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RE: TELEPHONE CALLS ORIGINATING FROM  
PROVINCIAL MOTEL, NEW ORLEANS.  
DEC. SEVENTEEN THRU NINETEEN,  
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

~~RALPH BENNETT~~, DISTRICT PLANT MANAGER, SOUTHERN  
BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY ADVISES THAT SOUTHERN BELL,  
NEW ORLEANS, HAS NO TAPE OR IBM TYPE OF SYSTEM THAT WOULD ENABLE  
THE TELEPHONE COMPANY TO KEEP ANY RECORD OF OUTGOING LOCAL CALLS  
MADE FROM THE PROVINCIAL MOTEL.

RE: COOLEY (PH) OR ~~COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION~~  
NEW ORLEANS INDICIES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE  
WITH THIS INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION.

RE: ~~JOHNNY VALENTI~~ (PH)  
KANSAS CITY OFFICE ADVISED MAY TWO INSTANT THAT  
JOHNNY VELANTIE WAS PAROLLED ON MARCH TWENTY EIGHT, SIXTY  
SEVEN AND WAS ORIGINALLY FROM ATLANTA, GA. IN VIEW  
OF THIS NEW ORLEANS HOLDING LEAD AT BATON ROUGE IN ABEYANCE  
IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE VALENTI UNTIL INFO RECEIVED  
FROM BRISON RECORDS. NEW ORLEANS INDICIES CONTAIN NO INFO IDENTIFIABLE  
WITH VALENTI OR VELANTIE.

RE: CONTACTS WITH MOTELS AND HOTELS  
LOCATED IN FRENCH QUARTER, NEW ORLEANS.  
INASMUCH AS IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT JAMES EARL RAY  
STAYED AT A FRENCH QUARTER MOTEL IN DEC. NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND THEN  
WAS IN NEW ORLEANS AGAIN ON PROBABLY MARCH TWENTY ONE SIXTYEIGHT,  
THE RECORDS OF MOTELS AND HOTELS IN FRENCH QUARTER HAVE BEEN  
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CHECKED FOR REGISTRATION OF RAY UNDER HIS TRUE NAME AND KNOWN ALIASES. PERIOD CHECKED WAS FROM ARCH SEVENTEEN THRU TWENTY FOUR SIXTYEIGHT. RECORDS OF MOTELS AND HOTELS CONTAINED NO INFO IDENTIFIABLE WITH RAY.

HOUSTON OFFICE AT HOUSTON TEXAS. WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW ED HUNSUCKER THROUGH HILL AND HILL COMPANY AND DETERMINE IF HE PLACED CALL ON DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST FROM ALPINE, TEXAS TO R. L. HAMMETT AT GREENWOOD, LA. AND EXHIBIT PHOTO OF RAY.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT NEW ORLEANS. AM COPIES TO MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY, ATLANTA, DALLAS BIRMINGHAM, AND LOS ANGELES. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

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FBI-HOUSTON

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5/3/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, Sacramento (100-427) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re airtel to Bureau from Legat, Mexico City,  
4/23/68.

RE: UNITED STATES RESIDENTS STAYING  
AT HOTEL RIO,  
PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO,  
10/19 - 11/6/67

On May 2, 1968, JAMES W. HINES, 2740 Creekside Lane, Sacramento, California, advised that he was on tour in Mexico during November, 1967. He advised that he stayed at the Hotel Rio on the night of November 4, 1967, and again on November 10 and 11, 1967.

Various photographs of RAY and GAULT were displayed to HINES, and he advised that he did not recall seeing anyone resembling either RAY or GAULT while visiting in Mexico.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3-Bureau  
②-Kansas City  
2-Memphis  
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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL)  
SAC CHICAGO  
SAC DALLAS

FROM SAC SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-

MURKIN; THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO DALLAS AND SPRINGFIELD MAY TWO, LAST.

MRS. EUGENE WALDEN, ROUTE THREE, WEST FRANKFORT, PROTECT  
IDENTITY, MEDIZER'S MOTHER, ADVISED JOHN C. MEDIZER RESIDES  
FIVE FIVE ZERO SIX E.R.L. THORNTON, POSSIBLY THORNTON, FREEWAY,  
DALLAS, TEXAS.

DALLAS, HANDLE.

AIRMAIL COPY SENT BUREAU, MEMPHIS, AND KANSAS CITY.

1 - Bureau (AM)  
1 - Memphis (AM)  
① - Kansas City (AM)  
1 - Springfield (44-561)  
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MEMO



April 26, 1968

FROM THE DESK OF  
MAURICE A. HARR,  
CAPTAIN  
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

4-21-68

FROM: Los Angeles, Calif.

MEMO: Galveston Police

Attached is a memo received from Los Angeles last week with reference to James Earl Ray & our translation.

1. James Earl Ray loves Western & terror pictures. His favorite movie place in L.A. was Cameo Theatre on S. Bway. He has sat besides me several times in the movie but I never knew he was wanted\*.

\* Wanted men are posted so high in post office that they aren't really easy to see. Didn't spot him because of it. This man likes the sea; always a different green grass, glamour & color, and a warm atmosphere. The answer is Galveston - a colorful place. It would be nice if you would get him; good publicity, too.

2. He will be found in such movie theatre, not high sounding ones, like Paramount, etc. He was there only in afternoons until dark. I noticed him as he appears unassuming, quiet, not troublesome. These are reasons he has not been apprehended.

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MEMO



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FROM THE DESK OF  
MAURICE A. HARR,  
CAPTAIN  
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

3. I believe he is in Galveston. Be on the lookout for him. He always sits in the last row, center, whenever I have seen him, so he didn't have to move and be seen.

T. T. Ross  
P. O. Box #17252 (17)  
West 7th & Burlington Avenue  
Los Angeles, Calif.

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*[Handwritten signature: Roache]*

From  
Los Angeles, Calif. 4-21-68  
to  
FBI - Kansas City  
Re: James Earl Ray - Saboteur - police

1. James Earl Ray does Western & Terror pictures. His favorite movie place in Los Angeles was Cameo Theatre at S. Broadway. He has sat besides me, several times in same, but, I never knew he was wanted.\*
2. He will be found in such movie theatre that high sounding ones, like Paramount, etc. He was there only in afternoons, until dark. I noticed him as he appears unassuming, quiet & not troublesome. There are reasons why he has not been apprehended.
3. I believe he is in Phoenix. Be on lookout for him. He always sits in last row, center aisle, and I can hear his conversation. He more & he is <sup>244</sup> <sup>MADE IN U.S.A.</sup> T. I. Ross, 1017/ Los Angeles, Calif. West 7th & Burlington Ave.

