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a wrong number. The number given was the true number of the plane read backwards, as Mrs. COPE compared these numbers the following day.

During conversation while they were filling the plane with gas the pilot of the Cessna Skymaster commented that he had come to Blythe on his first long cross country flight, which he had started in San Jose, California. He also commented that he had just started flying last June but since that time had built up 600 hours of flight time.

After Mrs. COPE returned to her house trailer she noted that the Cessna did not start its engines or leave the airport for almost an hour. The man did not say where he was going, but mentioned that he did live in San Jose, California. He was very polite and considerate.

Mrs. COPE stated that Sergeant BUSBY of the Rialto, California Police Department had previously contacted her regarding this aircraft, which had been stolen at Rialto. He showed her numerous photographs but none of the photographs were identical with the man who brought the plane into Blythe. She felt certain she could positively identify him if she ever saw him again.

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1Date 4/18/68

JEROME VERNON was contacted at Apartment B, 1246 Woodbury Court.

VERNON was shown two photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT; one with the eyes open and one with the eyes closed.

VERNON advised that he considered the photograph with the eyes open as the best of the two. He considered both photographs as only fair in comparison with his recollection of GALT the last time he saw him on or about March 14, 1968.

He stated that the face in the photograph with the eyes open appears to be more full than he recalled GALT. He thought possibly GALT might have lost weight from the time the photograph was taken and the last time he saw him. He advised that both photographs make GALT appear somewhat older than he recalled. He said that he had no recollection of GALT having a double chin as depicted in the photograph.

Also, he recalled that GALT, when he last saw him, possibly had a flattop type haircut.

Regarding his laundry records, VERNON advised that if the name GALT appeared in the records spelled "GAULT," this spelling would have been done by a clerk or someone accepting laundry. He stated that he had only one customer by the name of GALT that he recalled and that this person's name should be spelled GALT.

VERNON advised that he is working the swing shift at the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation at the Ontario Airport from 3:00 p.m. to midnight. He furnished his home phone as 985-7427.

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Date 4/15/68

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On April 13, 1968, HARRY STREEM, Day Bartender, Paul Vegas Club, 5510 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised that during 1967 and part of 1968 the club had two Negro musicians working for it by the names of ANTHONY HARRISON and BOB TAYLOR. STREEM advised he had never heard of any person by the name of GALT. He stated that the owner of the bar was DAVE HELLER and perhaps he could furnish more information of value. STREEM was shown artists conceptions from Memphis and Birmingham and he advised that the person depicted in the artist conception from Birmingham looked somewhat familiar. STREEM was shown a photo of JEROME VERNON and he stated that VERNON had been in the Vegas Club in the past. STREEM advised that the term or word "olkahombe" was unfamiliar to him.

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Date April 15, 1968

MAURICE WARREN HOWARD, 2740 Pitcher Road, Los Angeles (Hollywood), California, was interviewed at his residence on April 11, 1968, at which time he furnished the following information:

Mr. HOWARD said he was formerly the owner of the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning establishment, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. He said that he has been connected with the laundry business off and on for a period of many years.

On January 15, 1968, Mr. HOWARD sold the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning on a 90 day escrow to JEROME VERNON, who was also known as JAY VERNON. He was introduced to Mr. VERNON by a friend of VERNON's mother. VERNON's mother was known to Mr. HOWARD for a number of years, as she has been in the laundry and dry cleaning business for a number of years. At the present time she operates a cleaning business connected with the Mayan Hotel, one block west of Vermont Avenue on west Eighth Street, Los Angeles. He believed the address of her business to be 3047 West Eighth Street, Los Angeles, California.

Mr. HOWARD consulted his personal telephone list and reported that he showed local number 249-3087 as the listing for JEROME VERNON and VERNON's wife, BONNIE VERNON. He said BONNIE worked for the City of Glendale, Glendale, California; and could be reached through her folks' telephone 248-2858. He described Mrs. JEROME VERNON as a beautiful blond. He said that it was his understanding that Mrs. JEROME VERNON put up \$1500.00 of her own money, plus an additional \$1500.00 that she borrowed from her parents, in order that her husband could have a down payment to go into escrow for the purchase of the laundry.

