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"I came home and told CHARLIE". She said she told her brother CHARLES STEIN, about the conversation she had had with GALT in the Sultan Room, and his agreement to drive her to New Orleans to pick up her two daughters. She said she also told CHARLIE that she did not want to go "on the road" alone with a strange man; but that she was desperate to get her kids.

"The next morning he came over, early. About 9:00 a.m. He thought CHARLIE was my husband. He didn't believe that he was my brother. I introduced him to CHARLIE again. He left for about ten minutes. I didn't think he would come back. He did come back though. He said, 'I'm going to do you this favor. You do me one favor. There won't be any expenses for the trip to New Orleans, if you, your brother and your cousin go with me to register for WALLACE'".

RITA said they agreed to do this. GALT drove them in his Mustang. He drove directly to the headquarters which was in North Hollywood, California, on Lankershim Boulevard across the street from the Riviera Sofa Company. Driving to and from the WALLACE headquarters, CHARLIE STEIN, MARIE MARTIN and ERIC GALT rode in the front seat; and RITA and her two sons, DINO and LINO ROSAS, sat in the back. GALT did not enter the election headquarters with them but sat in the car. He did not tell them to ask for anyone in particular by name. Shortly after they were inside, GALT then came in. "There was a lady who registered us. There was also a man at a desk. He was about 35 years of age. GALT spoke to him. He looked like he knew him. GALT did not register. He went to a coffee machine in the room and got coffee just like he knew where it was. I don't drink coffee so I didn't have any", said RITA.

She said that from where she was sitting in the back seat, on the way to register, she noticed that there were some extra license plates up behind the back seat. She said she thought they were black and white in color and is sure they were not orange and black or yellow and black like California license plates. She did not know what state they represented. She thought there were only two such plates, but could not make a positive statement on this. The car was not too neat. She said she thinks there were some dirty white papers on the floor in the back seat. She said she did not notice anything written on these papers. There were no suitcases or boxes inside the car.

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After registering, GALT drove them back to the house on Franklin Avenue. "MARIE went home and got a whole bunch of clothes and boxes which she brought over and loaded up the back seat and trunk. I helped her put things in the back seat. I did not see any of GALT's luggage. She was sending her things to her daughter, MARIAN DE GRASSE, who lives with her grandmother on Bartholomew Street in New Orleans." RITA was not sure of the exact street number but thought it was either 631 or 611 Bartholomew.

When asked to place the exact date of the trip to the WALLACE headquarters and her brother, CHARLIE and GALT leaving for New Orleans, she said, "I thought it was about December 13th and 14th; but my brother, CHARLIE has the voter's registration ticket that shows it was the 15th of December".

After the car was loaded, CHARLIE and GALT took off for New Orleans. They were gone about a week and returned early in the morning about 5:00 a.m. RITA said she was asleep on the couch in the front room of her home and was awakened by the return of GALT and CHARLIE.

RITA said that when they unloaded the car, GALT did very little carrying in of things such as luggage or boxes. She said he left most of that up to the STEINS. She said that her mother sent her a lot of clothing and "junk". She said most of the so-called "junk" was in the nature of New Orleans newspapers. This material was in boxes in the car.

Every time GALT entered her home, RITA said he never got further than half way through the front room. He did sit on the couch once. He did not enter any of the other rooms. He never had a drink of water, or anything else or any food in her home. She said that when he returned from New Orleans with her two daughters, KIM and CHERYL, she explained that as it was nearly Christmas, she would like to show her appreciation for what he did by having him over for a big New Orleans style Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. He thanked her for the offer but said he did not want to come as he had to watch his weight.

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GALT then left and she did not see him again for two days. She said that he returned on this occasion to bring back a blackboard belonging to her children that had been overlooked in the unloading of the car. She said that it was about 1:00 or 2:00 in the afternoon. He just came up on the front porch with the blackboard and did not come in the house.

She said that she saw him again in the Sultan Room two or three weeks later at night. She said that it could have been shortly after New Years, but that she could not place the date any closer than that. It was about 7:00 in the evening. She said she was taking MARIE's car back to her at the Sultan Room on that occasion. GALT was sitting in the bar. "He told me, 'Hello', and said that I must be elated to have my kids back. I said I was. He offered me a drink; but as I was in a hurry to get back to the house as I left the children alone, I declined. The whole conversation and meeting took at the most five minutes."

RITA said she saw GALT again about the end of January or the beginning of February in the Sultan Room but just to say "hello".

RITA said that she told MARIE several times that she just could not believe it that anyone would do a favor like that for a complete stranger. She said that one in a million would take a trip like that.

She said that when he showed her his driver's license in the Sultan Room on the night of their first meeting, she believes he pulled it from a thick black wallet. He told her that he was not working and that was why he had the time to take the trip to New Orleans. He indicated that he had been in Mexico for five years. She said that he had owned a bar there. He was not specific as to where in Mexico it was located, and she did not talk to him long enough to get into any details about his prior background.