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5/2/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES  
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)  
RE: MURKIN

Enclosed to Los Angeles, Memphis and Kansas City each one copy of a letter dated 4/21/68 addressed to Galveston, Texas, Police Department from T. T. ROSS, P. O. Box 17252, West 7th & Burlington Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

This letter was furnished to SA CARLOS L. KIRBY, JR. by Captain MAURICE HARR, Galveston Police Department, Galveston, on 5/1/68.

LOS ANGELES:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Contact T. T. ROSS, P. O. Box 17252, West 7th & Burlington Avenue, for all information he has concerning JAMES EARL RAY, WF #442-A.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

- 2 - Los Angeles (encl 1)
- 2 - Memphis (encl 1)
- ② - Kansas City (encl 1) *flv*
- 1 - Houston

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PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA (44-2386)  
FROM OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) 3P

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU, ET AL, APRIL THIRTY LAST RE  
BILLY CHUMLEY, AKA DINK.

SIXTY-SEVEN OKLAHOMA LICENSE XW-SIX SIX SEVEN TWO REGISTERED  
TO A FIFTY FIVE BUICK TWO-DOOR, SN FOUR B FOUR ZERO SEVEN FIVE  
FOUR THREE ZERO, TO JEWEL V. CHUMLEY, RT. TWO, HOLLIS, OKLAHOMA,  
MOTHER OF BILLY CHUMLEY.

JEWEL V. CHUMLEY, MOTHER, AND WILLIAM RICHARD CHUMLEY, FATHER,  
DISCLAIM ANY KNOWLEDGE BILLY CHUMLEY'S WHEREABOUTS. LAST SAW HIM  
MID-SIXTY SEVEN AND LAST HEARD HE WAS WORKING IN GEORGIA. JEWEL V.  
CHUMLEY KNOWS NOTHING RE FIFTY FIVE BUICK AND CLAIMS DID NOT KNOW  
REGISTERED IN HER NAME.

SISTER TO BILLY CHUMLEY, MRS. ROGER (CAROLYN) BAMFORD, NORMAN,  
OKLAHOMA, HAS NOT SEEN BILLY CHUMLEY SINCE MID-SIXTY SEVEN. SHE  
ATTEMPTED TO LOCATE HIM AT HIS RESIDENCE, CROWN MOTEL, OKLAHOMA CITY,  
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① - Kansas City (AM)  
1 - Memphis (AM)  
1 - Oklahoma City  
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FOREPART FEBRUARY LAST AND CHUMLEY HAD LEFT THERE.

INVESTIGATION CROWN MOTEL DISCLOSED REGISTRATION RECORDS NOT AVAILABLE, BUT CLERK ~~JUANITA DUNN~~ RECALLS CHUMLEY THERE FROM ABOUT FIRST PART DECEMBER, SIXTY SEVEN, TO FEBRUARY ONE LAST. CHECK OF SERVICE STATIONS, CAFES, BARS, ETC. IN PROXIMITY CROWN MOTEL NEGATIVE IN LOCATING ANYONE KNOWING BILLY CHUMLEY.

JAMES FOX, OWNER FOX D-X SERVICE, ONE-HUNDRED EIGHTH AND NORTH MAY, OKLAHOMA CITY, STATES CHUMLEY WORKED FOR HIM FROM ABOUT FIRST PART DECEMBER, SIXTY SEVEN, TO FIRST WEEK IN FEBRUARY LAST. LEFT SUDDENLY ON A SATURDAY, PROBABLY FEBRUARY THREE LAST, TAKING FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS WORTH OF UNIFORMS AND UNDETERMINED AMOUNT OF CASH FROM REGISTER. SAME DATE HE LEFT, CHUMLEY MADE TELEPHONE CALLS TO UNKNOWN TIRE COMPANY MARIETTA, GEORGIA, SEEKING EMPLOYMENT. FOX BELIEVES THIS COMPANY ROYAL TIRE SERVICE OR POSSIBLY A GOODYEAR TIRE CO. AT TIME EMPLOYED BY FOX, CHUMLEY DRIVING FIFTY EIGHT BUICK, WHITE TOP, GRAY BOTTOM, BEARING SIXTY SEVEN GEORGIA LICENSE.

ATLANTA AT MARIETTA, GEORGIA: THROUGH ROYAL TIRE SERVICE AND  
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GOODYEAR TIRE CO. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE CHUMLEY. SUGGEST CHECK  
MOTOR VEHICLE BUREAU RECORDS IN GEORGIA FOR SIXTY SEVEN TO LOCATE  
REGISTRATION FOR CHUMLEY'S CAR.

KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

END

5/2/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

(OO: Memphis)

Re Memphis teletype to Miami dated 4/30/68.

Re: Alterman Transport Lines Delivery Man

Referenced teletype stated that JAMES L. THOMAS, 5032 Ewing Avenue, North, Minneapolis, Minnesota, advised the Minneapolis Office that an unidentified individual resembling a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY delivered a variety of seafood of Michael's Restaurant, Minneapolis, on 4/30/68. This individual was driving an Alterman Transport Lines truck bearing 1967 Florida license 1-0-614. Alterman Transport Lines home office was determined to be Miami, Florida.

DAVID ALTERMAN, proprietor, Alterman Transport Lines, Miami, Florida, advised that Alterman truck bearing 1967 Florida license 1-0-614 left Miami on 4/27/68 and was driven by DONALD EUGENE ABPLANALP. GLEN HECTOR BOWCOTT accompanied ABPLANALP on this trip as a helper. Company records indicate that both men were working in the greater Miami, Florida area on 4/4/68 and they were eliminated as suspects in this matter on that basis.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3 - Bureau (RM)  
① - Kansas City (44-760) (RM) (Info)  
1 - Minneapolis (157-450) (Info) (RM)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info) (RM)  
1 - Birmingham (Info) (RM)  
1 - Miami  
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Date: 5/4/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)  
FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Kansas City teletype, 5/3/68.

Submitted herewith is a single copy of a photograph taken of JAMES EARL RAY, Aka Eric S. Galt, in the Fall of 1967. It is believed this is a copy of the photograph furnished by one PATRICIA ANDERSON to a U. S. Postal Inspector. RAY in his correspondence with PATRICIA ANDERSON did use the name ERIC S. GALT.