Prior to the close of the 90 day escrow, Mr. HOWARD had an early morning appointment with JEROME VERNON on March 25, 1968, to discuss the matter of the sale of the business. VERNON showed up for this appointment; but indicated he would like to get together again at 4:00 PM the same date, with their respective lawyers for further discussion of the sale. VERNON did not show up for the second appointment.

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HOWARD said he subsequently learned, when he went to the cleaning shop, that JEROME VERNON had been to the shop, cleaned out the cash register of all cash, and locked the front door. Mr. HOWARD said that it was necessary for him to obtain the services of a lock man and to replace the lock, at a cost of \$11.00. The store was then repossessed by the mortgage loan holder, a Mr. LOUIS PUTTERMAN (phonetic), and at the present time the ownership of the store is under litigation.

He said that there was a young adult female Caucasian, who worked in the dry cleaning shop for a very short time. He said that it was his understanding that Mr. VERNON had gone off with this woman, when he deserted the store on the last Monday in March, 1968. He did not know the woman's name; but described her as, "nice looking, blond, tall (about six feet), 'sexy', who frequently wore very short mini-skirts."

On Tuesday, March 26, 1968, he received a telephone call from Mr. VERNON, who did not disclose from where he was calling. He said that he was sorry that he had been unable to make the 4:00 PM appointment the previous day, but had had to go out of town to Camarillo, California, and did not get back in Los Angeles in time to meet the appointment. He did not make any arrangements to get together again. He said that he had not talked with his wife, when HOWARD asked if he had; but said he had been in contact with his mother.

Mr. HOWARD said there was no thermoseal laundry marking machine in the store at the time it went into escrow in January, 1968; and that he understood that the machine had been obtained about February 1, 1968.

He said that JEROME VERNON drove a red car; make not known. He also drove a blue van-type laundry truck; make not known.

Mr. HOWARD said the name of ERIC STARVO GALT was entirely unfamiliar to him.

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1Date 6/6/68

JOE PETERS, 5493 Fernwood Avenue, Los Angeles, California, advised that he knows a "FITZ" who frequents the Hollywood Boulevard and Western Avenue area of Los Angeles, California. He said this individual is described as follows:

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| Race | Caucasian |
| Sex | Male |
| Age | Approximately 45 years |
| Height | 5'10" |
| Weight | 160 pounds |
| Eyes | Brown |
| Hair | Brown, crewcut, fashioned |

PETERS advised that "FITZ" is one of three brothers and lives with one of them. He said this person is a "bum" and although a member of a local union engaged in film production, he never works. PETERS stated that CHARLIE SHERIDAN at Angeleno's knows of this individual.

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Date May 1, 19681

WARREN WALKER, Apartment 32, 1500 West Vernon Street, Los Angeles, California, was contacted at an Auction Gallery, 1848 West Adams Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

He stated that one of the other people in the crowd at this gallery looked a lot like pictures that he had seen in the newspapers of JAMES EARL RAY. He described this person as: white, male, almost 6', sandy hair, about 175 pounds, thin build, and wearing a light brown suit.

Mr. WALKER observed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that the person that he observed in the gallery was not identical to the photographs that were shown to him.

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1Date 4/30/68

ROBERT EUGENE D'ARCY, 4742 Woodman Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California, advised that on April 4, 1968 he was in the Sherman Oaks area selling merchandise from his costuming store that is located at the same address of 4742 Woodman Avenue, Sherman Oaks. A review of his sales receipts for April 4, 1968 reflected that D'ARCY had to be at his store to sell the merchandise.

The following is a description of D'ARCY as obtained through observation and interview:

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| Name | ROBERT EUGENE D'ARCY |
| Address | 4742 Woodman Avenue Sherman Oaks, California |
| Sex | Male |
| Race | White |
| Date of birth | |
| Place of birth | St. Louis, Missouri |
| Height | 5'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " |
| Weight | 155 pounds |
| Hair | Brown, balding slightly in front |
| Eyes | Blue |
| Military Service | United States Navy, serial number [REDACTED] honorable discharge, served from April 24, 1944 to October, 1946 |

D'ARCY advised the 1967 white Mustang, TPM 026 belonged to him.

