

REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name *J. Meloney*
 Address *817 No 5th St*
 City *Phoenix* State *Ariz*
 Representing *LANATTARS INC*
 Make of Car *Mercury* License No *JB8 144* State *Ariz*

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
<i>12-26-7</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>18.00</i>	<i>99</i>	<i>18.99</i>	<i>18.99</i>

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PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Address

City.....S

Representing

Make of Car.

Make of Car.

License No

State

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EASTON

REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr + Mrs David Easton & daughter
Address 4 Lancia Lane
City Larchmont State ny
Representing Agard Electronics
Make of Car Plymouth License No. 388 B88 v State La

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid in Advance
12-22-67	3	109	17	94	1794	226.00

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PROVINCIAL MOTEL

STEVE MASKE

Name Robert P. Eck

Address 310 WILSON DR

City MCCOMB State MISS.

Representing _____

Make of Car License No. State

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PROVINCIAL MOTEL

PICKERING
JONES

Name RONALD B. JONES
Address 1300 PRESIDENTIAL DR.
City COLUMBUS State OHIO
Representing UPPER ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Make of Car FORD License No. G 10568 State OHIO

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-22-67	2	118	17	44	17.44	

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PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Bethank Hallam Holsman
Res. E. J. C. Casey
 Address *1206 S. 4th St.*
 City *Bellevue Wash* State *Fla.*

Representing _____

Make of Car _____ License No. _____ State _____

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-22-67	2	124	18	94	1894	

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PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name MR + MRS G.W. PESKIN + FAMILY
Address 742 WESTWOOD LANE
City WILMETTE, IL 60091 State ILL.
Representing _____
Make of Car CHEVY License No. KV- State ILL.

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-22-64	203	2	14.00	.77	14.77	
12-22-64	214	3	17.00	.94	17.94	
					32.71	

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V. K. Wilh.

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Wald Enterprises

License No

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PROVINCIAL MOTEL

W. W. KRAMER

WOODMAN FTE #2

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State Ohio

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License No. PK 11

State Ohio

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PROVINCIAL MOTEL

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PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Make of Car Rambler License No. FN 2387 State N.C.

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PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name R. R. Mayby
Address 630 Belvedere
City Beaumont Tex State _____
Representing _____
Make of Car Ford License No. HCM601 State Texas

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-22-67	2	215	15.00	.83	15.83	
12-22-67	3	216	17.00	.94	17.94	
					23.77	33.77

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PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name *M. Susan Scott* *M. Scott* *P. Zilinski*
Address *16 Thayer*
City *Venice Calif.* State _____
Representing _____
Make of Car *Mustang* License No. _____ State *Calif.*

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
<i>12-22-67</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>220</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>94</i>	<i>17.94</i>	

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PROVINCIAL MOTEL

McHard

Name *Mr & Mrs James McHard*
Address *924 Gaylord St*
City *Midland* State *Mich*
Representing _____
Make of Car *Buick* License No *VB 0916* State *Mich*

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
<i>12 22 67</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>202</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>94</i>	<i>17.94</i>	<i>17.94</i>

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PROVINCIAL MOTEL

LONG

Name Don + Millie Anthony
Address 900 N.E. 26
City Ocala State Fla.
Representing _____
Make of Car Chry License No. X18418 State Fla.

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-22-67	2	223	\$1	10	21.10	42.20

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PROVINCIAL MOTEL

ROBERTS

Name

Mr & Mrs Gary D. Roberts

Address

Rt #6

City

Decorah

State

Iowa 52001

Representing

Make of Car

License No

TAX 1

State

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-22-67	2	224	17	94	17.94	

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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr & Mrs J Shepus
Address 842 Sprague
City Omaha State Nebr
Representing _____
Make of Car _____ License No. _____ State _____

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-22-67	2	231	18.00	.94	18.94	-
			5.00			

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 11/21/68

Mr. DAVID SIMMONS, Security, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised record of toll calls for telephone number 523-8802, which is the pay telephone located at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, for the period December 14, 1967, through December 22, 1967, are not available because such records are kept six months and destroyed.