According to RITA, "I kept saying, 'Are you really going to go? Don't get my hopes up!' I don't get that much money, that I myself, can go to New Orleans when ever I want. He impressed me as just a nice, friendly sort of a guy. Kind of old fashioned. Every time I talked to him he put his head down and would not look me straight in the eye. He seemed shy.

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"He said he was from Alabama and I think the license he showed me had his picture on it, but I'm not sure. He did not mention any cities in Alabama but we really did not talk that much. I never went to his house. I never shook hands with him. He was neat and clean cut. His hair was short, brown and grey. About every other hair on his head was grey. He had no scars that I remember. His ears stuck out a little. His teeth were nice and regular. He had a sort of ~~pale~~ grey looking complexion. No beard at all. He was always wearing a dark suit with a white shirt and tie, every time I saw him. His walk and posture was straight, he sort of looked like a stuffed animal. He had a little bit of a paunch around the middle. He said that he had to watch his weight. I don't remember him wearing any rings. He never mentioned marriage. I asked him if he liked kids. That was very important to me as he was going to have to ride all the way back from New Orleans with my girls. He said, 'Oh, they're all right'."

RITA said that after the children (her two daughters) got home to Los Angeles, they commented that on the return trip he sang along with the car radio all the way across the country. They described his singing as a cross between a hum and a "woo woo" of the train whistle. They said that every morning ERIC, which they called him, would feed them cornflakes and milk for breakfast. He would usually leave them in the car and go in and get the food and bring it out to them. They also said that he and CHARLIE took turns driving. They sat in the back seat. They recalled that once they stopped where there was snow on the ground and another time when they stopped the ground was all covered with rocks.

RITA said that she never got into a deep conversation with GALT, not that he was a snob, but rather that he impressed her as just being shy. She said that her brother, CHARLIE, thought that GALT might have been in politics; but she did not know on what he based this assumption unless it was his taking them out to register for the WALLACE campaign. She also said that her brother told her that he did not think that GALT had had much experience driving in winter conditions of snowy highways, because they almost had a wreck on the trip either to or from New Orleans.

Concerning her own personal background, RITA STEIN said that she was born in New Orleans. Was married at age 18

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to ALBERT DE MEN, from New Orleans. She had the two daughters by this marriage which ended in divorce. She has no idea of the address of this former husband, she said.

She subsequently married STANLEY ROSAS, also from New Orleans. She said they separated on several different occasions. He was extremely jealous. Also very moody and unpredictable. He had a used car lot in New Orleans and also in Los Angeles, with her brother CHARLIE. He was a top notch car salesman; and was manager of Lot No. 2, for Felix Chevrolet Company in Los Angeles prior to his death. She said he never told her anything about his business or personal life. She said that she thought he had another woman (or "chick" as she called it). She said she got this impression because he was giving all her own things away, such as her television set, her personal clothing, etc. She said that his attitude would change from day to day. One time he would be all sweetness and smiles, and the next he would be aggressive and abusive. He beat her on numerous occasions, she said, adding, "And I have the bridge in my mouth to prove it". She said that she did not have any idea that he may have been on dope or drugs, and that it was a complete surprise to her when an officer from the Los Angeles Police Department came to the house to tell her that her husband, STAN, had been found dead in the back seat of his automobile near Cahuenga Boulevard and Hollywood from an over dose of narcotics.

She insisted that she was not and never had been a user of narcotics. She said that in fact she did not smoke, drink coffee, and seldom drank any alcoholic beverages.

She said that she was not now employed. That her only source of income was from the Social Security payments she received from her late husband's Social Security benefits. That she also occasionally received a few dollars from her brother, CHARLIE, who was drawing or had drawn unemployment compensation. She said she also occasionally got some financial assistance from her relatives (mother and mother-in-law) in New Orleans, or from her boy friend, whose name she refused to furnish. She said her boy friend was "a nice respectable guy, with an eight-to-five job, who I don't want to get mixed up in this thing". He knows nothing about GALT, and I don't want him to get involved, or I'll lose him". She said that being a widow with four children to support she is in no position to do anything which might alienate her boy friend,

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as she doesn't know when and where she might get another one that would put up with a woman with four children. She said that it is hard for her to get out because it requires a baby-sitter unless it is some time that CHARLIE will be home and willing to remain with the children. She said that CHARLIE is very good with children and she has no qualms about leaving her brood with him.

Returning to her sources of income, she said that she receives approximately \$320 monthly Social Security benefits. Her brother, CHARLIE, receives unemployment checks amounting to \$45.00; and of this sum he frequently gives her about \$25.00 toward the household and food expenses. Occasionally her cousin, MARIE, will give her \$5.00 or \$10.00 to clean her apartment.

She said that her late husband, STANLEY ROSAS, operated the car lot which she thought was called the Broad Street Car Company during 1961-1962, near the intersection of Broad and Canal Streets in New Orleans. She said that her brother, CHARLIE, had worked with him in New Orleans. Also that he had been employed as a car salesman at Transportation City on Figueroa Street in Los Angeles, and at Brand Motors in Burbank or Glendale, California. She said that CHARLIE was in the Army some years ago. He also was a traveling salesman for a firm that sold check writers. On this job he covered the territory in the middlewest and the south, out of Louisiana up through Kansas and into North and South Dakota. CHARLIE was born [redacted] in New Orleans.