It is noted that D'ARCY bears no resemblance to JAMES EARL RAY in facial features or characteristics.

On 4/29/68 at Sherman Oaks, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574-D-359

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1Date 4/29/68

On April 20, 1968, GORDON PARRISH, 3763 Regal Vista Drive, Sherman Oaks, California, telephonically advised that on April 19, 1968 he had gone to the post office located on Ventura Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, and had observed an individual there that resembled the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY that he had seen published in the local newspaper on the same date.

He said this individual seemed to be engrossed in reading the newspaper account of JAMES EARL RAY and the unknown person did not enter the post office but departed from the area without entering.

PARRISH advised that the man departed in a white Mustang bearing California plates TPM 026.

On April 26, 1968, PARRISH advised he had nothing further concerning the possible whereabouts of the unknown individual that he observed at the Sherman Oaks Post Office on April 19, 1968 except to add that he described the person as white, male, about 40, 5'10", 160 pounds, brown hair and eyes not observed.

A check of Department of Motor Vehicle records for TPM 026 reflected the listing of ROBERT E. DARCY, 4742 Woodman Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California on 1967 Ford Mustang.

On 4/26/68 at Sherman Oaks, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574-0360
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1Date 4/26/68

CONNIE BRENNER, 11030 Moorpark, Apartment No. 2, North Hollywood, California, Secretary, A-1 Car Rentals, 6671 Sunset Boulevard, furnished the following information:

During the spring of 1966, BRENNER met a man who used the name JOHN WILLARD at the Barrel House Bar in Bakersfield, California. WILLARD strongly resembled the description and photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, which have appeared in the newspaper in recent weeks. BRENNER advised that she has not seen JOHN WILLARD since the spring of 1966 and saw him only on two occasions during that time.

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by SAs WILLIAM S. BURTON and
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Date 4/12/681

Apartment number 3, 5280 $\frac{1}{2}$ Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, was inspected in the presence of JAMES SALISBURY and his wife, GRACE SALISBURY, owners of this property. The apartment was vacant. Two blankets were located on a couch in the apartment, which bore no laundry markings. One pair of mens slacks were found in a closet, which bore no identifying marks. One pair of mens underwear shorts were found in a dresser drawer which bore no identifying marks. No records were found in the apartment. No property or records were removed from the apartment.

On 4/11/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 44-1571-D-362
by SA FRANCIS G. KAHL, SA RICHARD H. ROSS & SA JOHN W. WHALEY/FGK/dey Date dictated 4/12/68

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Date 4/26/68

WERNER WILHELM GOHL was interviewed at the residence of his employer, ZIEGFRIED TRICK, 2710 Whitefield Road, Pasadena. At the outset of the interview, GOHL was advised that he is being interviewed because he bore a close facial resemblance to JAMES EARL RAY, a fugitive.

From observation by the interviewing agents, it was noted that GOHL is five inches shorter than RAY at 5 feet 5 inches, has a pronounced balding area over most of the top of his head, and is 13 years younger than RAY. GOHL is an alien and speaks with a pronounced German accent.

The following description of GOHL was obtained from observation and interview and from the Alien Registration Card, the California Drivers' License, the Selective Service Card, and the Social Security Card displayed by GOHL:

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| Name | WERNER WILHELM GOHL |
| Sex | Male |
| Race | White |
| Date of Birth | |
| Place of Birth | Heilbraun, Aneckr |
| Height | 5 feet 5 inches |
| Weight | 140 pounds |
| Eyes | Blue |
| Hair | Brown, balding on top |
| Residence | 629 West 18th Street Los Angeles, California |
| Occupation | Painter |
| Employment | Employed by ZIEGFRIED TRICK 2710 Whitefield Road Pasadena, California |
| Alien Registration Number | issued April 24, 1965, at New York City. |
| Selective Service Number | issued July 21, 1967, by Local Board 56 at Upper Marlboro, Maryland. |

On 4/25/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574-0-363
by SA FRANK M. HAWKINS, and
SA NATHANIEL H. GILLAM NHG/sle Date dictated 4/26/68

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Social Security
Number
California Drivers'
License

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1Date 4/16/68

Mr. BERNARDO RESTREPO, Apartment 102, Gramercy Park Apartments, 1831 North Gramercy Place, was contacted at his residence, and after being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents, he was questioned regarding the white male who had contacted him on the night of April 11, 1968.

