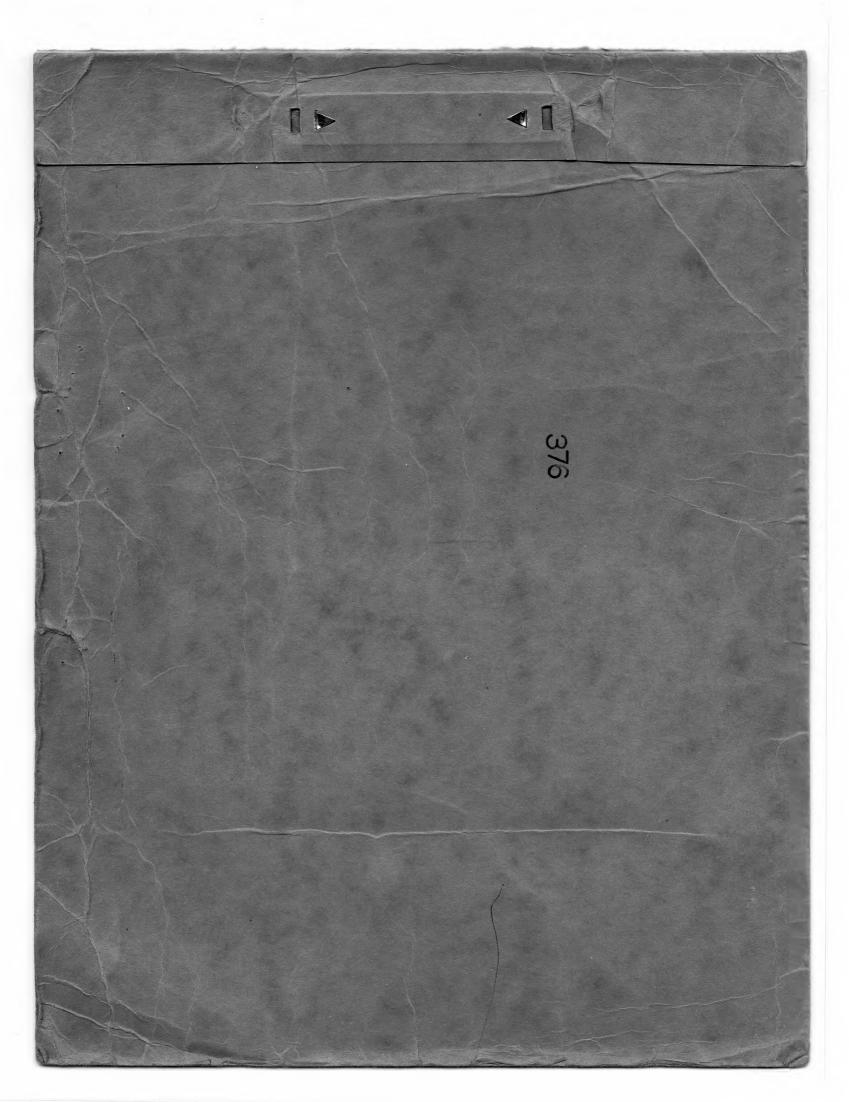
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Because of the distorted nature of the questioned signature on Q357 and the different style of handwriting employed, it could not be determined whether this signature was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G; however, nothing of particular significance was noted between the questioned signature and the known handwriting of RAY from such comparison as could be made.

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Re: Washington Field Air-Tel to Bureau, 5/31/66

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory is a subscription form for "Select Magazine" for JAMES E. RAY.

For the information of the Bureau and San Francisco, on 6/6/68, FRANK SMITH (protect identity), President, Select associates, Moore Avenue, and Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, W. J., farnished SA JOHN E. OTTO a subscription form for "Select Magnaine" provided by Select Associates. The form is oblainable by request to felect Associates which has advertisements for its magazine in "girlie-type" magamines, tablide and "Directory of Clubs for Personal Contacts".

The form furnished by SEITH reflects it was submitted TAMES E. RAY, 34 Gladys Street, San Francisco, Calif., 94110. RAY sets forth he is a 30 year old male, on the form.

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RAY checked the appropriate boxes on the form indicating he had enclosed \$5.00 and that he wanted his ad to be run free in the next monthly issue of Select Magazine.

SMITH said RAY probably sent his subscription form in an envelope in either November or December, 1967, to the magazine's mailing address of Box 889, Camden, N. J. SMITH explained the envelopes subscriptions are received in are destroyed. He said the ad of RAY's was published in the December, 1967, issue of Select Magazine.

SMITH said the last issue of Select Magazine mailed to its subscribers occurred on 4/12/68. SMITH said RAY was sent a copy of this issue which apparently was not returned to Select Associates.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the known handprinting of the subject with the questioned handprinting contained on the enclosed form.

The Latent Fingerprint Section of the FBI Identification Division is requested to process the enclosed subscription form for latent impressions. Compare any latent impressions developed with the subject's fingerprints.

The Bureau is requested to return the enclosure after these examinations have been made.

LEAD:

SAN PRANCISCO

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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On April 17, 1968, press release given to radio, television, and press media in the Pittsburgh Division. On April 19, 1968, press release and copies of photograph and wanted flyers given to news media, Pittsburgh Division.