She said that about some six months ago CHARLIE started growing the beard that he now wears. She said she did not know why he decided to grow the beard, stating, "Man, I don't ask him why you letting your beard grow!" She said that she and he do not talk about the hippie movement. She does not like hippies and will not let them in her house. She said that CHARLIE frequently goes to the so-called "hippie love-ins", but she thinks that it is merely as a spectator. She said that she went with him on one occasion to a love-in in Griffith Park. She took her youngsters along, and let them play on the swings and slides in the park while she watched to see what people do in a love-in.

She said that her rent in her present home at 5666 Franklin Avenue, is \$115.00 per month. Her other expenses include lights, gas, telephone, food and clothing for herself and her four children.

She said that she and STANLEY ROSAS left New Orleans, in 1963, and came to Los Angeles. He wanted a change of scenery and felt Los Angeles would be a good place for a car salesman to get a job. She said that during 1964 her brother, CHARLIE, came out to visit. He liked Southern California so well that he stayed. About two years ago, her cousin, MARIE MARTIN, came out to live in California. She said that she and her late husband were the "pioneers" in the family. She said that MARIE, prior to her job as a cocktail waitress in the Sultan Room, was a professional dancer. She used to travel as a strip dancer.

She said that at the time of her late husband's death, she and he were living at 3340 Floyd Terrace in the Hollywood Hills area of the City of Los Angeles. She said that right after his death she was in a kind of a state of continuous shock. She said she has always been "spooky", which she went on to describe as scared of death and the dead. She said that she began to see shadows in the Floyd Terrace house and she would wake up thinking she saw her deceased husband standing beside her bed. She said that it got so when she was out driving she would go right through the red stop lights like they were not there and she ended up getting several traffic tickets. It finally got so bad that she went to a psychiatrist, a Dr. YOUNGER, in Burbank, California for psychiatric help and consultation. He suggested that she move out of the Floyd Terrace house, which she did, and then she got back to normal and stopped having the fear of her dead husband.

RITA said that her husband, STANLEY ROSAS, was born about 1938 or 1939 in New Orleans. "He had been going with another chick for about four years at the time he met me. Three months later he married me. His mother has been against me from the beginning. She could not stand her son marrying a girl that already had two children. His mother took his death very hard. In fact, she has gone crazy. She wants my children and will stop at nothing to get them." RITA said that her mother-in-law has remarried and continues to live in New Orleans. RITA declined to furnish her mother-in-law's name, stating she did not want her to be contacted by the FBI. She felt that

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it might give her additional fuel toward trying to get RITA's children away from RITA.

RITA insisted that she did not have any information about her late husband being involved in narcotics. She said that he was a big man, that he weighed over 200 pounds, and that it was her understanding that narcotic addicts were usually skinny emaciated persons. She said that she personally had no part in narcotics. That she was neither using or selling narcotics, marijuana, drugs or pills of any kind. She said that to the best of her knowledge, her brother, CHARLIE, was not mixed up in narcotics traffic in any way either. She said, "If he was, I would notice it".

She said, "Since CHARLIE has been unemployed he sleeps alot. He does some song writing. He reads a lot. He likes the outdoors. He spends a lot of time climbing the mountains in nearby Griffith Park. He can just stand and watch the sky for three hours at a time. He likes kids. He gets along very well with my kids. He has been married three times."

She said that at the time of her husband's death, the school where her daughters were in school, Valley View Elementary School, took up a collection, which amounted to \$200.00 which they gave her to help tide her over. She said that the payments on the Floyd Terrace residence were too high and the mortgage was foreclosed. She said that she could not have kept the house even if she had wanted, but in view of her psychological problems relating to the house, she was glad to leave.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 8/9/68

DONALD MARTIN BLAA was interviewed at the Hall of Justice Jail, 306 North Broadway. BLAA advised that sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas 1967, he worked for about three days at the Saint Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles. He observed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, LESTER EDWARD PACKETT and FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY, and denied knowing any of these individuals. He denied making any statements that he knew JAMES EARL RAY, drove with RAY to Tennessee, or ever drank with him.

BLAA stated that sometime during March, 1968, he left Los Angeles and hitchhiked to San Bernardino. He spent his first night at the Salvation Army Men's Shelter at San Bernardino. The next morning he purchased a Greyhound Bus ticket and traveled to Victorville, California. At Victorville, California, he was hitchhiking again and was given a ride with an individual named CARL HIMI. HIMI was driving a 1956 blue Ford bearing California license plates. HIMI claimed to be a pipeline construction worker, who had worked in the Barstow area, but was then returning to his home in Salt Rock, West Virginia. BLAA said HIMI drove him all the way to Nashville, Tennessee.