RESTREPO advised that on the night of April 11, 1968, while he was sleeping, there was a knock on his apartment door. Because he was asleep he does not recall what time it was, other than it was during the night. When he answered the door there was a white male standing in the hallway. This man did not give his name, nor did he give the name of the person he was trying to locate; he just inquired if RESTREPO knew where the previous occupant of Apartment 102 was now living. RESTREPO told the man he did not know. That was the extent of their conversation.

RESTREPO described this man as follows:

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| Sex | Male |
| Race | White |
| Height | 5'11" to 6' |
| Weight | 175 to 180 pounds |
| Age | About 50 years |
| Hair | Black, which receded into "widow's peaks". |
| Appearance | Clean-looking |

RESTREPO was shown the several artist's composite photographs of ERIC GALT, and after looking at them, stated he did not believe the man who had come to his apartment door on the night of April 11, 1968, resembled that individual depicted in the photographs.

On 4/15/68 at Hollywood, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574-D-364
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Date 4/12/681

JAMES SALISBURY, 617 Paseo de Playa, Redondo Beach, California, telephone number 378-9653, advised that he is the owner of the apartment building at 5280 $\frac{1}{2}$ Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles. He stated that on February 23, 1968, he rented Apartment 3, to JEROME VERNON, however, the rent was paid by JAMES N. KUNKLE, 677 Pulmer, Costa Mesa, California, who said he would be manager of the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning, which is also located in this building. VERNON moved out of the apartment about March 23, 1968. SALISBURY advised that numerous records from the laundry were found in the apartment after it was vacated, which he turned over to LUCY PINELA, an employee of the laundry. He said that he had not cleaned the apartment since it was vacated, and he volunteered to make the apartment available for inspection.

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seamen about electronics and astronomy, diagraming orbits and explaining moon rockets, etc. He was not especially witty or funny but all crew members made fun of him. When he started talking on a subject it became an obsession with him and he talked about such a subject night and day ad nauseam.

On the return trip from Vietnam the crew discussed an incident on shore in Vietnam in which a number of Negroes had beaten a white seaman at the Seaman's Club. FOTOS expressed strong anti-Negro feelings and over a period of about a week he stated, 20 or 30 times, to the effect that someone was going to "get MARTIN LUTHER KING". He stated this in the company of many crewmen and often while sitting in the mess hall. SLY did not recall that he mentioned the name of any other Negro leader except KING.

He recalled that while the vessel was being unloaded at Cam Ranh Bay, the seamen were restricted except to visit the Seaman Club, however, he stated he saw FOTOS at a particular time riding with servicemen in a jeep around the base.

FOTOS was interested in the hobby of photography and usually carried a camera wherever he went. He stated he was interested in taking nude photographs of girls and had an accumulation of sex magazines. He stated FOTOS did not indicate he had been in Mexico but SLY once told him he had lived in Mexico and FOTOS express a desire to go to Guadalajara and that he would like to find women there who would pose for photographs.

He did not recall any conversation about the assassination of President KENNEDY, did not see any firearms in the possession of FOTOS and FOTOS did not appear especially fanatical but he was unpredictable and in his opinion would be capable of an assassination. SLY stated FOTOS had no particularly close associates on board but most of the crew were friendly to him although they made fun of him.

SLY stated he was unable to furnish a photograph of FOTOS.

