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Miss ANITA LOUISE KATZWINKEL was contacted at her residence of Apartment 9, 1727 North Garfield Place, and after being advised of the identity of the contacting agents, she was interviewed regarding her knowledge of ERIC STARVO GALT, GINGER DAY and SUE HARRIS.

At the outset of the interview, KATZWINKEL was shown two black white photographs of the person named ERIC STARVO GALT, and was asked if she had ever seen this person before or if she knew anyone who resembled him. She stated she did not.

She then volunteered the information that she had been listening to various news broadcasts regarding GALT, and had heard that GALT drank beer and vodka and listened to country and western music. She advised that GINGER DAY, also known as Ginger Nance, favored beer and vodka and would listen only to country and western music.

KATZWINKEL was then asked if she knew any persons who used the names of CHARLIE STEIN, RITA STEIN or MARIA BARINO (phonetic). She advised that she did not.

KATZWINKEL was then asked whether SUE HARRIS had ever made any obscene movies. She advised that one time HARRIS told her she had made a nude film with LOU. KATZWINKEL advised that LOU, whose last name she did not know, was one of several call-girls who worked for HARRIS.

According to KATZWINKEL, the film was made at HARRIS' apartment located on Orange Drive, in Hollywood, California and that LOU arranged the filming of it. It was at this same apartment that HARRIS was arrested by the Los Angeles Police Department for prostitution. LOU and some other girls were arrested along with her. KATZWINKEL advised that HARRIS only mentioned making nude films to her one time. This film was made prior to the time KATZWINKEL and GINGER DAY came to the Los Angeles area. At the time it was made, LOU, her boy friend JOHNNY BENELLI (phonetic), SUE HARRIS, and several other girls were

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working out of, and living at, HARRIS' apartment on Orange Drive. HARRIS, at the time of her arrest, also worked out of a bar located on Hollywood Boulevard, which is now known as the Blue Bongo.

KATZWINKEL advised that she met LOU ont time during November or December, 1967, at HARRIS' residence, Apartment 102, 1831 Gramercy Place, Hollywood, California. She described LOU as follows:

Sex	Female
Race	White
Height	5'10" to 6'
Hair	Blond, long, shoulder length
Age	22 years
Characteristics	Very pretty; intelligent; possibly has some college education; originally from New Orleans, Louisiana; and lives common-law with JOHNNY BENELLI (phonetic)

KATZWINKEL stated she did not know if LOU and BENELLI (phonetic) still reside in the Hollywood area. She did state that although she never met BENELLI (phonetic), somehow she received the impression that he is about forty years of age, or at least a good deal older than LOU.

KATZWINKEL stated she was very close to SUE HARRIS, and knows HARRIS kept records of all dates filled by herself, or by one of the girls working for her. She would not accept any dates from anyone unless they were known to her. These records contain the customer's name, which is always an alias; his description, phone number; residence; employment; the date the trick was turned; and how much money the customer paid. These records are kept in four books and on notebook paper. One book is a small address book, and another is a recipe book. These records are kept by HARRIS so as to give her an idea how much money has been earned and who her customers are.

In addition to the above KATZWINKEL advised she never made any obscene or nude films for HARRIS, nor did she believe that GINGER DAY ever did.

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On May 10, 1968, L. D. JOHNSON, Manager, Garvin Tire Service Center, 5140 Lankershim Boulevard, North Hollywood, California, advised that a review of the sales invoices for August, 1967, through March, 1968, for the North Hollywood Branch of the Garvin Tire Service Centers failed to reveal any item identifiable to JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt and it was noted that many of the invoices merely had the notation "cash".

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On May 3, 1968, Mr. ROBERT PALLOTTO, Manager, Garvin Tire Service Center, 7257 Reseda Boulevard, Reseda, California, advised that his company purchased the Matrix in question in the late part of 1962 or early part of 1963 and his company has been and is still using the Matrix to mold tires. Mr. PALLOTTO advised that his company's tires do bear the identification mark of "GT" but he has no idea how the identification mark of "RGT" would get on one of the tires. A review of all of the sales invoices of the Reseda Center from August, 1967 to the end of March, 1968, failed to reflect any tire purchase identifiable to JAMES EARL RAY. PALLOTTO advised that his company often merely writes the word "cash" on the invoice rather than any name or address and it would therefore be impossible to identify the persons purchasing tires. PALLOTTO advised that his company also has a branch service center in North Hollywood, California, and their records would be available for review.