For information of Kansas City, investigation at Los Angeles on May 2, 1968 showed subject as ERIC S. GALT possibly submitted 5 letters of introduction and photographs of himself to "The Local Swinger," Post Office Box 3802, Downey, California. This is a correspondence club and letters presumably were sent for transmittal to individuals on club list. One PATRICIA ANDERSON, 2800 Glenview, Los Angeles, located and interviewed. She said she received, unsolicited, two advertisements from "The Local Swinger," one letter and photograph from ERIC GALT, which she furnished U. S. Postal Inspector. She said mail came to her addressed to "PATRICIA SCHUBERT," her maiden name. She claims no information concerning club and was not a member. Stated she had no contact with GALT, does not know him, and believes her name possibly secured from an old magazine subscription list.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2 - Kansas City (Enc. -1)  
2 - Memphis  
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Special Agent in Charge

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PLAIN TEXT

TELETYPE

DEFERRED

TO OKLAHOMA CITY 44-686

FROM OMAHA 44-310

MURKIN. 00: MEMPHIS

RE OKLAHOMA CITY TEL INSTANT.

COP, WAVERLY, IA. AND PORTERS SISTER CONTACTED THIS DATE AND  
NO INFORMATION RE WHEREABOUTS. NO INFO RECEIVED BY FAMILY FROM  
OR ABOUT PORTER SINCE FOUR TWENTYNINE LAST.

FAMILY WILL ADVISE IF PORTER ARRIVES WAVERLY OR CONTACTS THEM.

AIRMAIL COPY TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS.

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- 1 - Director 44-38861
- 1 - KANSAS City 44-760
- 1 - Memphis 44-1987

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URGENT

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL)  
SAC CHICAGO  
SAC ST. LOUIS

FROM SAC SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN, CR.

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE MAY TWO, LAST AND SPRINGFIELD TELEPHONE  
CALLS TO CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS, MAY THREE, LAST.

RE: JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN, AKA., "BLACKIE."

COP WILLIAM H. PETERSEN, (NA), ALTON, ILLINOIS, POLICE  
DEPARTMENT ADVISED AUSTIN ARRESTED FOR ARMED ROBBERY WITH  
SUBJECT RAY IN ALTON IN ONE NINE FIVE NINE, AND REFERRED TO  
BY JERRY RAY AS BEING ONE OF SUBJECT'S CLOSEST ASSOCIATES,  
HAS SINCE DIED IN PRISON.

AIRMAIL COPY TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

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1 - Memphis (AM)  
① - Kansas City (AM)  
1 - Springfield (44-561)  
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Dear Sir

Please check out the following  
in the King Assassination.

APR 20 1968

REGISTERED 11141

Larry Simpson  
LARRY SIMPSON

144-72-662  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
APR 22 1968  
R.A.O.  
CRIMINAL-GEN. CRIME SEC.

Independence Missouri

at last, known to be working for  
the BENDIX CORP.

95 + TROOST

KANSAS City, Missouri

This man from time to time expressed  
a hate and had the desire to get  
rid of Dr. King on several occasions.  
He resembles the wanted man quite  
closely.

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Howe RBH

ENCLOSURE

A quiet investigation into his activities should be possible.

Thanks

Charles B. Fleming  
Charles G. Fleming  
34596 Spruce St.  
Bremerton Wash. 98310

I worked with Larry for 8 yrs.

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Date: **5-1-68**Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Priority)

✓ To: SAC, Kansas City

✓ From: Director, FBI

**MURKIN****Re Larry Simpson - suspect.**

Enclosed are two copies of a letter from Charles G. Fleming, Bremerton, Washington, which was received by the Department of Justice indicating that Larry Simpson, Independence, Missouri, has in the past expressed hate concerning the victim. One copy of the letter is enclosed for Memphis.

Kansas City, conduct necessary investigation to eliminate Simpson or establish him as a suspect in this case.

1 - Memphis (info)

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5/6/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
Attention: FBI Laboratory

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed herewith are 22 pages of handwriting as obtained from USP, Leavenworth, Kansas and one copy of a form dated 4/4/58, signed by JAMES EARL RAY obtained from the U.S. Probation Officer, Kansas City, Missouri.

The 22 pages of handwriting-handprinting are mostly that of the subject, however, some of the writing under the heading "disposition" maybe that of a supervisor or official.

The form obtained from the Probation Officer just bears the subject's signature and this is the only handwriting by the subject in the file of the U.S. Probation Office, Kansas City, Missouri.

All the above documents are to be returned to the Kansas City Office when they are of no further use to the FBI.

These samples are being forwarded to the Laboratory for comparison with other known handwriting specimens submitted in this matter.

3 - Bureau (Encs. 2) RM  
1 - Memphis  
② - Kansas City  
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*W.A.*

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(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

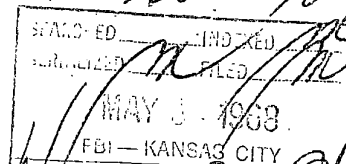
Re: Telephone call to Springfield from Inspector THOMAS  
 E. BISHOP, SOG, 4/24/68.

MARGRET CARMICHAEL STRADER, wife of ROBERT HOOD STRADER, was contacted at the residence of her father, E. P. CARMICHAEL, Route #1, Lexington, Illinois, on 4/30/68. Mrs. STRADER advised she and her husband were at the CARMICHAEL residence the weekend of 4/20-22/68. She advised that on the night of 4/21/68 or early morning of 4/22/68 her husband was awakened by the dogs barking outside the farm residence which is located up a farm lane one-half mile from the main rural road. She advised her husband and her father, E. P. CARMICHAEL, upon making a search of the outside area, found that the STRADER's 1967 Oldsmobile Delta "88", cream colored with black vinyl top, had been broken into. Mrs. STRADER advised nothing was missing from the car and no one was located or seen in the area. Mrs. STRADER advised her husband left alone from the CARMICHAEL residence on the morning of 4/22/68 en route Detroit, Michigan.

Mrs. STRADER advised that in a short period of time, Mr. STRADER returned to the CARMICHAEL residence. Upon his return,

- 3 - Bureau (44-38861)
- 2 - Chicago (44-1114)
- 2 - Cleveland
- 2 - Detroit
- 2 - Indianapolis
- 2 - Louisville
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Miami
- 2 - New Orleans
- 2 - St. Louis (44-775)
- 2 - Kansas City (44-760)
- 2 - Springfield (44-561)

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Agent in Charge

STRADER stated he had found a note in the recessed area of the speedometer of his car. (Mrs. STRADER pointed out that the speedometer has been broken; therefore, her husband was not normally attracted to the speedometer). She related this note was made up of words cut from newspapers and pasted on the back of a pocket calendar (unable to describe the calendar). Mrs. STRADER said the note read in substance, "If you go to the police or the FBI you will be killed." Mrs. STRADER advised her husband, after returning with the note, proceeded en route Detroit, Michigan, and after a short period of time had elapsed, he telephonically contacted her, stating he was at the Holiday Inn, Bloomington, Illinois. Mrs. STRADER stated her husband informed her that upon reaching the road one mile north of the CARMICHAEL residence, and Route 66, he saw a 1966 or 1967 Chevrolet, tan in color, no license information, with two men in the car, parked along the road. Mrs. STRADER stated her husband told her that this car followed him en route Bloomington. However, they did not turn into the Holiday Inn when he did. Mrs. STRADER advised her husband then told her he was proceeding on to Detroit, Michigan,

Mrs. STRADER advised upon discussing above with her parents, her mother, Mrs. E. P. CARMICHAEL, stated she had noticed a late model, tan car, making several trips on the main rural road near the CARMICHAEL residence on the early morning of 4/22/68.