On April 22, 1968, Identification Order and Wanted Flyers furnished to JERRY MOORE, U. S. Narcotics Bureau, and he was requested to contact his sources regarding JAMES EARL RAY. Contacts have been negative to date. It should be noted that the Pittsburgh Office of U.S. Narcotics Bureau covers Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

On April 26, 1968, publicity outlets were furnished material in connection with RAY being added to the Top Ten list.

On May 9, 1968, a newspaper mat and two photographs of RAY were mailed to 294 newspapers in the Pittsburgh Division for appropriate publication.

On May 15, 1968, it was determined that the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Charleston, W. Va., receives the original death certificate on all deaths in that state. Search of records in progress. The Bureau of Vital Statistics for Pennsylvania, located at Harrisburg, Pa., is unable to check their records with regard to local deaths for the year 1968 until May, 1969. Local checks are being made within the Western District of Pennsylvania, covered by the Pittsburgh Division.

A review of unsolved bank robbery and bank burglary cases in the Pittsburgh Division from April 23 to May 4, 1968, fails to indicate JAMES EARL RAY as a suspect.

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SUSFECTS

DANNY CARLTON MARKINS

The following investigation was conducted by SA RAY V_{\circ} SHOEMAKER:

K. D. YEATER (PROTECT IDENTITY), Assistant Transportation Superintendent, Cabell County Board of Education, Huntington, W. Va., voluntarily advised Bureau agents on April 9, 1968, that he is concerned about DANNY CARLTON MARKINS, a former school bus driver in Cabell County, W. Va. On March 30, 1968, MARKINS telephonically advised YEATER he had to resign effective Monday, April 1, 1968, saying it was imperative that he be in Memphis on Tuesday, April 2, 1968. MARKINS' reason was that he was seeking employment with Roadway Transfer Company, Memphis, Tenn. YEATER then telephonically contacted Roadway in Memphis on March 30, 1968, and learned that they had no record of MARKINS seeking employment there. MARKINS requested all retirement be withdrawn and insisted he must be in Memphis by Tuesday A.M. YEATER confronted MARKINS with the information that he had learned MARKINS had no commitment to Roadway on Tuesday. MARKINS then said he was committed to a friend who expected him to go to Memphis with him. MARKINS then worked on April 1, 1968, and left that night for Memphis. He recontacted YEATER on Friday, April 5, 1968, and insisted that he had left Memphis prior to the "trouble." YEATER said he believed, however, that MARKINS left Memphis late Thursday night, April 4, 1968, and arrived Huntington, W. Va., approximately 10:00 AM, April 5, 1968. YEATER said he did not know identity of person accompanying MARKINS to Memphis.

YEATER said MARKINS has been trusted employee for more than ten years and he cannot understand his leaving with no notice. He said MARKINS is reliable individual who was outstanding employee, but has acted strangely for approximately two or three months.

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MARKINS told YEATER on return from Memphis that person who accompanied him was offered job at Roadway, but MARKINS was not offered job so they both returned to Huntington.

The following is description of MARKINS as obtained from school board records and interview of YEATER:

Race Sex Born Height Weight Eyes Hair

White Male

6'1" 161 lbs. Blue

Dark brown, slightly receding hairline, combed straight back with part on right side Ears slightly larger than average; speaks

with soft Southern accent; usually courteous and

polite.

Appearance

Automobile

Characteristics

Clean-cut, well-groomed; does not wear glasses; walks with very slight limp in right foot; wears watch with silver band on left wrist;

smokes non-filter Pall Mall

cigarettes

Social Security No. Military Service

Served U.S. Army and presently assigned Reserve

Unit, Huntington, W. Va.

Owns 1964 Chevrolet believed to be two tone

blue in color.

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A group picture of school bus drivers including MARKINS located 1966 high school yearbook. Picture being developed and enlarged for copies to be forwarded to Memphis.

On April 10, 1968, two photographs of DANNY CARLTON MARKINS were obtained and forwarded to Memphis and Birmingham for elimination purposes.

On April 16, 1968, K. D. YEATER, Assistant Superintendent, Catell County Board of Education, Huntington, W. Va., advised SA RAY V. SHOEMAKER that the person who went to Memphis, Tenn., with DANNY CARLTON MARKINS was JOHNAJUSTICE, residence address 5695 Altizer Avenue, Huntington, W. Va. He said JUSTICE was formerly employed by the Owens-Illinois Glass Company, Huntington, as a truck driver, but the employment was terminated several months ago. YEATER said JUSTICE is now believed to be a truck driver for Grey-Bell, Holland, Michigan.

On April 16, 1968, LEONA DOWLING, Personnel Department, Owens-Illinois Glass Company, Huntington, W. Va., advised SA SHOEMAKER from records that JOHN JUSTICE was employed by that company as a truck driver from November 20, 1963 to March 31, 1967, when his services were terminated by reason of the trucking operation being closed by Owens-Illinois. She stated the file contains no derogatory information on JUSTICE. She advised from records that JOHN JUSTICE is described as follows:

Race
Sex
Date of Birth
Height
Weight
Eyes
Hair
Marital status
Wife
Occupation
Military service

White Male

5'11"

180 lbs., in 1963

Unknown Brown

Married ///

FRANCES D. JUSTICE

Truck driver

None

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It should be noted that instructions contained in referenced airtel dated 5/7/68 are not being followed per instructions from SAC, Memphis, per referenced telephone call. Reports being submitted accordingly.