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BO DEL MONTE, Bartender, Rabbit's Foot Club, 5623 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised that his home address is 1229 North Bronson, Los Angeles, California. He advised after observing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, that RAY was identical to a customer who frequented the Rabbit's Foot Club, from approximately January until the middle of March 1968. He described RAY as wearing usually a dark suit, with a bow tie. He said that his appearance was that of a rural person from Alabama, who has just recently come to the "big city". He said that RAY wore his crew cut to long, or he was allowing his hair to grow.

DEL MONTE recalled the incident in which RAY became involved in a heated discussion with a Caucasian female and began dragging her towards the door of the bar saying, "I'll drop you off in Watts and we'll see how you like it there". DEL MONTE recalled that shortly after this incident a Negro patron of the Rabbit's Foot Club, and his date, were struck on the head by a rock or brick while in a nearby parking lot.

DEL MONTE acknowledge that RAY often spoke support for Governor WALLACE.

DEL MONTE said that RAY drank vodka straight or in screwdrivers. DEL MONTE said that RAY purchased a key for the key club, which is operated by the Rabbit's Foot Club. He stated that he believes RAY gave him the name "DOUG COLLINS", when he purchased his key. DEL MONTE said that the writing of this name was by himself, and RAY furnished no other information as to residence.

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JAMES E. MORRISON, Bartender, Rabbit's Foot Club, 5623 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised that he resides at 1911 Grace Avenue, Los Angeles, California. He was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, and he advised this individual is identical with a customer who frequented the Rabbit's Foot Bar. He said that he recalled this individual because of his frequency as a customer at the bar. MORRISON stated that he became engaged in a political discussion with RAY concerning ROBERT F. KENNEDY and GEORGE WALLACE. He said that RAY became rather incensed and vehemently supported WALLACE. On one other occasion, MORRISON said that RAY had a discussion with a frequent female customer of the bar whose name was PAT GOODSELL. This discussion concerned Negroes and civil rights movement. MORRISON said that RAY became very involved in the argument and began dragging her towards the door saying, "I'll drop you off in Watts and we'll see how you like it there". MORRISON said that another customer who knew the girl, separated them. MORRISON said that subsequent to this event GOODSELL died through an overdose of some type of medicine. He said that she formerly resided at the Carlton Towers, an apartment complex, in the neighborhood. He described her as:

Race	Caucasian
Sex	Female
Age	Approximately 27

MORRISON said that RAY habitually drank vodka or screwdrivers. He said that he was a very quiet customer and it was unusual for him to become involved in an argument. MORRISON said that he believes he used the name "DOUG" while at the bar.

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ALLAN O. THOMPSON, Manager, St. Francis Hotel 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was asked if there was a male Caucasian fitting the description of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, in room 507. THOMPSON advised that there was no male occupant in that room. He said that this room has been occupied for several years, at least ten, by NAOMI MILNE, who is a Caucasian female employed as a nurse.

He said that this woman is allegedly from Australia. He said that she has few visitors. She stated that he is well aware of the appearance of RAY, also known as Galt, and would notice him if he came into the hotel. He stated that no individual appearing like RAY has come into the hotel since RAY's departure on March 17, 1968.

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GENE TURNER, Accountant, employed by the Los Angeles "Free Press" at 938 North Fairfax, was interviewed at that address. He stated that the records of the "Free Press" indicate that a want ad was received in the "Free Press" office on January 30, 1968, from an individual identifying himself as ERIC S. GALT. Accompanying this advertisement was the sum of \$4.25. The records do not indicate in what form this money was received. The advertisement was made available by TURNER. It is typewritten, using red type in capital letters. It reads as follows:

"Single male Cauc. 36 yrs, 5-11, 170 lbs Digs Fr. Cult. desire's discreet meeting with passionate married female for mutual enjoyment, and/or female for swing session apt. furn. will ex. photo. Write ERIC S. 406 So. 2nd St. Alhambra, 91802."

Also in red typing below the above advertisement was a notation as follows:

"Return name and address, ERIC S. GALT. Same as above. Inclosed is M. O. for \$4.25, Run ad under 31 unit system. Thanks."