Mrs. STRADER advised that on the night of 4/22/68 her husband telephonically contacted her, but he would not disclose his location as he stated he was afraid to mention his location over the phone. She related her husband told her that he stopped at a rest stop area after leaving Indianapolis, Indiana. Upon leaving his car and walking the direction of the men's restroom, he saw a tan automobile occupied by two men driving very slow. He stated at this time the rider in this automobile fired a shot at him. STRADER told his wife the shot just missed his ear and he, STRADER, hit the ground where he laid as if he had been hit. STRADER stated that the tan car disappeared and he has not seen it since.

Mrs. STRADER stated her husband believed this action was due to his being in the men's restroom at the Gulf Truck Stop, Lebanon, Tennessee, on 3/27/68, where he allegedly overheard five men planning to kill Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Mrs. STRADER stated her husband told her that one of the men in the restroom was RAY, whom he recognized after RAY's photograph was published. She stated he further informed her that he would be able to recognize the other men he saw in the restroom. Mrs. STRADER advised she recalls being at the Gulf Truck Stop at Lebanon, Tennessee, on 3/29/68. She stated upon their leaving the truck stop, her husband did not mention to her anything of hearing of the plan to kill KING. She stated she does recall her

husband remarked, "If King goes back to Memphis he will be killed." Mrs. STRADER advised her husband did say he wanted to see CARL STERN of NBC, Washington, D.C, whom he knew but did not state why he desired to see STERN.

Mrs. STRADER advised her husband returned to the CARMICHAEL residence at Lexington, Illinois, on Friday, 4/26/68, where he stayed until the morning of Saturday, 4/27/68, at which time STRADER and his mother-in-law had an argument over Mrs. STRADER's son by a previous marriage. Mrs. CARMICHAEL told STRADER to leave, which he did.

Mrs. STRADER stated she told her husband she had contacted Mr. DONALD T. SULLIVAN, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Springfield Office of the FBI, and that he, STRADER, should call Mr. SULLIVAN and set up an appointment; that Mr. SULLIVAN had informed her he would make an appointment to meet STRADER at any location or at any time when STRADER was available. Mrs. STRADER stated her husband told her he was afraid to attempt to meet with FBI Agents, as he felt he was being followed. Mrs. STRADER stated she was unable to convince her husband to make arrangements for a meeting with the FBI. She advised her husband is very much interested in obtaining protection.

Mrs. STRADER advised of some of her husband's activities, which are not concerning the murder of Dr. KING. She advised that she does not know all of her husband's business and that she is sure he has not told her all he knows.

Mrs. STRADER advised her husband is acquainted with RAYMOND STARNES of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who told STRADER in the summer of 1967 that there were several businessmen in the area of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who were taking up a collection to obtain money to have KING assassinated. Mrs. STRADER advised her husband is well acquainted in the Baton Rouge and Denham Springs, Louisiana, area. She stated he was, in the summer of 1967, connected with the E.C. Donnell Construction Company of Denham Springs, La., which was doing construction work for the telephone company. She related E. C. DONNELL lives in Dallas, Texas. She related DONNELL had an equipment rental business and while STRADER and DONNELL were attempting to rent the equipment they were trying to gain financing for a recreational park in Louisiana similar to "Six Flags Over Texas." She related that some way they came in contact with a CHARLES and LILLIAN SHAPIRO (ph) of Miami, Florida, who advised they could finance same but were not interested, in a recreational park but would be interested in financing a horse racing track. Mrs. STRADER advised Mr. DONNELL obtained RAYMOND STARNES to help locate his land which could be used as a horse racing park. He also obtained sanction of the sheriff, (FNU) IRWIN and SAM BOSKO, both of Slidell, La; however, "things got out of hand" and an article

appeared in "Life" magazine, and the Governor of Louisiana placed a stop to the entire operation.

Mrs. STRADER advised her husband is in telephonic contact with her daily but declines to furnish information as to his location over the telephone, as he is very afraid. Mrs. STRADER was advised to inform her husband if he has any information he desires to furnish to the FBI, he can contact any FBI Field Office, who will then arrange for an interview with him.

For information receiving offices, Inspector THOMAS E. BISHOP, SOG, on 4-24-68 advised he had received a telephone call from CARL STERN, Washington, D. C., NBC Office, who told him that a man (FNU) STRADER, whom he had met on one occasion while covering a story in the South, had, on 4-24-68, telephoned him from someplace around Toledo, Ohio. STRADER informed him he was en route to the home of his wife's parents in Lexington, Illinois. He then told STERN a "fantastic tale" about him, STRADER, overhearing a conversation on 3-29-68 in Lebanon, Tennessee, concerning the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING. Apparently STRADER was of the impression that the people involved in the conversation knew he had overheard them, and they had taken his license number. STRADER believed there had been at least one shot fired at him since that time. STRADER informed STERN he had vital information concerning KING's murder and called STERN for advice as to what he should do. STERN advised STRADER to call the Springfield Office of the FBI and they would make arrangements to have someone meet him at his convenience in their territory. According to Mr. STERN, BISHOP stated that STRADER is afraid to approach any office and may desire to have someone meet him at a location other than an office.

The files of the Springfield Office contain the following references to ROBERT STRADER, however, it cannot be determined at this point whether or not they refer to ROBERT HOOD STRADER of Lexington, Illinois:

On 11-19-65 ROBERT STRADER, 6'1" - 2", 175 lbs., employed cutting timber near Edwardsville, Illinois, and in construction work at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois, was considered a suspect in the robbery of the Hamel State Bank, Bufile 91-20560, SIfile 91-2642.



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In 10-66 prosecution of ROBERT H. STRADER was declined in an ITSMV matter which involved a rental car. ROBERT H. STRADER had represented himself as an employee of General Telephone Co., of Illinois, registering at two motels at Bloomington, Illinois, and had skipped without properly checking out and without paying for his room. SHRADER could not be located at that time but was described as a white, male, 35 - 40, 5'10" - 6', 150 lbs., dark brown hair, medium build and medium complexion. He was subject of Sifile 26-29006.