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On 11/21/68 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673

by SA WILLIAM F. KUSCH /bab Date dictated 11/21/68

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Mr. BENJAMIN C. DUKE, Desk Clerk, Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, residence 2713 Aberdeen, Kenner, Louisiana, examined the motel work sheet for December 17, 1967, when GALT registered, and observed it is his handwriting of GALT on the work sheet meaning he registered GALT when he came in the motel. The "2" near "GALT" means the room was available for 2 days. Somebody must have had a reservation for the third day.

Mr. DUKE stated from the work sheet it would appear GALT did not specifically ask for Room 126 but was given that room because it was available as a single. Also this was the lowest priced (\$12.00) room available. It is not known, Mr. DUKE stated, but it might be GALT as many singles do ask for the lowest priced room.

Mr. DUKE looked at photos of JAMES EARL RAY also known as ERIC S. GALT without recognition. He stated he could recall absolutely nothing about GALT.

Mr. DUKE stated he had no knowledge of anyone named RAOUL.

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Mr. CHEW WING LEE, owner and operator of Wing Lee Laundry and Dry Cleaners, 830 Chartres Street, French Quarter, New Orleans, Louisiana, looked at photos of JAMES EARL RAY and recognized him as having seen his pictures in newspapers. Mr. LEE advised he recalled reading in the papers that RAY had stayed at one time in the Provincial Motel which is about two blocks down the street. He stated other than that he knows nothing about RAY.

Mr. LEE advised he does laundry and dry cleaning for the Provincial Motel. He stated he does the work according to room number and not by name. He stated he keeps no record of the individual rooms because he gives this record to the motel when he returns the laundry and dry cleaning. At this time he cannot say whether or not he did any work for RAY while RAY was at the Provincial Motel December 17-19, 1967.

If RAY had personally brought any work in to be done, RAY would have been asked what laundry mark he wanted. If no specific request was made by RAY the clothing would be marked in black indelible ink by number such as "123" or "545" or something like that. This would be written directly on any garment except a suit coat on which a tag would be placed.

If the bell boy from Provincial Motel would have brought in anything from RAY in Room 126, it would have been marked "RM 126".

Mr. LEE stated December, 1967, is a long time ago and he would not know whether or not he ever did any work for RAY under the name RAY or any other name.

Mr. LEE stated he never heard of the name RAOUL.

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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

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11/20/68.

Attached for information of the Bureau are four copies of FD-302 reflecting location of guest registration card for JOHN L. RAYNS at Granada Hotel, Birmingham, on date 8/26/67. Five copies of this FD-302 are forwarded to Memphis, and one each to interested offices.

Two copies of an insert are attached for the Bureau and five copies for Memphis regarding a previous search of the records at the Granada Hotel for the period 10/23-31/67, inclusive, which resulted negatively and was based upon Bureau telephone call, 11/9/68.

Two copies of legible handwritten list of registration cards at the Granada Hotel are being furnished Memphis in response to reBuairtel, 11/14/68, in order that the names thereon may be compared with lists submitted by the Mobile, New Orleans and, possibly, San Antonio Divisions.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA NEIL G. MARTIN on November 9, 1968:

At the request of the Bureau, a personal examination was conducted of the guest registration entry book of the Granada Hotel, 2230 Fourth Avenue, North, Birmingham, Alabama, from October 23 - October 31, 1967, for the name JOHN L. RAYNES, JAMES EARL RAY, and all other known aliases of subject RAY, with negative results.

The following employees were displayed photographs of subject and were interviewed regarding his possible visit on October 25, 1967, with negative results:

FRANK L. PHILLIP
Night Desk Clerk
1129 Gadsden Highway

A. M. KOONCE
Relief Day Desk Clerk, resides at hotel

On November 12, 1968, the following individuals were likewise interviewed:

Mr. CHARLIE TRONCALE
Manager and owner
19 Norwood Boulevard

O. C. SMITH
Regular Day Desk Clerk
1300 North 22nd Street

Mrs. CATHERINE MONTGOMERY
Hotel Maid
1712 Avenue T, Ensley

ELMORE STUDAMIRE
Hotel Bellhop
214 Ninth Court, West

It is noted, per Mr. TRONCALE, that these are the only employees of the hotel who were employed there during the pertinent period.