TURNER stated that this advertisement ran in the February 2-8, 1968, issue of the "Free Press." He stated that the address listed in the advertisement of 406 South Second Street, Alhambra, California, is an address of a mail forwarding service which is used quite frequently by persons placing advertisements in the "Free Press." TURNER made available copies of the February 2-8, 1968, issue of the "Free Press."

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PATRICIA ANDERSON, 2800 Glenview Avenue, Los Angeles, California, advised that she first became aware of "The Local Swinger" when she received a letter dated February 17, 1968 from ERIC S. GALT which she considered obscene in content. She immediately turned this over to the Postoffice, as well as two others which she received from other persons.

PATRICIA ANDERSON stated that all communications to her came in her maiden name, PATRICIA SCHUBERT. She believes that her name might have been bought from a mailing list as she subscribes to magazines using this name. She has never subscribed to "The Local Swinger", has never written to pen pal clubs, or subscribed to "Los Angeles Free Press".

MRS. ANDERSON viewed a group of pictures of JAMES EARL RAY, but she stated that she never saw the man, nor did she ever try to communicate with GALT despite the fact that she received his phone number and address on the letter sent to her by GALT.

PATRICIA KATHLEEN ANDERSON stated that she was a secretary in the Claims Department, U.S. Fidelity & Casualty Company, Los Angeles, California, and resides with her aged mother and ill 54 year old brother at the residence. At the present time she is separated from her husband, LEE T. ANDERSON, 7942 East Hayne Place, Tuscon, Arizona.

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JAMES E. O'DOWD, 8115 East Imperial Highway, Downey, California, one of the co-owners of The Local Swinger, a correspondence club, stated that this club used Postoffice Box 3802, Downey, California for receipt of their mail.

O'DOWD stated that in about February 1968 he and ANN L. MEYERS started The Local Swinger by inserting an advertisement in the Los Angeles Free Press, offering to send a list of local swingers to anyone who sent in the amount of \$1.00. About the middle of February they received a note from ERIC S. GALT, along with \$1.00, asking for the list. Shortly thereafter they received five letters, along with \$5.00, these letters to be sent to individuals whose coded names appeared in The Local Swinger list. O'DOWD explained that each time a letter is sent on to another individual they charge \$1.00, and in this case he believed that five letters were sent. O'DOWD stated that they kept no records of the individuals who were to receive these letters, but he did recall that one was sent to PATRICIA SCHUBERT, and the other four to four other unknown individuals.

O'DOWD viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY but stated that he had never seen RAY, or had never met the man who wrote under the name of ERIC S. GALT.

O'DOWD reviewed his records and stated that he did not keep the note requesting that a list of swingers be sent to ERIC S. GALT, and he had no idea who GALT had contacted.

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ANN L. MEYERS, 8115 East Imperial Highway, Downey, California, co-owner of The Local Swinger, along with JAMES E. O'DOWD, advised that the two began the operation in February 1968 for the purpose of mailing list of local swingers to those who desired such a list. She stated that they placed an advertisement in the Los Angeles Free Press, offering to send a list of local swingers to anyone who paid the price of \$1.00. In addition it was understood that for each letter sent to The Local Swinger, the sender would have to pay \$1.00.

MEYERS stated that about the middle of February 1968 they received a note from ERIC S. GALT, and also a dollar, and a request for a list of swingers. Shortly after they received what she believed were five letters being sent to five individuals who coded names appeared in their list. MEYERS stated that no record was kept of those who received these letters. She did recall that one PATRICIA SCHUBERT was the recipient of one such letter, but she did not know the other four. The \$5.00 for the five letters was in cash.

MEYERS viewed pictures of JAMES EARL RAY but stated that she had never seen RAY, or had never met the man who wrote under the name of ERIC S. GALT.

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MARTIN EDWARD VILLARE, 5545 Carlton Way, apartment 202, Hollywood, was interviewed at his residence at which time he furnished the following information:

MARTIN EDWARD VILLARE, advised that he did not know CHARLES J. STEIN, CHARLEY STEIN, RITA STEIN, MARIE MARTIN, also known as Marie Deninno or a girl by the name of JERI. VILLARE advised that he did not know JAMES EARL RAY or ERIC STARVO GALT nor did he recognize a photo of RAY as an associate of his.