While in Nashville, BLAA stated he was stopped for questioning by the Nashville Police Department, as racial disorders were prevalent in the area and a curfew was in effect. He was not booked and was released upon explaining he just arrived in Nashville. BLAA said he took a bus from Nashville to Dixon, Tennessee, the home of his mother. BLAA claims he stayed at his mother's home for only one day and then traveled to Chicago. In Chicago, he spent most of his time at the home of his brother, CHARLES BLAA, 451 West Belmont Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. He stayed in Chicago, from March to mid-June, 1968, and then traveled to St. Louis. He stayed in St. Louis for about two and one-half or three weeks. He resided mostly at Salvation Army shelters and worked for a short time at the

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International Building, 722 West Chestnut, St. Louis, doing maintenance work. He arrived back in Los Angeles on or about July 17, 1968. He was arrested shortly thereafter by the Glendale Police Department. BLAA denied ever riding in a white Mustang automobile, or any car with Alabama license plates. He stated one time he borrowed a friend's red Mustang to take a driving test.

The following background information was obtained from interview and observation:

Name	DONALD MARTIN BLAA
Also Known As	John D. Fisher, David Fisher, Rocky
Birth Data	<div></div> Oak Park, Illinois
Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	5'8"
Weight	150 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Tattoos	Naked women, left forearm Cat, right forearm
Scars	3/4" scar, base of right thumb
Employment	Forest Lawn Cemetery Glendale, California
Relatives	Father: MARTIN K(only) deceased Mother: ALVERA BRUNET Route 5 Dixon, Tennessee Sister: RUTH CERRULO New Jersey Brother: CHARLES BLAA

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 8/9/68

CLIFFORD WOLFE, 1232 West Fifth Street, Los Angeles, was interviewed at his place of employment, West Coast Cycle Company, 221 South San Pedro Street.

WOLFE was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, LESTER EDWARD PACKETT, and FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY. He advised he knew none of these individuals. WOLFE was shown a photograph of DONALD B. BLAA, and he advised he knew this individual as JOHN FISHER or ROCKY. He stated that sometime during late February or March, 1968, BLAA left the Los Angeles area. This occurred about one week after he caused a fire at 1232 West Fifth Street, where he was a boarder. BLAA returned to Los Angeles sometime during mid-July, 1968, at which time he was staying at the Cecil Hotel, 640 South Main Street, Los Angeles. Upon his return to Los Angeles, BLAA said he traveled to Nashville, Tennessee, with one other individual, not further identified. The car they traveled in did not belong to BLAA. When they arrived in Nashville, BLAA gave this individual driving route directions to Florida.

Shortly after he left the unidentified individual in Nashville, he was taken into custody by the Nashville Police Department for a curfew violation. BLAA claimed he spent the night in jail, paid a \$16 fine the next day, and was released. He said he traveled from Nashville to his mother's home, a distance of thirty or forty miles, to some small town in Tennessee. He mentioned later that prior to his return to Los Angeles, he worked for a short while at some undisclosed location in Missouri.

WOLFE denied that he ever heard BLAA mention that he knew JAMES EARL RAY or had any association with him. He denied hearing any conversation between FLORENCE HOLLOWAY, 1232 West Fifth Street and BLAA, in which BLAA mentioned having a few drinks with RAY. WOLFE

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said he felt that based on this coincidence, HOLLOWAY had conjectured some connection between these events. He stated BLAA was recently arrested by the Glendale Police and was believed to be currently in the County Jail.

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Date 5/23/681

Mr. and Mrs. JOHN R. CROWLEY, 5045 Nautlius, Apartment 6, Oxnard Beach, Oxnard, California, advised they have residence phone 486-3285. They advised that they are both employed in the commercial real estate firm, 622 South A Street, Oxnard.

Mrs. CROWLEY advised about a year ago she sold some property for one JULIE WANDRY, also known as Julie Forbes, who subsequently moved from Oxnard to Hollywood. In February, 1968, JULIE WANDRY was residing at the St. Francis Hotel in Hollywood and would phone her about once a week. Mrs. CROWLEY cannot recall the dates of any of these phone calls, but stated that on the average JULIE WANDRY was calling her about once a week.

Mrs. CROWLEY advised that she and Mr. CROWLEY visited JULIE WANDRY on one occasion at the St. Francis Hotel, in February, 1968. JULIE WANDRY moved from the St. Francis Hotel on March 1, 1968, and is now living at an unknown address in Woodland Hills. Her husband, ROBERT WANDRY, is employed by the Post Office at Woodland Hills.

Mrs. CROWLEY advised that JULIE WANDRY has phoned her in the past two weeks concerning the FBI investigation to locate JAMES EARL RAY and stated to her that she does not recall RAY.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to Mr. and Mrs. JOHN CROWLEY with negative results.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/23/681

STEVE LAZARCHUK, advised that he is the club professional at the Buena-Ventura Golf Course, 5822 Ventura Boulevard, Ventura, California. He advised that he and ROGER GOSSER, would be the only employees on duty at 8:42 AM on February 29, 1968.

Mr. LAZARCHUK stated he does not recall receiving any phone calls on the morning on February 29, 1968, from anyone residing in Hollywood or at the St. Francis Hotel in Hollywood. He advised that he knows of no players who frequent the Buena-Ventura Golf Course, who reside at the St. Francis Hotel in Hollywood. Mr. LAZARCHUK pointed out that reservations for the Buena-Ventura Golf Course are taken only for Saturday, Sunday and Holidays. On all other days no reservations are taken. He advised that on each day of play the players sign their name on the signup sheet, but do not list their addresses either as to city or county.