One ROBERT HOOD STRADER was subject of an ITSMV; UFAP - AUTO THEFT case in which Milwaukee was 00,9/63, Bufile 26-316708, Sifile 26-23403. This individual had a rather extensive arrest record dating back to 11/48 at which time he was AWOL and which involved record of arrest for issuing worthless checks, mail fraud, investigation of forgery, and defrauding an innkeeper. ROBERT H. STRADER, whose FBI No. was given as 244 633 A, was twice a patient at hospitals, one as a patient at the Patton State Hospital concerning which fingerprints were furnished by the State Bureau of Identification, Sacramento, California, on 8-3-60 and subsequently again on 9-21-60, was a patient at Atascadero State Hospital, California. That individual was described as white, male, approximately 6'3", 190 lbs., fair complexion, hazel eyes, brown hair and was considered to have suicidal tendencies.

A check through NCIC on 4-30-68 indicated ROBERT STRADER was not currently wanted.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent PRINCE G. MELTON:

AT INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI:

On April 29, 1968, Mrs. WILLIAM R. DANIELS, 1313 Franklin Ave., phone CL 2-7660, advised that on April 28, 1968, she and her husband were fishing on the Missouri River near Fort Osage, Missouri. There was a white male in a 1957 to 1959 automobile with light tan body and white top who had four guns. This individual wore a T-shirt and khaki pants. She said that he had some kind of handgun and three long-barreled weapons, which may have included a shotgun.

At the time that she and her husband arrived on the scene, Mrs. DANIELS said that another man and a 12 to 14 year old boy were already there. This boy had a rifle and was shooting out over the river, as well as the first individual with the four guns. The man and the boy were there for about five or ten minutes after the DANIELSes arrived and then they departed. There was no indication that the man and the boy had any connection with or were acquainted with the first man. She could not recall what type of vehicle the man and the boy were driving, but it was parked in back of the tan car. In the limited area where the cars were parked, it was necessary for a car to back up and then turn around to leave the area.

Mrs. DANIELS said she and her husband arrived on the scene about 3 or 4 o'clock on April 28, 1968, and her husband often fishes near this area. The first individual with the several guns was quite careless in his handling of the weapons and both Mr. and Mrs. DANIELS became afraid and left the scene.

Mrs. DANIELS thought that this unknown individual was a man approximately the height of her husband, which she

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thought to be about 5'10" or 5'11", but somewhat heavier than her husband. The man could have been about forty years old. Mrs. DANIELS could not describe very accurately a scar on the forehead of this man, but thought it was to one side of his forehead. She was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and concluded that in her opinion the individual on the river did not resemble the fugitive RAY. She said, however, that her husband had a closer look at the man and she thought the photographs should be displayed to him.

On April 30, 1968, WILLIAM R. DANIELS was interviewed at his home, and he described the first individual with the guns as a white male, about 5'10", weight about 135 to 150 lbs. DANIELS at first said the individual was 5'11", which he considered his own height. It was pointed out to DANIELS that his height in all probability was less than 5'11", and he finally agreed that he was perhaps not over 5'10", so he adjusted the height of the unknown individual to 5'10". DANIELS, who weighs 125 lbs., indicated that the unknown individual was heavier in the chest than he and probably weighed 135 to 150 lbs. He thought the man may have had blue eyes, dark complexion, dark brown hair, and all of his teeth. He thought maybe the man's left ear did stick out further than his right ear. He said that the man had a 3/4" moon-shaped scar on the right corner of his forehead. DANIELS said he did not observe any scar in the middle of the forehead of this unknown individual.

He said that the man actually had three guns, one being a Luger pistol which he was firing when they arrived, plus a shotgun which was possibly a single-barreled Stevens. DANIELS could not see the action on the shotgun, but guessed from the barrel that it was a single-shot weapon. The individual also had a bolt-action, military-looking rifle, similar to the World War I 30-06 Springfield. The shotgun and the rifle were lying on top of the roof of a 1959 light tan Ford with cream top. DANIELS said this car bore a Missouri license tag, green and white, and he believed it was a two-door automobile.

DANIELS looked over the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and said that the individual on the river was similar in appearance to RAY, but he could not, of course, state that

this man was identical with RAY, especially since he had a noticeable moon-shaped scar on the right side of his forehead and did not have a scar in the center of his forehead.

DANIELS advised that he became afraid of this man because of his careless handling and pointing of the weapons. DANIELS was afraid for the safety of his wife and children, and he and his wife shortly departed the scene. The individual also attracted DANIELS' attention because he seemed to be picking up the spent cartridge cases after he fired the weapons in his possession. DANIELS conceded that if the man would reload his own cartridges, this could have been logical activity on the part of the unknown individual.

It is observed that there is considerable variance between the description of RAY and the description of the man on the river furnished by DANIELS and his wife, and Mrs. DANIELS does not believe that the photographs of RAY even resemble the man that they observed on the river.

DANIELS also described a third car being on the scene when he first arrived, which was in possession of a young man about twenty, shooting what could have been a .30 Caliber rifle out over the river. He couldn't recall what kind of car this was, but he remembered it was an older model. This young fellow also left the scene before DANIELS and his wife departed.

It was DANIELS' recollection that the man and boy previously referred to were in a 1967 or 1968 red pickup truck, possibly a Chevrolet or Ford.

DANIELS recalled that the unknown individual, whose actions he thought were suspicious, did, in fact, speak to him cordially, asking "Did you have any luck fishing," but DANIELS indicated that he was afraid of the man and thought he was careless with the guns so there was no extended conversation. DANIELS walked by this man and then came back by the man, so he had a good look at the man's face.

DANIELS said that the spot where this individual was shooting can be reached by going east on Highway 24 to Buckner, Missouri, and turning left, proceeding north to an intersection which leads to Fort Osage off to the right, but by continuing on this road past this side road to Fort

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Osage, you come to a levee which is down on the Missouri River, and the scene is reached by driving on across this levee, and just to the right after crossing the levee is the area where the vehicles were parked and the individuals were shooting out across the river.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent PRINCE G. MELTON:

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI:

On May 1, 1968, STERLING JUNIOR HILL, 9104 Walnut, phone JA 3-0790, advised that he was an inmate in the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, while JAMES EARL RAY was also an inmate in that institution. HILL advised that he was employed in the prison hospital, at first preparing dentures and later as supervisor of nursing. HILL advised that he was never a close friend of RAY, and they actually resided on opposite sides of the prison. RAY was in the hospital a few times on sick call, but was never actually checked in to occupy a bed. RAY just picked up his medication and left. HILL said, therefore, that although he knew RAY to speak to him, he had never had an extended conversation with RAY and actually knew very little concerning RAY's personal life or friends at the prison.