VILLARE stated he did know a HELEN that had worked at a bar with MELODY O'BRIEN about one year ago. He advised that HELEN was a topless "Go-Go" dancer, who he described as:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Age	20
Height	5'3
Hair	Brunette
Build	Well proportioned and attractive

VILLARE stated that he had seen a picture of HELEN in a "Nudie" magazine. VILLARE did not know HELEN's last name.

VILLARE advised that he did not know why MELODY O'BRIEN and his phone number was written in the phone booth at the St. Francis Hotel. VILLARE advised that the only person he had known who ever resided at the hotel was DOUG EMBRY. VILLARE advised that EMBRY had come from Ohio about two weeks ago and had stayed at the St. Francis Hotel till he moved to downtown Los Angeles.

VILLARE advised that he had received some phone calls from an unknown male, beginning about the first of December 1967, and continuing until mid January 1968. He

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advised that the caller would ask for MELODY and try to get her to meet him. VILLAIRE advised that the calls were received about 2 a.m. and were so frequent that he contacted the Hollywood Division of the Los Angeles Police Department. VILLAIRE advised that the calls ceased before anything was done to identify the caller.

VILLAIRE advised he had been in California for about two and one-half years and had resided in his current address with MELODY O'BRIEN for about two years. VILLAIRE advised that he ~~was~~ an actor but had not yet been employed.

The following description was obtained through interview and observation:

Name	MARTIN EDWARD VILLAIRE
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Detroit, Michigan
Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	6'
Weight	155-160 pounds
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Brown
Scars or Marks	None observed
Parents	FRANCIS VILLAIRE YVONNE RAYMOND VILLAIRE
Occupation	Actor
Employer	None
Military Service	None
Education	High School St. Mary of Redford Detroit, Michigan
Driver's License	California SO 82793

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MELODY MARGARET O'BRIEN, was interviewed at her residence, 5545 Carlton Way, apartment 202, Los Angeles, at which time she furnished the following information:

When asked if she was acquainted with ERIC STARVO GALT, JAMES EARL RAY, CHARLES J. or CHARLEY STEIN, RITA STEIN, or MARIE MARTIN, who is also known as Marie Dennino and Marie Martinello, she replied that she was not acquainted with any of these individuals. When asked if she was acquainted with a JERI or HELEN, she replied that she was not acquainted with a JERI, but did know a HELEN, whose last name she could not recall, who was a topless dancer at "The Mouse Trap" on Valley Boulevard, Industry, California, at the same time as O'BRIEN. She added that HELEN had formerly been employed as a topless dancer at The Stairway, 6274 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, prior to her employment as a topless dancer at The Mouse Trap. She stated that HELEN resided on Russell Avenue, Los Angeles, exact address unknown, but in the vicinity of Western Avenue and Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles. HELEN was described by O'BRIEN as:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Age	22-23 years
Height	5'3"
Eyes	Blue
Build	Busty, well built, and aspiring to become an actress
Hair	Brunette, wears blonde wig

O'BRIEN advised she knew of no reason why her telephone number, 461-2050, would be written in a telephone booth in the St. Francis Hotel. She related she had never been in the St. Francis Hotel or the Sultan Room, nor did she know anyone residing at the St. Francis Hotel. She related that she was a topless dancer and many of the patrons who come to watch her dance get her name. They thereafter obtained her telephone number from the telephone book or telephone operator as her number is published. She stated she had been told that

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her name and telephone number was even written in the men's restroom at the places where she had danced topless. She commented she had danced topless in various places in the Los Angeles area until she terminated her last place of employment the past Saturday, April 20, 1968. She was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY at which time she advised she could not recognize the individual depicted in the photographs. She further added that she could not recognize JAMES EARL RAY as an individual who patronized the places where she danced. O'BRIEN stated she did not know anyone who drove a white Mustang with Alabama license plates.

O'BRIEN advised that for a period of about four months ending February 1967, she received a series of telephone calls at her residence which is the number listed above. Each call was placed at approximately 2 a.m. She advised the caller was a male, who she believed to be in his twenties. The caller would ask to meet her. She refused on every occasion and, therefore, did not learn the caller's name or the location from which he was calling. O'BRIEN stated she had notified the Hollywood Division of the Los Angeles Police Department, but telephone calls ceased before any action could be taken.