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INFORMANTS

Contacts with CIs, PCIs, PSIs, SIs, and racial informants of the Pittsburgh Division regarding RAY have been negative.

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Copy to:

Report of:

WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS

Office:

Pittsburgh

Date:

JUNE 6, 1968

Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #: 44=38861

Title:

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA;-

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

Character:

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY

Investigation in the Pittsburgh Division to identify, locate and apprehend JAMES EARL RAY has been negative to date. Investigation continuing. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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SUSPECTS

MORRIS CLAYTON SKAGGS

The following investigation was conducted by SA EUGENE F. CABLE:

MORRIS C. SKAGGS was arrested for motor violation April 15. 1965. and confined to Beaver County Jail. He was born at Jonesboro, Ark., is 6'2", and then weighed 215 lbs. He has a tattoo on his left forearm and has FBI Number 264 664 F.

A photograph of SKAGGS has been obtained and will follow.

Mrs. BETTY NIFFENEGGER, Van Buren Homes, Beaver, Pa., SKAGGS' mother-in-law, advised neither she, her husband, or her daughter, SKAGGS' wife, have had any contact from SKAGGS and are unaware of his whereabouts or activities. She pointed out that her telephone number and her daughter's telephone number and address are unpublished primarily for the reason of avoiding contact with SKAGGS. She stated her mother-in-law, Mrs. RUTH HARRIS, recently had an early morning telephone call believed to be from SKAGGS, but his whereabouts at the time of the call were unknown.

The composite drawings of subject were exhibited to Mrs. NIFFENEGGER, and she stated that they did not, in her opinion, look like SKAGGS. She stated SKAGGS' parents reside in Jonesboro, Ark., but that family members here have no contact with them primarily to avoid disclosing SKAGGS' wife's address.

Mrs. RUTH HARRIS, Beaver, Pa., advised that sometime during the week prior to April 13, 1968, at exactly 4:50 AM, she received a telephone call from an individual whom she did not initially recognize by his voice, but he mentioned CAROL, and she then determined it to be MORRIS SKAGGS. She stated she talked to another

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individual who was with SKAGGS, but told them she did not want to talk to them and hung up. She then contacted the operator in an efforr to determine where the call had been placed from and the operator told her she could not determine this since it was an out of the district call. Mrs. HARRIS stated the last contact she had was a similarly foolish call in the early hours from SKAGGS prior to Thanksgiving of 1967. She stated her number is the only published telephone number of family members in Beaver County, and the only contact point SKAGGS has.

CAROL SKAGGS resides at 1284 Chapel Road,
Monaca, Pa., unlisted telephone 775-6957, and is a high
school teacher at Rochester High School. Efforts to locate
her, both at her residence and telephonically, the afternoon
and evening of April 16, 1968, were unsuccessful, however,
since a photograph of SKAGGS has been obtained, and based
on the contact with CAROL SKAGGS' mother, no further effort
will be made to locate her.

DONALD LAWRENCE STOUT

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS:

HARRY P. STEWART, U. S. Secret Service, reported his nephew, STEWARD LINDH, 2206, San Francisco, Calif., claimed he and two others through newspaper ad obtained ride with STOUT. At Kansas City, Mo., STOUT disappeared with their effects. Before STOUR disappeared he told them he was going to shoot KING.

On April 26, 1968, RAYMOND ZACKOVICH, Secret Service Agent, Pittsburgh, advised HARRY P. STEWART, former Secret Service Agent, retired one year ago. STEWART now residing at Route 1, Box 388, Sebastian, Fla.

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RICHARD RUSSELL BALL

The following investigation was conducted by SA CALVIN D. KNOTT:

Investigation Parkersburg, W. Va., April 27, 1968, disclosed residence located at 4801 First Avenue, vacant at this time.

No current record city and telephone directories located identifiable with RICHARD RUSSELL BALL.

Investigation at Post Office, Parkersburg, April 29, 1968, disclosed change of address for BALL dated August 14, 1964, giving new address of 3460 Dorreen Drive, Lakeland, Fla.

RED (LNU)

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES E. MIRE:

CLARENCE BASHAM, Star Route 1, Tornado, W. Va., appeared at the Charleston, W. Va., Resident Agency and advised that he was certain that the person responsible for murdering Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was one "RED" (LNU). "RED" (LNU) and (FNU) FOLKS, who might be a conspirator, are both past employees of L & M Cylinders, Jacksonville, Fla. BASHAM claimed that he had met these two individuals while employed by L & M Cylinders in 1966.

He stated that "RED" is a ranking influential lieutenant in the KKK in Florida, and that at one time "RED" had pledged to murder KING. He stated that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY closely resembles "RED." "RED" is allegedly a con-artist and frequently uses disguises.