Mr. LAZARCHUK pointed out that 20 per cent of the individuals playing on the Buena-Ventura Golf Course come from Los Angeles according to a recent survey they have made.

Photographs of RAY were exhibited to Mr. LAZARCHUK with negative results.

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ROGER GOSSER, advised that he is employed in the Pro-Shop, Buena-Ventura Golf Course, 5822 Ventura Boulevard, Ventura, California. Mr. GOSSER advised that he was working on February 29, 1968, but does not recall receiving any phone calls from anyone in Hollywood or anyone at the St. Francis Hotel, Hollywood. He advised that he does not know of any golfers who frequent their golf course, who live at the St. Francis Hotel in Hollywood or who live in Hollywood.

Photographs of RAY were exhibited to Mr. GOSSER with negative results.

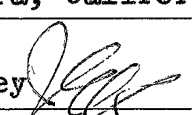
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Mr. THOR OLSON, Recreation Director, City of Ventura, made available the registration sheets for the Buena-Ventura Golf Course for February 29, 1968, through March 7, 1968. This register was checked against subject RAY's name and alias with negative results. It was noted this register frequently signed only with the last or first name of the golfer. No addresses or indication of city of residence was indicated on this register in any instance

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Date 4/17/68

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On April 17, 1968, CHICK BOUCHER, a room clerk at Brevoort Hotel, 6326 Lexington Avenue, Hollywood, California, telephone 462-0314, advised that he has been working in this capacity for five months, but has lived on these premises for four years. He is a retired boxer.

BOUCHER advised that he had no knowledge of any person named ERIC STARVO GALT or ERIC GALT except for the following:

BOUCHER said that as he recalled a person named ERIC GALT received mail at this address in the summer of 1966. He said that he is quite sure that mail in this name was received. BOUCHER said he did not know the sender or senders of the mail, but he recalls air mail stamps on the mail. As recalled, the mail came from the South, possibly Texas, New Orleans or Miami. BOUCHER said he could not remember details. He pointed out that there has been a large turnover of tenants in this hotel in the past three years.

BOUCHER said that he did not know where on the premises the person getting the mail, resided, but he may have lived with GEORGE WOOD, who had a person believed living with him for about three or four months in the back of the premises in what is called the Villa. This person was a drinking friend of WOOD and was recalled as being of the white race, about 35 years of age. He wore dungarees and sport shirts and, as recalled, wore sandals a great deal. He always had a haircut, was shaved and clean in his appearance. BOUCHER said he had not seen this man since the Summer of 1966, and did not know his whereabouts since he left here or whether he had a car. BOUCHER said that this described man who lived with WOOD, may not be the person whom he, BOUCHER, recalls as receiving mail in the name, ERIC GALT.

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BOUCHER advised that GEORGE WOOD sold Cadillacs in Beverly Hills, California, about ten years ago. Later, WOOD worked with Rambler agency at Hollywood and Edgemont, Los Angeles, about two years ago. Due to his heavy drinking he was asked to leave this hotel. BOUCHER advised that he has not seen WOOD for about two years and WOOD is now believed to be a patient in Camarillo State Hospital or Norwalk State Hospital.

BOUCHER was furnished a description of ERIC STARVO GALT, but he said he could not identify any person on the basis of it.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/15/68

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On April 12, 1968, DON GALBRAITH, Manager, Stanley Hotel, 1755 Wilcox Street, Los Angeles, California, advised that Room 221 of the Stanley Hotel has been occupied by DONALD LOUDENBACK since November 1967. GALBRAITH advised that LOUDENBACK is employed as a painter for the hotel, has no car, and is a white male approximately fifty years of age. He advised that LOUDENBACK has been employed by the hotel since February, 1968. GALBRAITH advised that a check of his hotel records fail to reflect any person by the name of GALT as having been a guest of the hotel during the past year. Memphis and Birmingham artist conceptions were shown to GALBRAITH with negative results. GALBRAITH advised he was unable to furnish any information concerning any person named GALT.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 4/30/68

JAMES W. LAUGHRIDGE, Apartment 6F, 800 South Sullivan Street, Santa Ana, California, advised that he has a lease on a used car lot at 2301 West First Street, Santa Ana, California, and is presently trying to get a license to do business at this location.

He stated that as a result of attempting to go into business at this address, he met AL CREWS at the Hollywood Chrysler, Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California, on or about the first of April, 1968. He stated that he did not see CREWS again until Friday, April 19, 1968 when he showed up at his used carlot in Santa Ana. He wanted to buy a car and paid \$450 in cash for a Chevrolet Monza. He stayed with LAUGHRIDGE that night at his apartment.

LAUGHRIDGE stated that all that day while CREWS was with him and also during the evening, CREWS had been drinking and it was his considered opinion that he was drunk.

During the course of the evening, CREWS made several statements concerning a passport that he was trying to get to a person out of the country. LAUGHRIDGE stated that CREWS had a passport with him and several photographs of the person that he alleged he was trying to help to get out of the country.