O'BRIEN advised she had been living with a roommate, MARTIN VILLALBA, during the past two years and he may have had an acquaintance at the St. Francis Hotel, who placed her telephone number on the wall.

The following description of O'BRIEN was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	MELODY MARGARET O'BRIEN
Race	White
Sex	Female
Hair	Dark brown, worn long
Eyes	Brown
Height	5'2
Weight	120 pounds
Age	24 years
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Los Angeles, California
Education	Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital 9th, 10th, and 11th grade - The Old Mission of San Gabriel 12th grade - graduated Azusa High School, 1960
Relatives	HARRY VICTOR O'BRIEN, deceased 1962

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Prior admitted	Mother, MARGARET ROSE O'HALLERN
Arrests	deceased at MELODY O'BRIEN's birth
	Sister, SHARON O'BRIEN deceased
	at City of Hope, Duarte, California
	from Leukemia
	"Runaway from San Gabriel Orphanage,
	Arrested for indecent exposure and
	lewd dancing - Norwalk, California,
	and placed on probation-one year
	summary, drunk driving.
Scars	½" scar on lip
	1" traceotomy scar, center of throat
	result of auto accident, teeth also
	had to be removed as result of
	accident.
Employments	Monrovia Nursery - while in high
	school, R. A. Rowan Insurance Company,
	Los Angeles, California
	Subsequent employment was as
	topless dancer.
	South Forty
	Inglewood, California
	April 1966, worked one night
	Plaid Rabbit
	Norwalk, California
	March 1966 to August 1966
	Cherry Patch
	Los Angeles and Wilmington, California
	August 1966 to October 1966
	The Mouse Trap
	October 1966 to February 1967
	Satin Doll
	February 1967 to April 20, 1968

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MARIA VLAHOS, apartment 302, 640 North Kingsley Drive, Hollywood, California, stated she was the sister of HELENA VLAHOS. She was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. She said the individual in these photographs is familiar to her. She said that she remembers this individual coming into the Fez, 1508 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California. She said that she works at the Fez as a cocktail waitress and dancer. VLAHOS stated that this individual is familiar to her because of the strange way in which he came into the Fez, walked about and then left. This is unusual for the type of clientele that frequents this night club. She stated that she knows of no other information concerning this individual.

VLAHOS stated that she does not frequent bars east of the Hollywood Freeway, on Hollywood Boulevard. She stated that to the best of her knowledge she has never been to the Sultan Room in the St. Francis Hotel.

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HELENA VLAHOS, apartment 302, 640 North Kingsley Drive, Los Angeles, California, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. She advised that these photographs are unfamiliar to her. She stated that she knows of no one by the name of JAMES EARL RAY and/or ERIC STARVO GALT. She said that she has worked at the Seventh Veil steadily since January 1968. She advised that she worked at the Seventh Veil during June, July, and August of 1967. She said that during September, October, November, and December she was working at the "Arabian Nights", a night club in Fresno, California.

VLAHOS said that she does not go to any bars and night clubs east of the Hollywood Freeway, on Hollywood Boulevard. She said to her recollection she has never been to the Sultan Room at the St. Francis Hotel.

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MIKE BADALIAN, Manager, Seventh Veil, 7180 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised that he has in his employment a HELENA VLAHOS. He said that she is a belly dancer and of Greek descent. He advised that she is presently living at apartment 302, 640 North Kingsley Drive, Los Angeles, California. He stated that her present telephone number is 665-6846. He stated that she is living with her sister.

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In an attempt to determine if DYRELL DENNIS was a legitimate person and possibly identical with a mysterious blond female reported by LOUIS LOVAX to be a friend of JAMES EARL RAY, a photograph of DENNIS was exhibited to ALLEN THOMPSON, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

Mr. THOMPSON advised that he recognized the female in the photograph as being identical with a female he has seen come out of the Sultan Room bar in the same building as the hotel and proceed through the hotel lobby to the restrooms. He advised that he has not observed DENNIS on any other occasions. He stated that he has never seen DENNIS in the company of JAMES EARL RAY and knows of no relationship or associations between RAY and DENNIS.