SLY described FOTOS as follows:

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| Sex | Male |
| Race | White |
| Nationality | American |

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| Age | 32 years |
| Height | 5'10" |
| Weight | 175 pounds |
| Build | Slender |
| Hair | Sandy brown, quite receding, long, combed back, straight with some curl |
| Eyes | Unknown |
| Nose | Noticeably sharp |
| Face | Long and thin; wore no beard or mustache; sometimes wore a funny grin on face |
| Scars and marks | None |
| Posture | Sloppy; sometimes hunchbacked; very relaxed |
| Marital status | Impression was that he was single |
| Education | Unknown |
| Residence and family background | Stated only that he had lived in New Orleans, Louisiana |
| Military service | Possibly none |
| Automobile | Stated he did not own a car |
| Personal habits | Not a heavy drinker but drank liquor rather than beer; moderate smoker of cigarettes |

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 4/15/68

ELDON RONALD SLY, 902 North Cabana, was interviewed and advised that he is a merchant seaman but presently he is employed as a guard for the Los Angeles County General Hospital, Los Angeles, California. He advised as follows:

He viewed a composite picture in the newspaper of the suspect killer of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and advised there is a good likeness to a seaman known to him as FOTOS, first name unknown. He stated he never knew that person to use the name of ERIC GALT.

Sly stated he served as a steward aboard the merchant vessel "American Victory", making a trip to Vietnam and returned January to March, 1967. Sly boarded the vessel at Wilmington, California and FOTOS was already aboard and he served as part of the deck crew and was rated as an "able bodied seaman" indicating that he had considerable sea experience. He assumed that FOTOS boarded the ship at New Orleans, Louisiana and it was possible FOTOS may have told him that he was from New Orleans, Louisiana. FOTOS mentioned he was familiar with the cities of Mobile, Alabama and New Orleans, Louisiana and mentioned some small town in Alabama, name not recalled. He was not sure if the name FOTOS was the true name, however, he had seen this name posted aboard ship spelled in the above manner. After the vessel returned to the United States, Sly disembarked at San Francisco, California, but FOTOS remained on board and he believed FOTOS intended to return to the port of New Orleans, Louisiana.

He stated the identity of FOTOS should be known at the Seafarer International Union at Wilmington, California. FOTOS never talked about his background and travels and seemed to avoid answering any question about this. He never mentioned being around the Los Angeles area.

FOTOS gave the impression of being educated or at least well informed and sometimes played the part of a professor aboard the vessel going to a blackboard and lecturing other

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JAMES WEST, Manager, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Salisbury, North Carolina, advised that telephone number 633-2506, is listed to Mrs. LILLIAN SIMPSON, 210 South Lloyd Street, Salisbury, North Carolina.

Credit Bureau records, Salisbury, North Carolina, reflect that Mrs. SIMPSON is the widow of JAMES F. SIMPSON who died January 9, 1936. She is a Negro, age 56, and a retired school teacher. She has roomers who live at her residence, the identities of these roomers were not known to the files of the credit bureau.

Lt. J. Carpenter, Salisbury, North Carolina Police Department, advised that the files of his office reflect no record for Mrs. Simpson.

The files of the Charlotte Office of the FBI reflect no record for Mrs. Simpson.

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Records of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, San Diego, California, reflect that telephone number 714-262-1685, is a non-published number listed to Mrs. SIDNEY D. HAMMOND, 5626 San Mateo Drive, San Diego, California. This telephone was installed on November 3, 1966.

The files of the San Diego Office of the FBI reflect no record for Mrs. HAMMOND.

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The files of the General Telephone Company,
Los Angeles, California, reflect the following listings:

Redondo Beach

375-7594

This number is not listed as a
working number

Santa Monica

389-3226

This number is listed to Mrs.
BRADLEY B. LOOMER, registered nurse

11242 Grayridge Drive,
Culver City, California

Santa Monica

451-1558

This number is listed to S. M.
MONTESSORI School, Inc.

1315 - 20th Street
Santa Monica, California

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The files of the Chicago Office of the FBI reflect that telephone number 363-8794 is listed to YVONNE P. JACKSON, 6436 South Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

The files of the Chicago Office reflect no information pertaining to this person.