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BASHAM stated that information as to the whereabouts of "RED" and FOLKS could be obtained from the owners at L & M Cylinders. He also suggested contacting one PAUL BAILEY, allegedly a high-ranking KKK member in Jackson Wille, for pertinent information in this matter.

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BOMBING SUSPECT

CHARLES CECIT/CHAPMAN

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS:

A review of Pittsburgh file 174-12, Bombing Suspects in the Pittsburgh Division, reflected only suspect to be CHARLES CECIL CHAPMAN, presently serving time in the West Virginia Penitentiary, Moundsville, W. Va.

On April 10, 1968, Captain PAUL E. BARLOW, Captain of the Guards, West Virginia Penitentiary, Moundsville, W. Va., advised from records that CHARLES CECIL CHAPMAN, West Virginia Penitentiary No. 45622, was convicted July 22, 1965; that he was sentenced August 19, 1965, effective May 25, 1965, on charge of malicious wounding to term of two to ten years from Monongalia County; that he was received at the penitentiary on August 20, 1965; and that he was presently an inmate at the penitentiary.

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ALIASES

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS:

Investigation at Pittsburgh re surname LOWMEYER revealed that former Pittsburgh residents P. F. LOHMEYER, 2344 Ardleigh Drive, Cleveland Heights, and SUSAN M. LOHMEYER, 1168 Manor Drive, Columbus, Ohio, now residing out of division.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN L. PORTER:

In connection with captioned matter, the following individuals were checked out with regards to their whereabouts on March 29, 30, and April 4, 1968, so as to either develop or eliminate them as suspects in the murder of Rev. Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING at Memphis, Tenn., on April 4, 1968:

W. J. LOHMEYER 720 S. Negley Avenue Pittsburgh, Pa.

HENRICK F. LOHMEYER 1381 Craigview Drive Pittsburgh 43, Pa.

Both of the above individuals are eliminated as possible suspects per the following investigation which has accounted for their whereabouts on pertinent dates:

W. J. (WILLIAM JOSEPH) LOHMEYER is deceased, having died at Pittsburgh on May 30, 1950. This was ascertained in interview of his widow, Mrs. W. J. (SARA) LOHMEYER who resides in apartment B3 at 720 S. Negley Avenue, which is the President Apartments. She resides there with her daughter, JEANNE M. LOHMEYER who is single. She is not acquainted with anyone known as HARVY LOHMEYER.

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HENRICK R. LOHMEYER is listed by the Pittsburgh Credit Bureau as employed by the Dravo Corp. WILLIAM C. STRATTON, Assistant Manager, Personnel Department, Dravo Corp., 1000 Fifth Avenue, advised that HENRICK F. LOHMEYER of 1381 Craigview Drive, has been employed by his company since February 1, 1962, and holds the position of Senior Mechanical Engineer and is assigned to the Design Engineering Office at 526 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. LOHMEYER is a white male, born check with LOHMEYER's supervisor, JACK BINNING and the department's time records reflected conclusively that LOHMEYER was at his job (in the office) from 8:00 AM to 4:45 PM on March 29 and April 4, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by SAA RONALD WETHERINGTON:

JOHN RODERICK WILLARD, 1029 Parkview Avenue,
New Kensington, Pa., interviewed and determined to be 64
years of age. WILLIARD has two sons, GEORGE RODERICK, and
JACK P. WILLARD. JACK eliminated at New Kensington. GEORGE
resides 42 Springfield Avenue, Crandford, N.J., telephone
272-4995, employed as professor of Spanish at Union College.
GEORGE described as white male, born
6'3",
175 lbs., blond hair, single, fair complexion, wears glasses.
GEORGE allegedly in possession of 1964 or 1965 white Mustang
registered to his mother, IRENE WILLARD. Parents state
GEORGE flew to New Kensington, via Allegheny Airlines from
New Jersey and arrived in New Kensington at 5:30 or 6:00 PM
on March 29, 1968, and returned to New Jersey in afternoon of
March 31, 1968, whereabouts of GEORGE on April 4, 1968,
unknown to parents.

The following investigation was conducted by SA NILE A. DUKE and SA JAMES H. REEVES, JR.:

On April 10, 1968, KAREN ADAMS, 6706 McPherson Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Second Floor, stated that she has

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lived at this address for one year. She stated that the name P. D. LOHMEYER is completely unfamiliar to her.

On April 10, 1968, VICTOR OLMSTEAD, 6706 McPherson Boulevard, First Floor, stated he has lived at this address since October, 1966. He stated the name P. D. LOHMEYER is completely unfamiliar to him. Mr. OLMSTEAD said the house he is renting is owned by BLANCHE GRIFFIN and that he does not know her address and only pays his rent to her when she knocks on the door.

It is to be noted that both KAREN ADAMS and VICTOR OLMSTEAD are Negroes, and that the area surrounding 6706 McPherson Boulevard is inhabitated by primarily Negro individuals.

Mr. G. L. MONET, Postal Inspector, Pittsburgh, Pa., caused a search of his records to be made for a change of address for P. D. LOHMEYER, 6706 McPherson Boulevard. Mr. MONET stated he talked with his carrier for this particular area and that the carrier could not recall such an individual. He further advised that a search of his records for the past three years failed to reflect a change of address for P. D. LOHMEYER. He stated that any changes of address over three years old is destroyed.