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Mr. MORRISON stated that he recognized the female in the photograph as being a photograph of a female that he has observed in his bar a few times in the past and most likely during the month of March, 1968. He stated that he has never seen DENNIS in the company of any other person that he can identify or recall. He advised that he knew absolutely nothing about DENNIS.

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Mr. PETERS advised that the female depicted in the photograph of DYRELL DENNIS was the same person who used to frequent his bar from January, 1968 through March, 1968. He advised that DENNIS was considered to be a "Dike" since she had very small breasts and she often wore men's pants. He further stated that DENNIS was a "lush" who drank to excess. He stated that he tried to keep her from coming into his bar in view of the fact that she did not have any identification. He stated that to the best of his knowledge DENNIS had no association with JAMES EARL RAY. He stated that the only time he ever saw RAY talk to DENNIS was one day when DENNIS was standing next to a juke box and RAY approached her. He stated that he could not hear what RAY was saying to DENNIS but he could observe DENNIS shaking her head in a negative manner. PETERS advised he knows of no other contact between RAY and DENNIS.

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JOE PETERS, Bartender, Sultan Room, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was asked of his knowledge of a middle aged belly dancer of Greek descent named "HELENA", who was allegedly asked for a date by RAY. He stated that ne had been asked the same question by LOUIS LOMAX, a Los Angeles television personality, that same day. He thought he knew of such a woman. He said he did not know the location of her residence nor her last name. PETERS stated that she was just an occasional drifter that frequented the bar.

PETERS was asked if he knew of a Caucasian female with blond hair named "JERI". PETERS said he knew of no such woman.

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HARRY WEINER, Owner, The Fat Club, 1516 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California, was asked if he had recently employed a buxom blond, Caucasian, female named BARBARA (Last Name Unknown). He advised that he had employed no such woman. WEINER was asked if he knew of a middle aged belly dancer named "HELENA". He said that he had and that to his knowledge she worked at the Seventh Veil on Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, California. WEINER was asked if he knew a Caucasian female with blond hair named "JERI", that was also a street hustler. He said that he knew of no such woman.

WEINER was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. He advised that this individual is not familiar to him.

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HARRY STREEM, Owner, Vegas Club, 5510 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was asked in reference to JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, if he knew of a middle age belly dancer of Greek descent named "HELENA" and/or a Caucasian female with blond hair named "JERI". STREEM said that he believed he knew of "HELENA". He said if his memory is correct, she used to dance at a night club that specializes in eastern dancing, located on the south side of Sunset Boulevard between La Brea and Fairfax Avenues. He advised that he did not know of any Caucasian female named JERI, in reference to RAY, also known as, Galt.

He stated that his last bar girl at the Vegas Club was DANA RAVEN, who was recently arrested, approximately two weeks ago. He said prior to arrest she only worked for a few weeks. He described her as a slender, dark Caucasian, female.

STREEM stated that prior to the employment of RAVEN, he employed Barbara (Last Name Unknown), a buxom, blond, Caucasian, female. He said that BARBARA was employed by him for in excess of a year prior to the termination of her employment. STREEM said that subsequent to her employment at the Vegas Club, he thought she was employed at the "Fat Cat" located on Western Avenue.

STREEM stated that LOUIS LOMAX, a Los Angeles television personality, and an unknown Caucasian male with a beard, were in the Vegas Club the same day asking if he knew of "JERI" and "HELENA". He said that he provided to them essentially the same information.

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JAMES E. MORRISON, 1911 Grace Avenue, Los Angeles, California, was asked if he knew of a middle-aged belly dancer of Greek descent named "HELENA". He said that he did. He said this individual had been excluded from the Rabbit's Foot Club. He said that she frequents the Greek Village, a restaurant near Hollywood and Vine, in Hollywood, California. He said that he believes that she used to dance at that location and also the Seventh Veil on Sunset Boulevard.

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GIL MARTIN, Owner, Sultan Room, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

MARTIN stated that RAY FERNANDELL is unknown to him. He stated that he does not employ anyone by that name at the Sultan Room and that he does not employ any fry cooks. He advised that there were no fry cooks employed at the St. Francis Hotel.

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Date

PAUL MC KAY, Night Clerk, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

MC KAY stated that he is not acquainted with anyone by the name of RAY FERNANDELL. He stated that there are no fry cooks employed at the St. Francis Hotel.