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The files of the San Francisco Office of the FBI reflect that telephone number 731-1640, is listed to BETTY BRANDON, 852 Pacheco Street, San Francisco, California. No additional information in the files of the San Francisco Office concerning BETTY BRANDON.

San Francisco City Directory lists EVERETT P. BRANDON, 852 Pacheco Street, San Francisco, California, as the subscriber to telephone number 731-1640. EVERETT BRANDON is listed as the Executive Director of the Economic Opportunity Council.

The files of the San Francisco Office of the FBI reflect a Peace Corps investigation conducted on EVERETT BRANDON which was all favorable to him.

The "San Francisco Chronicle", a daily newspaper published in San Francisco, California, in its issue of December 19, 1963, carried an article which indicated that BRANDON had opened an organization to find jobs for Negroes.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 5/9/68

HARRY V. MONTGOMERY, 441 Melrose Way West, was interviewed and he advised that he had frequently used the telephone booth in the lobby of the St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, to make long distance and local calls. He stated he recalled placing a long distance call on December 31, 1967 to Bradenton, Florida. The call was placed to the residence of REGIONAL F. and SALLY DAVIS. SALLY DAVIS is the sister of MONTGOMERY's wife, RUTH. HARRY MONTGOMERY advised, in addition to the call in Bradenton, Florida, he on other occasions, made long distance calls to Minneapolis, Minnesota.

HARRY MONTGOMERY was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated there is a possibility that he observed RAY in the lobby of the St. Francis Hotel, but he is not sure. MONTGOMERY recognized the photograph of RAY which was taken at the Bartender School. MONTGOMERY had no other information in this regard.

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RUTH MONTGOMERY was interviewed at her residence at 441 Melrose Way West, and stated that she had, along with her husband HARRY, resided at 5555 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, from January 15, 1967 to March 5, 1968. She stated the telephone booth at 5555 Hollywood Boulevard had been taken out and the nearest public telephone was at 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, which was in the lobby of the St. Francis Hotel. She could not recall making many telephone calls from this telephone booth, but stated that her husband frequently made telephone calls from this booth. Mrs. MONTGOMERY was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, and stated she cannot recall ever seeing this individual.

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GLEN VAN WYE, Apartment 3, 1729 North Wilton Place, advised that during part of December 1967, he was residing in the St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard. He stated that he placed a telephone call on Christmas Day 1967, to MARYLENE MANSON at her parents' residence in Tampa, Florida. This telephone call was placed from the telephone booth in the lobby of the St. Francis Hotel.

VAN WYE was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated he could not recall ever seeing this individual.

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Mrs. GEORGE E. DUVERNOY, mother of MARYLENE MANSON, was interviewed in Apartment 15 at 729 North Wilton Place. She stated her daughter, MARYLENE, on December 25, 1967, was visiting her and her husband at 4701 San Jose Street, Tampa, Florida. Her daughter, at that time, had come home for the Christmas season, and had been living in San Francisco, California.

Mrs. DUVERNOY stated that the only telephone call that any member of her household received on Christmas Day from California was one from GLEN VAN WYE of Los Angeles. She stated her daughter received a call from this individual on that date, VAN WYE being her daughter's boyfriend. She stated VAN WYE resides in Apartment 3 at 1729 North Wilton Place, Los Angeles, California.

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ANTONIA PREJEAN, owner of apartments at 5842 Carlton Way, was interviewed and related the following information:

In about December 1967, a white female, she later came to know as PAT OLSON, move into the Apartment 3 at 5842 Carlton Way. OLSON stated she was married to a ROBERT MC IVER. However, PREJEAN later learned that OLSON never married MC IVER though they lived together in Apartment 3 for sometime. MC IVER is a white male from Canada. PAT OLSON moved out of this apartment about March of 1968. During the time that she was renting the apartment, she had numerous boyfriends living with her from time to time and she had no gainful employment. From her actions, it was apparent that she was using narcotics. Under pressure from PREJEAN, PAT OLSON moved out of Apartment 3 and moved to 5666 Franklin Avenue, where she began living with a female known only as RITA. RITA has four children living with her at the address on Franklin Avenue. PREJEAN stated that on May 7, 1968, she had been by this address on Franklin Avenue and talked with RITA and learned that PAT OLSON and RITA had gotten into a fight with OLSON being told to leave this residence.