On April 10, 1968, Mrs. ANTHONY DEIULUS, 815 Fulton Place, Mt. Oliver, Pittsburgh, Pa., stated that the name VERA LOHMEYER is unfamiliar to her. She stated she had lived at this address for four years and had purchased her house from one DOROTHY REUESCHE.

On April 10, 1968, DOROTHY REUESCHE, Pittsburgh National Bank, Carrick Office, Carrick, Pa., advised that VERA LOHMEYER had committed suicide on December 12, 1961. REUESCHE said she knew the LOHMEYER family and that VERA did not have any brothers or sisters. She did recall her having an uncle, ED LOHMEYER, Penn Hills, Pa., who is in his fifties and who had been seriously ill for some time.

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On April 10, 1968, THOMAS A. MC QUAIDE, Chief, Identification Section, Pittsburgh Police Department, CLARENCE J. KLEIN, Chief Identification Officer, Allegheny County Detective Bureau, and Mrs. JEAN RODRIGUEZ, Receptionist, Credit Bureau, Inc., all of Pittsburgh, Pa., advised that their respective files were all negative concerning VERA LOHMEYER and P. D. LOHMEYER.

The following investigation was conducted by SA CYRIL J. LAFFEY:

On April 10, 1968, Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH CONSTRALE, 627 Reed Avenue, Monessen, Pa., advised that they have resided here for nine years, having purchased this property from ELMER W. LOWMEYER, who formerly resided here up until the death of his wife, about nine years ago. Mr. and Mrs. CONSTRALE said they had no idea if LOWMEYER was still living, and the last they heard he had moved outwest and left no forwarding address.

On April 10, 1968, Chief of Police MICHAEL KUVINKA, Monessen Police Department, Monessen, Pa., advised that a review of the Police Department records disclosed no information identifiable with ELMER W. LOWMEYER.

On April 10, 1968, Mr. JACK T. BECK, JR., Postmaster, U. S. Post Office, Monessen, Pa., advised that he is a life-long resident of the community and was personally acquainted with Mr. ELMER W. LOWMEYER, inasmuch as LOWMEYER was formerly employed in the personnel office at the Pittsburgh Steel Corporation, Monessen, and gave him, BECK, his first job with the Pittsburgh Steel Corporation many years ago.

Mr. BECK said that Mr. and Mrs. ELMER W. LOWMEYER are both deceased, and the LOWMEYER's only had one child, a daughter, JANE LOWMEYER, who married the Reverend ROBERT MOFFETT, both of whom are presently residing somewhere in the state of Ohio, exact place unrecalled.

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Mr. BECK said that there are no other LOWMEYERs in the Monessen, Pa., area, to the best of his knowledge, and from records at hand.

The following investigation was conducted by SA RUSSELL M. GWYNNE:

Pursuant to investigation requested of the Pittsburgh Office in instant matter, ESTHER LOMIRE, 720 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., 15221, advised that she was approximately 68 years of age and that she has never been married. Miss LOMIRE stated that she has one brother, HOWARD, who resides an Altoona, Pa., and is 71 years of age. Miss LOMIRE stated that her brother, HOWARD, although married, has had no children.

ESTHER LOMIRE stated she knew no one by the name of HARVEY LOMIRE, nor did she know of any HARVY LOHMEYER.

The following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS J. DOODY:

On April 10, 1968, KATHERINE M. LOHMEYER, 245 Melwood, advised that she is single and lives by herself. She stated that she does not know any HARVEY LOHMEYER. She states that she has lived at this address in the Oakland area for the last 15 or 20 years and she was previously employed as an office secretary for Hagen Corporation, Pittsburgh. From personal observation it appeared she was at least 65 years of age.

On April 10, 1968, SUSAN LOHMEYER, 5176 Margaret Morrison Street, Pittsburgh, advised she is a student at Carnegie-Mellon Institute and that she has no relatives living in the Pittsburgh area nor does she know any LOHMEYERs living in the Pittsburgh area. She stated her fathers name is PAUL LOHMEYER and that the family lives in Brookview, N.Y., and that her family is in the advertising business for the American Can Company.

She stated she does not know any HARVEY LOHMEYER.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA NILE A. DUKE:

On April 11, 1968, Mrs. PATRICIA SHERIFF, 1610 Williamsburg Place, Churchill, Pa., stated that she has resided at this address for the past five years and during this time the occupants of 1606 Williamsburg Place have been the ROBERT RUFFINGs. She added that the name PAUL LOHMEYER is unfamiliar to her.

On April 11, 1968, A. L. SHANE, 1617 Williamsburg Place, Churchill, Pa., stated that he knew PAUL LOHMEYER, but that LOHMEYER had moved to Cleveland, Ohio, approximately 6 to 7 years ago to work at the Carling Brewing Company. SHANE described PAUL LOHMEYER as follows:

Race Sex Height Weight Age White Male 6'4" 200 lbs.