CREWS stated that the AFL-CIO paid \$250,000 to have KING killed and had brought into this country, origin not indicated, a person in 1959 to kill Dr. KING. He stated that this was the person he was trying to help to leave the country.

LAUGHRIDGE stated that CREWS wanted to have an Italian, not further identified, make up this passport in Los Angeles, but he wanted \$2,000 for the job which CREWS considered to be too much.

LAUGHRIDGE brought over to the apartment a Marine stationed at El Toro Marine Base to take a photograph of the pictures that CREWS had in his possession. He identified this Marine as KEN MAPLE who lives at 928 South Minnie Street, Santa

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Ana, California. He stated that he had this photograph in his possession and took it to Koda's Restaurant, located at the corner of Manchester and Commonwealth Streets, Buena Park, California, on Saturday April 27, 1968. There the photograph was thrown away.

LAUGHRIDGE stated that the next day, April 20, 1968, CREWS took off for Tijuana, Mexico with MANUEL CENICEROS to have the passport made up. CENICEROS stated that he had a brother in Tijuana who had connections with photographers there who could do the job for CREWS.

LAUGHRIDGE stated that CENICEROS resides at 1207 $\frac{1}{2}$  West Fourth Street, Santa Ana, California. LAUGHRIDGE stated that he has been in touch with Mrs. CENICEROS who stated that her husband is in jail in Tijuana at the present time.

LAUGHRIDGE stated that CREWS returned to Santa Ana by bus on Monday April 22, 1968 and explained that they had had an auto accident in Tijuana and that the car had been impounded by the police and that he did not have enough money to get the car out of impound. He also stated that the photographer did not complete the passport and insofar as he knows it is still in Tijuana.

LAUGHRIDGE stated that the photographs that CREWS had in his possession were not identical to the photograph of JAMES RAY, that he was shown, nor was it identical to the photograph of JAMES RAY, also known as Eric Galt that he has seen in the newspapers.

He described the person in the photographs that he saw as a "handsome" face, round in shape, wearing a beard, and that he had thick wavy hair on his head.

LAUGHRIDGE stated that MANUEL CENICEROS had another brother DONALD CENICEROS who lived at 2322 Monta Vista Street, Santa Ana, California and who would probably know the name and address of the other brother living in Tijuana.

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LAUGHRIDGE stated that about a month ago he was "kidnapped" by "hoods" and taken to Mexico. There he was beaten until he wrote checks in the amounts of \$1,000; \$14,000; and \$25,000 to secure his release. He stated that these "hoods" wanted the money to finance a synthetic marijuana.

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CHARLES ADAIR, advised that he is employed by JAMES LAUGHRIDGE at the used car lot at 2301 West First Street, Santa Ana, California and that he is presently living with Mr. LAUGHRIDGE at his Apartment 6F, 800 South Fullivan Street, Santa Ana, California.

He stated that he only met AL CREWS on one occasion and that was at the used car lot on or about April 22, 1968. He stated that CREWS stayed overnight in the apartment and that he drove CREWS back to Hollywood the next day. He stated that he has only been in California for two weeks and did not know exactly where he dropped CREWS off in Hollywood other than in the downtown area. He stated that their talk was innocuous during the ride from Santa Ana, California to Hollywood, California and was only general in nature. CREWS made no reference of being in Mexico.

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Date May 1, 1968

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ALVIN CREWS was located at the Central Jail, Los Angeles Police Department Headquarters.

He was advised that he did not have to say anything; that anything that he did say could be used against him in court; and that at anytime he had the right to counsel by an attorney or anyone of his own choice prior to the interview. He was also advised that he had the right to terminate the interview at any time at his own discretion.

He read and understood the Waiver of Rights form and after reading it, signed it in the presence of the interviewing agents.

He stated that he did not wish to furnish a signed statement.

He was advised that the interview concerned the location of JAMES EARL RAY.

He stated that he ordinarily does not cooperate with police officers, but in this instance he would do so to help in any way that he could to locate the killer of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

He stated that he had been employed by the Hollywood Chrysler, Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California, until about ten days ago when he left his job as a salesman on his own accord.

He stated that he knows JIM LAUGHRIDGE who runs a used car lot in Santa Ana, California. He stated that he bought a car there and with MANUEL CINCERES drove to Tijuana, Mexico. There the car was involved in an accident and the car was impounded by the Mexican Police.

He stated that he returned to the Los Angeles area a couple of days ago and was arrested on a warrant from Santa Barbara charging him with Robbery and Burglary (211-209) and with grand theft, auto (254).

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He stated that he has never met JAMES EARL RAY and does not know him or anyone by the name of ERIC GALT. He stated that he does not know CHARLES or RITA STEIN; MARIE MARTIN or MARIE MARTINELLO. He stated that he knows where the Hotel St. Francis is located but claimed that he has never been in the hotel.

CREWS stated that he did not have anything to do with the killing of Dr. KING and knew nothing about a forged passport for JAMES EARL RAY.

CREWS terminated the interview at this point.