About ten days to two weeks earlier, PREJEAN last saw PAT OLSON when OLSON came by 5842 Carlton Way and spoke with PREJEAN. PAT OLSON stated that she was then modeling and it was noted that her hair was cut very short. PREJEAN has no idea as to OLSON's present whereabouts.

PREJEAN stated that a close friend of PAT OLSON, while she was living in Apartment 3 was SANDI HANDY who lives in Apartment 9. She stated that SANDI is a topless dancer presently employed in South Gate, California. SANDI is still a tenant in Apartment 9.

PREJEAN was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that about a month ago she saw an individual who

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appeared to be similar to the "Local Swinger's" photograph of RAY, come to 5842 Carlton Way and inquire about SANDI HANDY's whereabouts. He was well dressed, as appearing in this photograph, and asked if SANDI were living alone. PREJEAN never saw him again.

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ARNOLD P. THOMAS, JR., 150 East 116th Place, Los Angeles, was interviewed at his residence at which time he furnished the following information:

THOMAS advised that his brother, LESTER THOMAS, had died on December 12, 1967. The body of LESTER THOMAS was flown back to New Orleans, Louisiana, for burial. ARNOLD P. THOMAS, JR. and his family departed Los Angeles, California, en route to New Orleans, Louisiana, for the burial of LESTER THOMAS on approximately December 15, 1967. While en route to Louisiana, they encountered a snow storm which covered most of the route of the trip. ARNOLD P. THOMAS, JR. stated his wife made a telephone call from Tucson, Arizona, to the residence of ARNOLD and ISABELLE THOMAS, his mother and father, New Orleans, Louisiana, to advise them of the snow storm they had encountered on or about December 16, 1967. The telephone number which THOMAS's wife called was 282-7591. On December 17 or 18, 1967, Mrs. THOMAS made another call to the above telephone number from El Paso, Texas, to advise ARNOLD P. THOMAS, JR.'s parent's of the progress they had made during the day in an effort to reach New Orleans for the burial. The telephone call in El Paso, Texas, was made from a public booth located near a Mc Donald's hamburger stand.

Photographs depicting JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to ARNOLD P. THOMAS, JR. in an effort to ascertain if THOMAS had ever seen the individual depicted in the photographs at any prior date. THOMAS advised he had not seen the individual on any prior occasions.

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ROGER LAFARGUE, owner Le Bonjour Club, 5908 Sunset Boulevard, was interviewed and provided the following information:

He vaguely recalled a white female by the name of PAT OLSON who worked at his bar at the above address on one night about two months ago. He stated that SANDI HANDY had assisted PAT in getting this job; however, when it became obvious that OLSON was involved in narcotics, he fired her. He had no information concerning her present whereabouts, current employment, or the names of any friend or acquaintances who might know her whereabouts.

He was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, among other individuals, and advised he could not identify any of those persons as being individuals whom he had seen in his bar at the above address.

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SANDRA JEAN HANDY was interviewed at Apartment 9 at 5842 Carlton Way. She stated she is presently employed as a topless dancer in the "Body Shop", 7400 Block of Tweedy, South Gate, California. She stated that during the time that PAT OLSON resided in Apartment 3, at 5842 Carlton Way, she was fairly well acquainted with her. However, she stated that most of OLSON's friends appeared to be involved in narcotics and for this reason she did not have much to do with OLSON. She stated she had seen PAT OLSON about a week to ten days ago, and at that time OLSON was living at 5666 Franklin Avenue, with a female known as RITA. SANDRA had no information concerning OLSON's present whereabouts, current employment, or names of friends who might know the present whereabouts of OLSON.