Approximately 40-50

The following investigation was conducted by SA KENT C. DIXON:

On April 10, 1968, a review of Pittsburgh file 91-2200, Serial 2350, page 182, determined that CARLTON ROBETT LOHMEYER of the Phoenix Mutual Insurance Company, Law and Finance Building, Executive Suite 1503, Pittsburgh, does not comply with the description of suspect in above captioned case. LOHMEYER described in above file as white male, age 56, 5'5" tall, 135 pounds, small build, completely bald except for rim of hair around lower portion of head.

On April 10, 1968, Mr. CHARLES EDWARD LOHMEYER of 105 Washington, Forest Hills, Pittsburgh 21, Pa., was contacted and it was determined that his date of birth was place of birth - Pittsburgh. By observation, Mr. LOHMEYER could not be identical with suspect in above captioned case. Mr. LOHMEYER advised that he was employed at the Fruit Growers Express Co., Pittsburgh, and advised that he has no children.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA CALVIN D. KNOTT:

The following information was obtained from Bureau of Public Debt, Parkersburg, W. Va.:

Alphabetical search on computer for E. S. GALT negative; for E. S. GAULT approximately 100. Check for H. LOYMEYER and H. LOWMYER negative. Check for J. WILLARD revealed approximately 1000. Computer gives only bond number, date of purchase and four letters pertaining to city where bonds purchased. No bonds purchased by E. S. GAULT in Atlanta or Birmingham. In order to get more detailed information film index must be searched from which copies of bonds can be obtained.

Agency presently searching name E. S. GAULT and search will be completed AM of April 19, 1968.

In order to search film index on J. WILLARD, agency will have to obtain clearance from their Washington headquarters since it would take 20 employees all day, and if done on piece-meal basis one week.

The following investigation was conducted by SA GEORGE A. PATTERSON:

Investigation regarding the possible identity of HARVEY LOWMEYER was negative.

On April 10, 1968, Mr. NEIL HUTCHISON, Special Agent, Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad, Ronceverte, W. Va., advised that ROBERT E. LOMER, 424 Pocahontas Avenue, Ronceverte, W. Va., is a Ticket Agent for the C & O Railroad and he works out of the Railroad Office in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., but he has been in ill health for the past two years, and for the past two months, he has been suffering with emphysema so badly that he has been unable to work. He said that Mr. LOMER is approximately 55 years of age, is short and very slender, and is very "sickly-looking." Mr. HUTCHISON added he is confident that Mr. LOMER has not been away from Ronceverte within

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the past three weeks.

In view of this information, no further investigation was conducted regarding ROBERT LOMER.

The following investigation was conducted by SA RONALD WETHERINGTON and SA KENT C. DIXON on April 10, 1968:

Mrs. WILLIAM J. LOHMEYER, 720 South Negley Avenue, Pittsburgh, advised that she is the mother of WILLIAM JOSEPH LOHMEYER, JR., whe resides at 4761 Doyle Road, Pittsburgh, telephone 882-4866. Mrs. LOHMEYER stated her son is a white male, age 48, 6'4", 250 pounds, and has dark hair. She said his wife's name is MARY ALICE LOHMEYER and they have three teenage children.

Mrs. IRENE WILLARD, 1029 Parkview Avenue, New Kensington, Pa., telephone ED 5-6792, advised she is the wife of JOHN RODERICK WILLARD and said her husband is 64 years of age. He resides with her at this address and is a retired employee of the Alcoa Aluminum Company.

Mrs. WILLARD stated that she has two sons, namely, JACK P. WILLARD who resides at 1028 Woodberry Road, New Kensington, Pa., and GEORGE RODERICK WILLARD who resides at 42 Springfield Avenue, Crandford, N.J. Mrs. WILLARD furnished the following information concerning her sons:

Name
Date of Birth
Height
Hair
Complexion
Skin
Weight
Characteristics
Marital status
Wife

JACK P. WILLARD
6'1" to 6'2"
Blond
Ruddy
Fair
200 lbs.
Wears glasses
Married
MARIOLIN (DAVIS)

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Employment

Alcoa Aluminum Company New Kensington, Pa. Building 442

Name
Date of Birth
Height
Weight
Hair
Complexion
Characteristics
Employment

GEORGE RODERICK WILLARD

6'3" - 6'4"
175 lbs.
Blond
Fair
Wears glasses
Union College, N.J., as
college professor in
Spanish
Owns older model white
Mustang, registered to

IRENE WILLARD

Miscellaneous

Mrs. WILLARD stated that her son, GEORGE, flew to New Kensington via Allegheny Airlines arriving on March 29, 1968, at approximately 5:30 to 6:00 PM, and left around 5:00 PM, March 21, 1968. She stated he came for a visit and was with the family the entire time. Mrs. WILLARD stated she could not personally account for her son's time on April 4, 1968, but would assume he was teaching school as this would be a working day. She stated she talked to her son, GEORGE, on the phone Sunday, April 7, 1968, and he was in New Jersey at that time. She stated that he taught classes on March 29, 1968, prior to flying to New Kensington.

Mrs. WILLARD stated that her son, JACK WILLARD, worked March 29, 1968, but was off on March 30, 1968. She continued he was either working on April 4, 1968, at his job with Alcoa Aluminum in New Kensington or was in Detroit, Mich., on business.