He remembered RAY as a "loner", who always acted like he was troubled. He remembered that RAY seldom smiled, and he judged that RAY was preoccupied with his own thoughts. After RAY escaped, HILL thought that probably RAY was thinking about his escape plans rather than the events closer at hand. He viewed the photographs of RAY and indicated they were good likenesses, recalling that RAY did cock his head a little to one side.

HILL said he would have no idea as to RAY's whereabouts, since RAY had never mentioned any escape, any friends inside or outside the prison, and had never given any possible itinerary if he left the prison. HILL said that since someone would probably make some money for turning RAY in, he himself would contact this Bureau if he ever does see RAY on the outside. HILL said that his own nickname was "Shotgun" while he was in the prison at Jefferson City, Missouri.

It will be observed that the whereabouts of STERLING J. HILL was obtained through JUNE A. HILL, Attorney (no relation),

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Legal Aid and Defender Society of Greater Kansas City, 1029 Oak. Attorney HILL had arranged for inmate HILL's release on the basis of improper legal representation when HILL was originally tried. Attorney HILL said the State then decided that it would not retry HILL because of the time that he had already served. STERLING HILL can also be contacted in care of his sister, Mrs. JUANITA BOSTON, 8120 Main, Kansas City, Mo., phone EM 1-7658.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA RAY HOMESLEY:

Re: Employment of EARL EVERETT RAY,  
subject's uncle, prior to 1944  
at Sunset Amusement Company,  
Excelsior Springs, Missouri

Chief PATTERSON, Police Department, Excelsior Springs, Missouri, advised on May 1, 1968, that the Sunset Amusement Company, was owned and operated by KENNETH GARMAN and had winter quarters at Excelsior Springs, Missouri. He said GARMAN sold the business and he does not know whether any employment records were retained. He said JOHN LODWIK, SR., Attorney, formally did some of the legal work for GARMAN.

JOHN LODWIK, SR., Attorney, Excelsior Springs, Missouri, stated GARMAN sold the Sunset Amusement Company a number of years ago and retired to Florida. He stated to his knowledge there were no old employment records retained and he does not know the whereabouts of GARMAN.

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The following individuals were contacted by SA RAY HOMESLEY, on May 1, 1968, in an attempt to identify (FNU) SLATTERY who took Delta Flight #55 from Birmingham to Memphis and Kansas City, on April 7, 1968:

GEORGE B. SLATTERY, 8441 Flora, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. HELEN SLATTERY, 1004 East 29th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. MARGARET H. SLATTERY, 5628 Locust, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. PANSY MOSER (SLATTERY), 632 Hardesty, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. MARGARET L. SLATTERY, 600 West 96th Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. SUSAN BROWN, Reservations Clerk, Delta Airlines, Kansas City, Missouri, advised she has no way of identifying passenger SLATTERY on Delta Flight #55 from Birmingham to Memphis and Kansas City, on April 7, 1968. She advised Delta Airlines records are maintained at Atlanta, Georgia, including credit records of passengers.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE IO # 4182, WF # 442-A, TOP TEN FUGITIVE; Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (DECEASED) - VICTIM</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER</b>	TYPED BY <b>clm</b>
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REFERENCE:

Memphis report of SA JOE C. HESTER, 4/30/68.

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Will continue efforts to locate JAMES EARL RAY. All leads being handled immediately upon receipt.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The Jackson Division, at the outset of this matter, conducted investigation concerning the names ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER and JOHN WILLARD in Federal agencies, state and local agencies, with negative results.

All credit and arrest agencies in the 82 counties in Mississippi were contacted. All city directories and telephone directories were checked. Selective Service System, State Office, as well as each local board, county voter registration records, county Departments of Public Welfare, county Tax Assessor Offices, county Clerks of Court, each county, marriage and divorce records, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Board of Health, Workmen's Compensation and Employment Security Commissions, all utility companies, electricity, gas and telephone, financial institutions, registrar's office in major universities, Port Director, Gulfport, Mississippi, all shrimp boat operators in the Gulf Coast area, all barge and towing companies at river ports at Greenville, Vicksburg and Natchez, Mississippi, were checked. One million, two hundred thousand drivers licenses checked through IBM computer concerning the birth date  all of the above with negative results.

All airports, motel and parking garage facilities in Mississippi were checked in an attempt to locate a 1966 white Mustang with negative results.

All dancing schools or academies were checked. Civilian personnel records, Keesler AFB, Biloxi, checked with negative results.

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Ingalls Shipyard at Pascagoula, Mississippi, checked with negative results.

All criminal and racial informants contacted with negative results.

Whereabouts of each major bombing suspect in the State of Mississippi checked and verified to eliminate as possible suspects.

In addition to the above, numerous lookalikes reported to the Jackson Office were located, interviewed and eliminated as possible suspects.

All of the above information has been reviewed, indexed, and filed in the Jackson Office.

For the sake of brevity, negative type information is not being set out in this report.

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Report of: SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER  
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Title: JAMES EARL RAY;  
Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
(DECEASED) - VICTIMCharacter: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;  
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis: Motels and Standard service stations on major highways in North Central and Northeastern section of State of Miss. contacted in attempt to identify individual depicted in artist conception of ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as Harry Lowmeyer, John Willard. Color photo received from Memphis FBI Office of a bedspread and bath towel exhibited to personnel at motels in attempt to identify as being property of the particular motel with negative results. Investigation at Southaven Minnow Shop, Highway 51, Southaven, Miss., just south of the Tenn. State Line, disclosed this shop is the only establishment located which handled Schlitz 12-ounce beer in pop-top cans, as well as Homestead Stubby No. 20, brown paper bags. One empty Schlitz beer can and one brown paper bag obtained from Southaven Minnow Shop and forwarded to FBI Lab., Washington, D. C., for examination purposes. Results of FBI Lab. examination discloses brown paper bag similar in all observable characteristics to paper bag previously submitted. Personnel at minnow shop unable to identify artist conception and unable to identify photo of JAMES EARL RAY as depicted on Wanted Flyer No. 442-A. IN VIEW OF THE CRIME FOR WHICH SUBJECT BEING SOUGHT, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JAMES W. SAMMON:

On the dates indicated, motels and Standard Service Stations on the below listed major highways in north central and northeastern portion of the State of Mississippi were contacted in this matter. Personnel at motels were exhibited composite drawings of ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as John Willard, Harvey Lowmeyer, received from the Memphis and Birmingham Divisions, along with a color photograph of a bedspread and bath towel received from the Memphis Division. Personnel at these motels failed to identify the composite photographs of GALT, as well as the bedspread or towel as property of their particular motel. The guest registration cards of motels contacted were personally checked by SA JAMES W. SAMMON from the period of March 29 to April 5, 1968, inclusive in an effort to determine if any guest using the name GALT, WILLARD, or LOWMEYER registered at that motel. These checks met with negative results.