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Date 5/10/68

EDGAR JOHN PENDLETON, interviewed at the Orthopedic Hospital, 2400 South Flower, and formerly a resident of the St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, advised that Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) photo taken December 16, 1965, NR 59621, of RAY FERNANDEZ SESMA was identical to the person PENDLETON knew as RAY SELMA (phonetic).

PENDLETON advised that SESMA had stayed at his room in the St. Francis Hotel off and on during the first part of 1968. PENDLETON advised that SESMA had poor health and drank very heavily and for this reason PENDLETON had told SESMA not to stay at his room. PENDLETON advised that this was about the first week of April. PENDLETON stated that he had not seen SESMA since that date.

PENDLETON advised that SESMA was a drifter and wino. He also advised that he had never known SESMA to have a room or apartment of his own and usually would congregate with other winos when ever he (SESMA) could find them. PENDLETON advised that SESMA had once suggested that they live in a place on Serrano Street. PENDLETON thought that this place was in the 1600 block of Serrano and got the impression that numerous heavy drinkers stayed there.

PENDLETON advised that SESMA had mentioned about getting a job as a cook but further advised that SESMA had never held a job while he knew him. PENDLETON advised that if he heard from SESMA he would immediately advise the FBI.

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Date 5/7/68

EDGAR JOHN PENDLETON was interviewed at the Orthopedic Hospital, Room 602, 2400 South Flower Street, Los Angeles, at which time he furnished the following information:

PENDLETON advised he resided in the St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, from March 8, 1968, to April 16, 1968, when he entered the Orthopedic Hospital, Los Angeles, for surgery on his hip. While residing at the St. Francis Hotel he became acquainted with DYRELL DENNIS and RAY SELMA (phonetic). He became acquainted with RAY SELMA approximately ten days after moving into the St. Francis Hotel. PENDLETON met DENNIS after meeting RAY SELMA. When PENDLETON first became acquainted with RAY SELMA, SELMA did not have a room at the hotel.

PENDLETON related he was in receipt of a letter from DENNIS, bearing the return address of 435 West Michigan Street, Apartment 208, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. DENNIS had furnished her telephone number as 271-9720. DENNIS' letter stated in part, "Have you seen Ray? I hope he is okay."

PENDLETON stated LOUIS LOMAX had been in contact with him on two occasions, the second time after he had received the above letter from DYRELL DENNIS. He gave LOMAX DENNIS' address and told LOMAX that DENNIS was well acquainted with RAY SELMA. LOMAX told PENDLETON that he had obtained his name from MARIE (last name unknown) (LNU), a cocktail waitress at the Sultan Room, who had advised him that PENDLETON knew DENNIS and RAY SELMA.

PENDLETON commented the RAY SELMA which he knew is described as a Mexican-American, 37 to 40 years of age, dark complexion, and a wine. PENDLETON advised he had last seen RAY SELMA at the St. Francis Hotel on April 13 or 14, 1968. PENDLETON recalled that on one occasion about the first of April, 1968, RAY SELMA had a seizure similar to epilepsy.

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PENDLETON called the police ambulance for SELMA and by the time they arrived, SELMA had recovered. SELMA refused to be taken to the hospital. SELMA was presumed by PENDLETON to be a narcotic user.

PENDLETON stated that **DYRELL DENNIS** is a narcotic user as she has asked for some of his pain pills. He related that he is of the opinion that DENNIS is also a prostitute. PENDLETON described DENNIS as 33 years of age, blonde, sandy hair, medium build, and light complexion. He advised that DENNIS had resided at the Hollywood Roxie, Room 202, Los Angeles, for at least one night.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to PENDLETON who stated he could not recognize any of the individuals depicted in the photographs as being identical with the description fitting JAMES EARL RAY or RAY SELMA.

Mr. PENDLETON stated that he used the telephone in the lobby of the St. Francis Hotel to call his son, Sergeant JACK HAROLD PENDLETON, 712 Maxwell Street, Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base, Goldsboro, North Carolina, who has telephone number 735-4209, while he was a resident of the St. Francis Hotel.

The letter from **DYRELL DENNIS** received by Mr. PENDLETON was postmarked on April 19, 1968, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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