Mr. DAVID H. WILLIAMS, JR., Employment Manager, Alcoa Aluminum Company. New Kensington. Pa., advised that

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JACK P. WILLARD is employed there as an engineer trainee. He stated a review of his records reflect that WILLARD reported for work on March 29, 1968, and was there the entire day. He continued that WILLARD was home on March 30, 1968, and on April 4, 1968; he stated that WILLARD was at a meeting for the U. S. Army Association in Warren, Mich., for a briefing.

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS:

Records from the Bureau of Public Debt, Parkersburg, W. Va., reviewed and reveal that a computer check of the names E. S. GALT and H. LOWMEYER or LOWMYER were negative with regard to individuals of that name purchasing U. S. Savings Bonds. The name E. S. GAULT appears 97 times, which indicates that 97 bonds bearing the name are on record as having been purchased.

The purchasers of these 97 bonds were determined to be the following six individuals:

- 1. Mrs. ELOISE S. GAULT 6478 Tourraine Avenue Newark, Calif., former address 24806 Broadmore Ave., Hayward, Calif.
- 2. EDWARD S. GAULT 9141 Grant Park Drive Affton, Missouri
- 3. EDWARD S. GAULT
 4 West Maryland Avenue
 Rockville, Maryland
- 4. Dr. EDWIN SARTAIN GAULT 11 North Kirklyn Avenue Upper Darby, Pa.

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- 5. EDGAR S. GAULT 932 Beach Avenue LaGrange Park, Ill.
- 6. Miss ELIZABETH SARA GAULT 972 East Square Lake Road Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

The name J. WILLARD was also searched and approximately 1000 savings bonds had been purchased by individuals with that name.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN S. HUGHES, on May 3, 1968:

Investigation at Cresson, Pa., disclosed that CLIFFORD A. LOMIRE, 100 Beach Street, and WILLIAM D. LOMIRE, 201 Summers Street, are both employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Investigation at Gallitzin, Pa., disclosed that ROBERT LOMIRE of 504 Foster Street, is also employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Sergeant RICHARD ENGLISH, Pennsylvania Railroad Police, Cresson, Pa., advised that a search to be made of the records of the railroad disclosed that all of the LOMIREs were working during the pertinent period. ENGLISH further stated that he is acquainted with them and that they are all related; that they are people of excellent character and reputation.

The following investigation was conducted by SA EARL E. GALLOWAY:

On May 2, 1968, Mrs. HERMAN ESTRIGHT, Coalport, Pa., advised that she was acquainted with PATRICK S. LOHMEYER, who is a long-time resident of Coalport, Pa., and a retired teacher at the Coalport Junior High School. She stated that LOHMEYER and her husband were very close friends and met socially nearly every day at either their

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house or LOHMEYER's. She stated that she could not recall not seeing LOHMEYER every day for the past several months. She concluded that she did not believe LOHMEYER left the county in the past several years, if ever.

On May 2, 1968, PATRICK S. LOHMEYER, Main Street, Box 343, Coalport, Pa., advised SA EARL W. GALLOWAY that he has lived in Coalport, nearly all his life and had not been out of Clearfield County for over a year.

Visual observation disclosed LOHMEYER to be a grey-haired, balding gentleman in his late 60's or early 70's.

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS:

Investigation at Sewickley, Pa., on May 10 to May 12, 1968, develops one LOUIS WILLARD, JR., residing on Witherow Road. Attempts to contact negative. Credit check reflects JOHN O. WILLARD, Witherow Road, employed by W. W. NORTON and U. Company, Inc., 55 Fifth Avenue, New York, as a college traveler.

The following investigation was conducted by SA GEORGE KETCHEL ADAMS:

On April 8, 1968, a review of the Charleston, W. Va., City Directory and the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Directory for Charleston, W. Va., and the surrounding area was negative for any information concerning any individual named HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER.

On April 9, 1968, the following individuals were contacted with negative results for information concerning an individual named HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER:

Mrs. PATRICIA BURNEY
West Virginia State Department
of Motor Vehicles
Drivers License Division
Charleston, W. Va.

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WILLIAM COLLINS, West Virginia State Department of Motor Vehicles, Titles and Registration Division Charleston, W. Va.

Mrs. INEZ CHINN Kanawha County Voter Registration Charleston, W. Va.

LORETTA COOK Charleston Retail Credit Bureau Charleston, W. Va.

Captain GEORGE NUNLEY Police Department Charleston, W. Va.

SANDRA TAPLEY Criminal Identification Bureau West Virginia State Police Charleston, W. Va. PG 44-578 WLC:mtl (1)

LOOK ALIKES

ROBERT GRECO, 412 Countyview Court, Pittsburgh, advised April 7, 1968, that an unknown individual who resembles composite photograph of subject formerly patronized Moby Dick Lounge, Dearborn, Mich., when owned by his brother, NICK GRECO, 17048 Cambridge Allen Park, Mich., telephone 274-1676.

Suspect voiced strong dislike for KING and was once overheard to say KING would not live a year if he had to take care of him himself and that it would be quick as he would use a rifle.