Standard Service Stations on the indicated highways were also contacted and personnel at those service stations were also exhibited artist's conceptions of GALT, along with the colored photographs of the Standard Oil map of the United States and the Standard Oil map of Georgia - Alabama. Personnel at these service stations were questioned regarding a 1966 white Mustang with an Alabama tag. Contacts at these service stations also met with negative results.

April 10, 1968 - Highway 55 Interstate and Highway 51, north from Batesville, Mississippi, to the Tennessee State Line. Highway 78 southeast from the Tennessee State Line to the City Limits of Holly Springs, Mississippi.

April 11, 1968 - Highways 78, 6, and 45 within the City Limits of Tupelo, Mississippi. Highway 45 north from Tupelo, Mississippi, to Corinth, Mississippi. Highways 45

and 72 within the City Limits of Corinth, Mississippi.

April 12, 1968 - Highway 78 East from Tupelo, Mississippi, to the Alabama State Line. Highway 45 South from Tupelo, Mississippi, to Columbus, Mississippi. Highway 82 East from Mayhew, Mississippi, to the Alabama State Line. Highways 82 and 45 East within the City Limits of Columbus, Mississippi.

April 13, 1968 - Highway 82 West from Columbus, Mississippi, to Winona, Mississippi. Highway 51 North from Winona, Mississippi, to Grenada, Mississippi. Interstate 55 and Highway 51 North from Grenada, Mississippi, to Batesville, Mississippi.

April 16, 1968 - Highway 72 from the Alabama State Line to the Tennessee State Line. Highway 78 Southeast from Holly Springs, Mississippi, to Tupelo, Mississippi.

April 17, 1968, Highway 45 East from Shannon, Mississippi, to Columbus, Mississippi. Highway 278 East from Highway 45 East from New Wren, Mississippi, to the Alabama State Line. Highway 6 West from Tupelo, Mississippi, to Batesville, Mississippi. The notes from contacts with personnel at motels and Standard Oil Service Stations are being maintained in the Jackson file regarding this matter.

The following motels affiliated with Friendship Inns were contacted on the indicated dates and personnel there were interviewed as set forth above and in addition, the color photograph containing the Friendship Inn Cashmere Bouquet soap wrapper was exhibited with negative results.

MARY MILTON, Registration Clerk, Townhouse Motel, Friendship Inn, Highway 45 South, Tupelo, Mississippi, which motel uses Camay soap with Friendship Inn wrapper, on April 11, 1968.

Mrs. BROOKS PHILLIPS, Southern Motel, Friendship Inn, Corinth, Mississippi, which motel does handle Cashmere Bouquet with Friendship Motel wrapper, on April 11, 1968.



However, Southern Motel was negative on photographs of GALT; negative on bedspread; and negative on bath towel.

Mrs. ANNIE LOUISE HUDSON, Marshall Motel, Friendship Inn, Highway 45 North, West Point, Mississippi, contacted April 12, 1968.

WILLIAM DOVES, Registration Clerk, Columbus Motel, Friendship Inn, Highway 82 East, Columbus, Mississippi, does not use soap wrapped with Friendship paper, contacted April 12, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES W. SAMMON on April 15, 1968, in the Southaven, Mississippi, area, Highway 51, south of the Tennessee State Line in Mississippi.

The following dealer outlets in that area were contacted in an effort to determine if they had any twelve-ounce Schlitz pop-top beer cans with the brewery date of March 15, 1968, which was sold by them in six packs held with a plastic ring. The following beer outlets in that area were contacted on April 15, 1968, with negative results:

SHIRLEY JERET, Stop and Go Store, Highway 51 South.

MARY SNELL, Cashier, BILL RAGLAND, Manager, and LESTER ENOCHS, Stock Man, A and P Supermarket, Highway 51 South, Southaven, Mississippi.

BILL BEALE, Seven Eleven Store, Highway 51 South, Southaven, Mississippi.

MARY DRUMMOND, Drummond Drive-Inn, Highway 51 South, Southaven, Mississippi.

The composite photographs of GALT from Memphis and Birmingham were also exhibited to the above individuals at beer outlets in Southaven, Mississippi, with negative results.

In contacting motels on Highway 51 North on April 10, 1968, RAYMOND ROBINSON, owner of the Thrift Courts Motel

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at Senatobia, Mississippi, advised that for the past three or four weeks, a white male, name unknown, 25 to 30 years old, had been staying at that motel. ROBINSON said that this individual is employed in Stray Horn, Mississippi, on Highway 4 where he is employed constructing a water tower. ROBINSON said that this individual drives a white Mustang with an Alabama license.

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DONALD DICKSON was located in Stray Horn, Mississippi, at the sight of the construction of a water tower. DICKSON said that he has been in the Senatobia, Mississippi, area for the past three weeks and that he is employed for R. D. Cole Manufacturing Company of Newnan, Georgia, which company constructs water towers. DICKSON said he has been so employed for the past nine years and is a foreman of that company.

DICKSON said that on April 4, 1968, he was in bed asleep at the Thrift Courts Motel in Senatobia, Mississippi, when one of his employees came into the room advising him that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING had been shot and killed in Memphis, Tennessee. DICKSON said that an employee, TOM CANNON, and DOUG IVEY can vouch for his presence at the motel when KING was assassinated. DICKSON said that his 1967 white Mustang automobile was parked at the motel at that time.

DICKSON said that he is not responsible for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, nor can he furnish any information in that regard.

The following is a description of DICKSON obtained through observation and interview:

Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Age:	29
Date of Birth:	
Place of Birth:	Fayetteville, Georgia
Residence:	Route 1, Fayetteville, Georgia
Height:	6 feet
Weight:	160
Eyes:	Brown

On 4/10/68 at Stray Horn, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA JAMES W. SAMMON/bls Date dictated 4/15/68

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Hair:	Light brown, short, curly, and parted
Complexion:	Ruddy
Build:	Slender
Education:	10th grade
Marital Status:	Single
Military Service:	U.S. Army, 53348507 from 1961 to 1963 - honorable
Employment:	Foreman for R.D. Cole Manufacturing Company, Newnan, Georgia, for past nine years
Automobile:	1967 white Mustang, 1968 Georgia license 112-D-484
Previous Arrests:	No admits

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Date 4/22/68

DONALD SEWELL, employee, 7-11 Store, Number 34, 6099 Millbranch, Southaven, Mississippi, after being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the investigation, furnished the following information:

He stated that the 7-11 Store purchases its beer from the Service Beverage Company at Clarksdale, Mississippi.