From personal observation, he is described as:

Name	ALVIN CREWS
Alias	Al Crews
Race	White
Sex	Male
Birth Data	<input type="text"/>
	Texas
Height	5'8"
Weight	150 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Residence	3326 Prospect Street La Crescenta, California
Occupation	Salesman
Business address	Unemployed

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 29, 19681

HELEN STEWART, Payroll Clerk, Hollywood Chrysler, 6119 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California, advised that AL CREWS had been employed as a salesman by this concern, but is not now so employed.

She stated that his home address is 3326 Prospect Street, La Crescenta, California.

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Date April 29, 19681

WILLIAM HARRINGTON, Sales Manager, Hollywood Chrysler, 6119 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California, advised that the last time that AL CREWS was employed at this location was about ten days ago.

Mr. HARRINGTON stated that he had just talked with representatives from the District Attorney's Office and that they had arrested CREWS on a warrant from Santa Barbara.

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Date 4/29/68

Mr. ALAN THOMPSON, Manager, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, furnished the telephone records of his hotel. He advised that the hotel compiles a list of every call made out of the hotel through the hotel's switchboard. He advised that the actual numbers called are also noted. Mr. THOMPSON stated that he would be the appropriate recipient of a subpoena duces tecum for these records if they are evidentiary. Examination of the phone records showed the following calls were charged to MARIE MARTIN:

<u>Date of Call</u>	<u>Number Called</u>
November 17, 1967	OL 5-9444
November 19, 1967	HO 4-4460
November 20, 1967	384-1225
	384-1225
	384-1225
	620-0144
	665-0180
November 17, 1967	OL 5-9444
November 19, 1967	HO 4-4460
November 20, 1967	384-1255
	384-1255
	384-1255
	620-0144
	665-0180
November 21, 1967	466-7221
	466-7221
	661-1410

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<u>Date of Call</u>	<u>Number Called</u>
November 22, 1967	662-3888
	624-5211
	629-2451
	626-3888
	MA 4-5211
	626-9938
November 24, 1967	466-7221
	624-0111
	381-7241
	385-0121
	469-5841
	466-7221
November 25, 1967	628-2553
	466-7221
November 27, 1967	466-7221
November 28, 1967	624-5211
November 29, 1967	MA 4-5211
December 4, 1967	651-1141
	466-7221
	655-9444
December 5, 1967	466-7221 (Paid)

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<u>Date of Call</u>	<u>Number Called</u>
December 5, 1967	CR 1-1193 (Paid)
	BR 2-0257 (Paid)
	CR 1-1193 (Paid)
	CR 1-1193 (Paid)
	Collect RONNIE \$1.05 + \$.10 + \$.10
December 6, 1967	271-1193
	734-6578
December 7, 1967	271-1193
December 8, 1967	466-7221
	MA 4-5211
	OL 5-9444
December 9, 1967	734-6578
	666-0732
	664-2063
	666-0732
December 10, 1967	666-0732
	666-0732
December 11, 1967	666-0732
December 12, 1967	271-1193
	432-0411
	NE 2-3941
	NE 5-8341 \$1.30 +

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<u>Date of Call</u>	<u>Number Called</u>
December 12, 1967	HO 2-4457 HO 2-4457
December 13, 1967	666-0732 (NA)
December 15, 1967	Western Union 627-4321 \$2.41 Paid HO 7-6121
December 17, 1967	Collect call to MARIE \$1.90 + \$.18 + \$.20
December 18, 1967	469-3080
December 19, 1967	CR 1-1193
December 20, 1967	663-2461 NA CR 1-1193 663-2461 683-2304
December 21, 1967	469-1281
December 23, 1967	876-4942 or 4992 or 9992
December 26, 1967	CR 1-1193 663-2461 732-9343 380-9379 465-5151
December 29, 1967	Telegram \$2.12 Paid

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<u>Date of Call</u>	<u>Number Called</u>
December 29, 1967	462-9995
	666-0732
December 30, 1967	666-0732 NA
	666-0732
December 31, 1967	666-0732
	666-0732
<del>Jan 1</del>	666-0732
January 1, 1968	Telegram \$3.09
	666-0732
January 2, 1968	666-0732
January 3, 1968	735-1561
	629-2451
	SP 4-0634
January 4, 1968	462-7111
January 5, 1968	462-2383
January 7, 1968	627-4321
	Western Union \$1.67
	666-0732
January 8, 1968	642-9995
January 9, 1968	629-2451
	MA 5-3414



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<u>Date of Call</u>	<u>Number Called</u>
January 9, 1968	620-3180
	653-4141
	624-9708
	MA 6-5156
	464-1372
January 10, 1968	985-3285
	465-7497
	627-4321
	465-7497
	626-9511
	626-9511
	382-1366
January 11, 1968	Western Union \$2.22 + \$.22 = \$2.44
January 12, 1968	626-9511
January 13, 1968	734-2527
	626-9511
	620-4070
	Telegram \$1.56 + \$.18 = \$1.74
	849-3859
	735-6503
January 14, 1968	462-4382
	469-0366