Suspect associated with employees of a sign company near Moby Dick Lounge and is believed by GRECO to have some type of job connected with interstate trucking.

GRECO believes his brother can fully identify suspect.

Following information received by SAC IAN D. MacLENNAN:

At 5:00 PM, April 10, 1968, Captain NELSON PADEN, Huntington, W. Va., Police Department, telephonically advised that a reliable Negro male informant of his, a taxi driver, had just taken a man to the Huntington Airport, where he boarded flight 702 of Eastern Airlines leaving Huntington 4:30 PM, with stops at Charleston, Washington, D. C., and Allentown-Scranton.

Captain PADEN stated his informant had that day read in the Huntington newspapers a description of the man known as JOHN WILLARD and he believed that his passenger fit this description.

The following is a description furnished to Captain PADEN by his informant, of the man he picked up near the Job-Corps Center in Huntington and took to the airport:

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Race Sex Age Height

White Male 36 years 5'7" to 8"

180 pounds

(Captain PADEN realized that the news item described him as much taller, but pointed out that his informant is quite short and for this reason still felt he should report this)

Weight Build Hair

Stocky
Sandy, brownish - combed back

receding forehead

Attire

Blue suit, tan trench coat

with checkered lining Large, prominent nose

Peculiarities

The following investigation was conducted by SA CYRIL J. LAFFEY:

On April 6, 1968, Mr. ANGELO PIETROPAOLI, owner and operator, Motel Americanna, Route 30 East, Greensburg, Pa., telephonically contacted SA LAFFEY about 11:00 PM and advised that he has previously observed a sketch in the Saturday issue of the Pittsburgh Press on that date of the suspect killer of Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and a person similar to the sketch and of similar physical descriptive data, contained in the newspaper article was presently at the motel bar. Mr. PIETROPAOLI said that this individual telephoned from the bar for a motel room reservation, however, the motel was filled at that time, and there were no rooms available.

Mr. PIETROPAOLI said the individual was driving a light green Cadillac convertible with a white top, bearing Florida license plate 7WW6469.

On April 6, 1968, SA LAFFEY went to the Americanna Motel, and found a 1962 Cadillac convertible, light green body with white top, bearing Florida license 7WW6460, parked just outside the cocktail lounge.

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SA LAFFEY contacted Mr. DONALD WOODROW YOUNG, owner of the aforementioned Cadillac, who exhibited Florida registration certificate and Certificate of Title to the aforementioned 1962 Cadillac convertible, VIN 62F020055, Florida license 7WW6460. Mr. YOUNG further identified himself as the owner and operator of Don Young's Used Cars, 6135 East Colonial Drive, Orlando, Fla., and said that he was currently on a buying trip to Baltimore, Md., and had taken a side trip, "to visit a lady friend." Mr. YOUNG volunteered that he was not supposed to be in the Pittsburgh area, inasmuch as he is a married man, and he hoped his visit here would not cause him any embarrassment with his wife, who is presently in Florida.

SA LAFFEY determined from personal observations and identifying data that YOUNG was born Baltimore, Md., had Florida Operator's License G586870. and was described as follows:

> Race Sex Age Height Eyes Weight Hair

White Male 52 5'11 1/2" Hazel 180 lbs.

Brown (bald with only

fringe benefits)

Salesman

Occupation Residence

1703 Marcia Drive Orlando, Fla.

YOUNG was dressed very neatly, and had a very fine neat well groomed mustache. It was further observed that YOUNG was well tanned, and looked much older than his age. YOUNG did not appear to be anything similar to the sketch in the October 6, 1968, issue of the Pittsburgh Press, which sketch was on the front page.

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

The following persons, employed at the Holiday Inn, Princeton, W. Va., were contacted on April 17, 1968, and shown the photograph of the suspect. All advised that he looked familiar, but could not definitely state whether he had been at the Inn or not.

Records of the Inn were checked from April 1 to 17, 1968, under the name GALT, with negative results:

Mrs. BETTY PETTREY, Cashier Mr. JOHN DESSINGER, Desk Clerk Mrs. GEORGIA WATSON, Desk Clerk Mrs. VIRGINIA KEESEE, Cashier Mr. M. W. BAXLEY, Innkeeper

MICHAEL ALLON, a partner in Treasure Island store, advised that on Monday, May 13, 1968, he stopped at a bar, name unknown, on Craig Street, near Forbes (a bowling alley nearby) and observed an individual who strongly resembles photo of ERIC STARVO GALT as displayed on TV. Suspect was with an older man, wore a black skitype jacket, had a nervous twitch in eye and a pronounced ski slanted nose. ALLON stated the bartender knows identity of suspect.

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS:

On April 22, 1968, at approximately 12:30 PM, HERB SMITH, part-owner, Auto City Sales, 4825 Baum Boulevard, telephonically advised that an individual resembling the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY had been in his used-car lot attempting to trade a 1968 Ford coupe bearing Pennsylvania license OM6596. It was determined that the above license was issued to LLOYD W. WRIGHT, 2353 Ingomar Road, Pittsburgh. WRIGHT was supposed to return to the auto agency and, in fact, did return at approximately 3:00 PM. It was determined that he was not identical to JAMES EARL RAY at that time.