He stated that the Schlitz delivery man appears at that store every Wednesday.

He advised after examining his stock of Schlitz 12 ounce pop top cans that he had two six packs in his refrigerator with the date March 15, 1968. He stated that this 7-11 Store uses Toreador paper sacks. He advised they do not utilize a number or size 20 paper sack.

He was displayed artist's conception drawings from Birmingham and Memphis, Tennessee.

SEWELL recalled that in the latter part of March, 1968, a white male approximately 5'9" to 5'10" in height, age 27 to 28 years of age, small frame, with a dark crew hair cut, wearing a gray suit with black pin stripes, glasses with black rims, purchased beer at that store.

SEWELL stated that he could not recall what brand of beer this individual bought or how he paid for it.

SEWELL stated that he recalled this incident as the authorities in Memphis, Tennessee, had put a curfew on beer and liquor sales and that at the same time this individual was in the checkout line, a highway patrolman came to the store and told him to cut off beer sales.

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According to SEWELL, the patrolman advised him that the individuals in line could make their purchases but no other individuals would be allowed to purchase beer. SEWELL estimated the time at 3:30 p.m.

He stated that he recalled this incident as after this white male purchased the beer, he, SEWELL, had to request him to leave the store as he was "cursing" due to the fact that the beer sales had been cut off.

SEWELL stated that he had to tell this individual to leave the store.

SEWELL again stated that he believes this incident took place during the latter part of March, 1968, when the City of Memphis first experienced racial problems.

SEWELL stated that he had never seen this individual before and has not seen him since. He stated he did not see which way he turned when he left the store nor did he observe an automobile.

He stated that this individual vaguely resembled the artist's conception drawing from Birmingham.

SEWELL stated that he doubted he could recognize this individual if he saw him again.

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Located at the Southaven Minnow Shop, Highway 51, just south of the Tennessee State Line in Mississippi, were numerous six packs of Schlitz twelve-ounce beer in the pop-top can, held together in the six pack with a plastic ring, which beer was brewed by the date March 15, 1968. A can of this beer was obtained.

Also located in that minnow shop was a brown paper bag stamped "Homestead. Stubby. 20". One of the brown paper bags was obtained.

BILL and JANE MC LAUGHLIN and their son WILLIE MC LAUGHLIN, the proprietors of that minnow shop, were all interviewed in this matter, and composite photographs of GALT exhibited to them with negative results. Neither they nor LAWRENCE PARKER, a frequent customer to the minnow shop, could identify GALT by photograph, nor did they recall an individual driving a white Mustang with an Alabama license purchasing a six pack of twelve-ounce pop-top Schlitz beer from their minnow shop.

Mr. MC LAUGHLIN advised that GUS (last name unknown), a salesman for the Service Beverage Company of Clarksdale, Mississippi, delivers their beer to them, and that from his records, on April 1, 1968, he purchased 17 cases of twelve-ounce Schlitz pop-top beer; on April 10, eight cases; on April 11, six cases; and on April 15, 1968, two cases.

It was noted that the Southaven Minnow Shop is one-half mile south on Highway 51 from the Tennessee State Line in Mississippi and exactly three miles south of the Oliver Rexall Drug Store on Highway 51, Whitehaven, Memphis, Tennessee.

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LEW HOUSTON, Manager of Service Beverage, a Schlitz Beer Distributor, Clarksdale, Mississippi, advised that all their beer is brewed and sent to them from their Schlitz Brewery in Longview, Texas.

HOUSTON said that GUS THOMPSON is their truck salesman to the Southaven, Mississippi, area and does deliver Schlitz beer to the Southaven Minnow Shop in Southaven, Mississippi.

HOUSTON said on March 15, 1968, his company received 2100 cases of the twelve-ounce pop-top Schlitz beer from their Longview, Texas, brewery and all of that beer has been distributed.

HOUSTON said that on March 20, 1968, his company was shipped 924 cases of that beer from Longview, Texas, and that he has 35 cases of that particular beer left, which was brewed at Longview on March 15, 1968, which date is recorded on the cans. HOUSTON said that this particular shipment was sent on March 15, 1968, from Longview to him.

HOUSTON said that therefore all Schlitz beer brewed at Longview, Texas, on March 15, 1968, was received by him on March 20, 1968, and that of the 924 cases received, he has 35 cases remaining. HOUSTON said that from his records, the Southaven Minnow Shop on March 21, 1968, received four cases of the twelve-ounce pop-top Schlitz beer; on March 28, 1968, five cases; and on March 30, 1968, twelve cases. HOUSTON said that that beer received at the Southaven Minnow Shop would have been a portion of the beer brewed in Longview, Texas, on March 15, 1968, and received by him in Clarksdale on March 20, 1968.

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Mr. V. P. WAIT, Manager, Senatobia Tobacco Company, was interviewed concerning the distribution of a Number 20 brown paper bag with the name "Homestead Stubby" written on it, at which time WAIT furnished the following information:

WAIT advised that Senatobia Tobacco Company is a branch of Pettis Cigar Company and that they (Senatobia Tobacco) do handle a Number 20 brown paper bag with the name "Homestead Stubby" on it.

WAIT advised that the Southaven Minnow Shop, located on Route 51, adjacent to the Mississippi - Tennessee State Line, is the only store that is presently purchasing this bag. WAIT stated that the Southaven Minnow Shop has presently been purchasing about 250 of these bags every two weeks.

WAIT further advised that the Southaven Minnow Shop is the only store that is presently buying that particular bag in that area. WAIT stated that the "Market Place", located on Route 51, across from the Southaven Minnow Shop, had purchased this particular bag around Christmas of 1967, but this had only been a one time order.

WAIT advised that the closest store to the Southaven Minnow Shop that is presently using this particular bag is Treadways Grocery, which is in Cockrum, Mississippi, in the southern part of DeSoto County.

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GROVER KINNY, Stock Manager, Pettis Company, Oxford, Mississippi, was contacted concerning the distribution of a Number 20 brown paper bag with the name "Homestead Stubby" written on it, at which time KINNY furnished the following information:

KINNY advised that Pettis Cigar Company buys a Number 20 brown paper bag bearing the name "Homestead Stubby" from the Graham Paper Company in Memphis.

KINNY advised that distribution to stores in the extreme northern part of Mississippi is handled by Senatobia Tobacco Company, in Senatobia, Mississippi, which is a branch of Pettis Cigar Company, and that specific information concerning the sale of this bag would have to be obtained from Senatobia Tobacco.

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