HANDY was shown photographs of various individuals including JAMES EARL RAY, and she stated that the photograph of RAY, which had been sent by RAY to the "Local Swingers", appeared being identical with an individual whom she had seen in the Le Bonjour Club, 5908 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles. She stated she had seen this individual at this bar about 1½ - 2 months ago, but had not seen him since, though she frequents the bar occasionally.

HANDY stated she is in the process of moving to the Capri Apartments located in the 2,000 Block of Tweedy Boulevard, in South Gate, California. She stated that address is directly across the street from the General Motor Plant on Tweedy Boulevard. She is planning to continue her employment as a topless dancer at the "Body Shop" in South Gate.

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RITA STEIN was interviewed at her residence at 5666 Franklin Avenue and related the following information:

She met PAT OLSON about three months ago when PAT was at MARIE MARTIN's house. Toward the first of March, PAT moved in with RITA at the above address since she had no other place to go after moving from an address on Carlton Way. PAT stayed with RITA for about two or three weeks and then about the first of April, when PAT refused to pay a telephone bill regarding a long distance call, she and RITA got into a fight. RITA hit PAT in the face with her fist with a result that PAT left RITA's house and has not returned. RITA advised that she was not aware that OLSON has met ERIC GALT. She denied knowing anything about OLSON's background, her current whereabouts or employment. RITA STEIN made available a telephone company bill which showed on March 19, 1968, a call was made from STEIN's residence in Los Angeles to 301-957-2337 for a charge of \$8.50. This was a station-to-station call made to Pocomoke, Maryland. She stated OLSON made this call and refused to pay for it.

STEIN advised that her cousin, MARIE MARTIN, advised her about ten days ago, that she was going to the Lake Tahoe area of California as she did not want to be interviewed by the FBI. She stated MARTIN, as far as she knew, still rents Apartment 201, St. Francis Hotel where her telephone number is 464-1131. RITA STEIN advised she would not call the FBI upon learning that MARIE MARTIN had returned to the Los Angeles area when MARTIN gets back.

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MARIE MARTIN, Room 201, St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, was shown photographs of DYRELL DENNIS. She advised that the person in these photographs is identical to a Caucasian female known to her as JERI. She acknowledged that this is the same girl with whom she believes JAMES EARL RAY had a prostitution date. She said that the same girl is believed by her to be a lesbian and a narcotics addict.

MARTIN stated that HELEN (last name unknown) with whom JAMES EARL RAY went dancing, has the last name of CORNELL. She advised she learned this information on Friday, May 17, 1968, when CORNELL came to the Sultan Room as a customer. MARTIN described HELEN CORNELL as a Caucasian, female, 5'4", 140 pounds, heavy build, and brown hair. She said that CORNELL advised that she was employed as a stunt writer.

MARTIN stated that PAT OLSON, who resided at the St. Francis Hotel during November or December, 1967, was residing with her for a short period of time at the St. Francis Hotel. She advised that PAT OLSON also lived with her cousin RITA. MARTIN said that she became involved in a fight with OLSON while OLSON was living with her and blows were struck by herself and OLSON. She said OLSON is a narcotics addict. She advised that she believes OLSON's current boy friend is a fugitive. She said that she does not recall his name, but will attempt to learn such. MARTIN said that she has not seen OLSON in less than one month and has heard that she is currently in San Francisco, California.

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WALTER DE MORAT, Bartender, "Dante's", 5509 Hollywood Boulevard, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. After observing these photographs, he said that the individual in the photographs is familiar to him. He said that the photographs may have been a customer at the bar. He said he has no knowledge as to this individual's identity or associates.

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ELLA MARIE BROWN, Barmaid, "The Rail", 5511 Hollywood Boulevard, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. After observing these photographs, she said the individual in the photographs is not familiar to her.

BROWN stated that "The Rail" is a beer parlor and does not sell alcoholic beverages other than beer and/or wine.

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WAYNE GRAFF, Barber, located at 5519 Hollywood Boulevard, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. After observing these photographs, he said this person is possibly familiar to him. He advised that the photographs are possibly familiar in that he may have cut an individual's hair who looked like the person in the photographs. He said he had no knowledge as to the identity and/or associates of this individual.

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