that this machine was burned and completely destroyed in their warehouse on 3/7/63 and is no longer in use. She said these are the only two thermo seal machines ever delivered to this company as the others sold by them were delivered directly to the purchaser.

For information of Memphis Office, an insert will be submitted concerning these machines, none of which appear to be pertinent to this investigation.

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Attachment

to yellow  
1 to P.O.  
of dates 4/25/68  
Xerox 6372  
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[Signature]

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1 - Mr. Gowan, 2712  
1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Griffith  
1 - Mr. Devine

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TO SAC NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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RENOAIRTEL APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST SUBMITTING

REGISTRATION CARD NUMBER SIX EIGHT THREE FOUR FOR SCOTT NORDAL

AND NINE CANDLELIGHT INN REGISTRATION CARDS AND NOLET APRIL

TWENTYTWO LAST SUBMITTING COURT OF TWO SISTERS EMPLOYMENT

APPLICATIONS FOR SCOTT NORDAL AND SLIP OF PAPER FROM NORDAL'S

HOTEL ROOM. NORDAL CONSIDERED A LOOK-ALIKE FOR SUBJECT RAY.

SIGNATURE OF NORDAL ON EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION NOT

IDENTICAL WITH HANDWRITING OF RAY. HAND PRINTING ON NORDAL

ITEMS NOT IDENTICAL WITH HAND PRINTING ON ITEMS RECEIVED IN THIS

CASE UNDER NAME ERIC S. GALT. NO HAND PRINTING OF RAY AVAILABLE

FOR COMPARISON.

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DIFFERENCES INDICATE CANDLELIGHT INN REGISTRATION

CARDS NOT EXECUTED BY NORDAL OR RAY BUT LACK OF COMPARABLE

KNOWN WRITINGS PRECLUDE DEFINITE OPINION. NO FINGERPRINT CARDS

2 - Memphis (44-1987) Affirmative

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TELETYPE TO NEW ORLEANS  
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LOCATED FOR SCOTT NORDAL. AVAILABLE WRITING OF WALTER  
TERRY RIFE CONSISTS OF SIGNATURES ON FINGERPRINT CARDS  
WHICH ARE NOT COMPARABLE WITH SUBMITTED MATERIAL AND,  
THEREFORE, NO MEANINGFUL COMPARISON COULD BE MADE.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION REGISTRATION CARD  
NUMBER SIX EIGHT THREE FOUR BEARS ADDRESS "ONE EIGHT  
THREE SIX NINETEENTH, WASHINGTON, D. C." WASHINGTON, D. C.,  
PHONE DIRECTORIES NEGATIVE RE LISTING FOR NORDAL. TWO  
COPIES BEING SENT AIRMAIL TO MEMPHIS. LATENT RESULTS  
FURNISHED SEPARATELY.

NOTE FOR MEMPHIS: No Laboratory report will be submitted regarding  
the results of the examination set out above.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-16673) (P)

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RE SCOTT NORDAL (LOOKALIKE)

Enclosed herewith for the Laboratory are registration cards for the Candlelight Inn, 4801 Airline Highway, Metairie, La., numbers 8267, 8488, 8584, 8834, 8925, 9370, 9471, 9679, 9748, and 9800. Also enclosed for the Laboratory is a registration card, number 6834, from the Chalmette Hotel, 808 Carondelet Street.

The following information was developed based on a report of a lookalike following publication of photograph of JAMES. SCOTT NORDAL, white male, resided 623 Royal Street, New Orleans, La., from 4/1 through 4/17/68, but said states he was absent from his room most of the time.

NORDAL was employed as a waiter at the Court of Two Sisters Restaurant, 613 Royal Street, from 3/24 until 4/13/68, with absences on 4/4 and possibly on other dates. NORDAL furnished background information to the Court of Two Sisters Restaurant which included a California drivers license and a list of all schools which he attended in California along with his mother's address in Los Angeles, California.

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NORDAL placed a second lock on his room and permitted no one access to this room while he was absent. NORDAL had a large quantity of clothing and luggage and on one occasion the maid saw a large quantity of currency in a pack in the bed that contained a \$100 bill on the top.

During a search of NORDAL's room a key to the Candlelight Inn, 4801 Airline Highway, Metairie, La., was found. This key was for Room 219. A map was also found in this room that bore several cryptic notations.

The Los Angeles Division has advised the New Orleans Division telephonically that all background information furnished by NORDAL at the Court of Two Sisters has been checked and has proved to be false. The records of the Candlelight Inn Motel were checked and registration cards for Room 219 were obtained for all individuals not known to be regular customers at this motel. Further investigation in New Orleans disclosed that SCOTT NORDAL stayed at the Chalmette Hotel, 808 Carondelet Street, New Orleans, La., from 3/22 - 3/23/68.

The Laboratory is requested to compare the handwriting on all of the enclosed registration cards with the known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY, and WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI #455-876-6.

The Laboratory is also requested to attempt to determine through handwriting analysis if the individual registering as SCOTT NORDAL at the Chalmette Hotel signed any of the enclosed registration cards from the Candlelight Inn Motel.

All enclosed registration cards are also to be checked for any latent fingerprints of value which might be found. It is known that these registration cards have been handled by numerous individuals acting within the scope of their employment at their respective hotel or motel.

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For the information of the Laboratory, the known handwriting of the individual using the name SCOTT NORDAL appears on the top half of the registration slip from the Chalmette Hotel and all writing on the bottom half and reverse side of this card was written by the night clerk at this hotel.

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DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTN: FBI LAB)

4/22/68

SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

Re: SCOTT NORDAL (LOOKALIKE)

The following items are being submitted under separate cover:

1) Copy of application blank dated 3/24/68 for individual known as SCOTT NORDAL for employment.

2) One piece white paper approximately 2 by 4.

Item 1 was obtained from the Court of Two Sisters, New Orleans, where NORDAL worked as a waiter through 4/13/68 and picked up his final pay check on 4/15/68.

Item number 2 was obtained from the room he occupied at 623 Royal St. until 4/17/68.

The Bureau is requested to examine both specimens for latent fingerprints and to conduct handwriting comparisons. Any evidence developed should be compared with the fingerprints and handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY and WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI number 455 8766. Advise Memphis and New Orleans of results.

The Court of Two Sisters have requested that item 1 be returned to them when comparison complete.

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1 - Memphis (Info)  
2 - New Orleans  
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LABORATORY

# CANDLELIGHT INN

City and State \_\_\_\_\_

No. 8824

## REGISTRATION CARD

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mr + Mrs. H. J. Rendall

Street and No. \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs. F. L. Smith + Mrs. Pleasant

City \_\_\_\_\_

Memphis

State \_\_\_\_\_

Tenn.

Make of Car \_\_\_\_\_

W. Greer

License No. \_\_\_\_\_

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State \_\_\_\_\_

Tenn.

Firm Name \_\_\_\_\_

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# CANDLELIGHT INN

City and State Indpls. Ind.

No 8584

## REGISTRATION CARD

Name Leo B. Hengsbeck

Street and No. 4930 W. Davis

City Indpls. Ind. State \_\_\_\_\_

Make of Car Pley License No. \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Firm Name \_\_\_\_\_

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