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<u>Date of Call</u>	<u>Number Called</u>
January 17, 1968	462-9698
	464-7110
January 18, 1968	876-4942
	469-0366
January 19, 1968	462-8608
	876-4125
	469-4367 NA
	462-9698
	464-1372
	469-4367
February 14, 1968	465-7497
March 25, 1968	872-1424
March 6, 1968	463-4669
March 9, 1968	HO 7 or 3-3106
March 12, 1968	465-7166
March 13, 1968	465-7166
April 19, 1968	463-9449

ALAN THOMPSON; subpoena duces tecum directed to him  
has proper custody.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/25/68

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CHARLES CALVIN BOOKMAN was interviewed at his place of residence, Belmont Apartment Hotel, 948 South Figueroa, Room 201, Los Angeles, California, by SA's GEORGE E. AIKEN, JR., and FRANCIS J. GALLOWAY. BOOKMAN stated that he had done hard time in several prisons during his lifetime and that in 1955 he was incarcerated at Fort Leavenworth Federal Prison with subject JAMES EARL RAY.

He stated that around noon on April 19, 1968, he was in his room at the hotel when he received a telephone call from RAY advising him that he, RAY, was in San Pedro, California.

According to BOOKMAN, RAY requested that BOOKMAN loan him a sum of money inasmuch as he was without funds. RAY told BOOKMAN that he was "hot as a cow Marshal's pistol" and had to stay out of sight. BOOKMAN stated that he told RAY he did not have any money to loan him, that he knew RAY was hot and that he did not want to get involved with him because he, BOOKMAN, was trying to go straight.

RAY then stated he guessed he would have to spend the night in the San Pedro, California, Mission.

BOOKMAN stated that he first became acquainted with RAY in the latter part of 1956 and constantly worked with RAY and knew him until he was released from Leavenworth in May 1957. He stated that he and RAY both worked in the prison kitchen and later on the prison trustee farm.

BOOKMAN recalled that the only thing he could recall during his acquaintanceship with RAY that had racial overtones was an occasion when a Negro supervisor was placed on the Leavenworth prison farm while he and RAY were serving their time there. He stated that subsequent to that time, RAY was involved in a beef with the Negro supervisor and was sent back to the Leavenworth compound because of his difficulty with the supervisor.

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BOOKMAN stated that during the time he knew RAY in prison, he knew and called him by the first name RALPH. He also heard RAY referred to by other persons as ED.

BOOKMAN stated that after he was released from prison in 1957, he bummed around the country for awhile and by chance met RAY on August 2, 1967, at the Amber Room, a bar at the Figueroa Hotel located in the 900 block of South Figueroa, Los Angeles, California. BOOKMAN, fixing the date of August 2, 1967, as the date he met RAY, stated that he, BOOKMAN, returned to Los Angeles, California, on that date from Las Vegas, Nevada. He produced an airline stub indicating the date that he flew to Los Angeles from Las Vegas.

BOOKMAN stated that he then returned to the State of Virginia for a visit and returned to Los Angeles, California, on August 12, 1967, which he verified by producing an airline ticket dated that date. He stated that he again saw RAY on the very day that he returned to Los Angeles from Virginia and that on this occasion, RAY went to BOOKMAN's room where they consumed a quantity of intoxicants.

BOOKMAN stated that he was of the opinion that RAY was well acquainted with Biloxi, Gulfport, Mississippi, inasmuch as he talked frequently about this region; and he, BOOKMAN, was well acquainted with this area. He also stated that he was of the opinion that RAY knew something of the sea because he talked knowledgeably about ships from time to time. BOOKMAN said he might have been on a riverboat for a period of time, but he did not know this to be, in fact, true.

BOOKMAN stated that he was a Merchant Seaman employed as a steward. He was unemployed and was in a body cast and his left leg was in a cast from his hip to his ankle. BOOKMAN stated that he had been involved in an automobile accident as a pedestrian four months ago and was still under a physician's care.

It is also noted that BOOKMAN was drinking but that the extent of intoxication could not be determined by the interviewing Agents.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/9/68

Dr. RUSSEL HADLEY, 7080 Hollywood Boulevard, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

Dr. HADLEY stated that the information he would furnish concerns a patient and therefore he considers it of a confidential nature. He stated that prior to making this information public or prior to his testifying to it he first would need a release from the patient.

JAMES EARL RAY utilizing the name of ERIC S. GALT appeared at Dr. HADLEY's office on February 19, 1968, at 11:30 a.m. for consultation. He furnished his address as 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, telephone 464-1131 and date of birth as [redacted]. He listed his nearest relative as CARL L. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama. GALT stated he had been referred to Dr. HADLEY by the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

Dr. HADLEY stated he performed a nasal tip reconstruction for an elongated nasal tip on GALT in his office on March 5, 1968. A local anesthetic was used. On March 7, 1968, GALT returned to Dr. HADLEY's office to have packs removed from his nose. On March 11, 1968, he again returned and the sutures were removed from his nose by Dr. HADLEY.

GALT was scheduled to return in six weeks for a final postoperative checkup but failed to keep the appointment.

Dr. HADLEY stated he personally saw GALT on each visit. He continued that GALT was quiet and pleasing in manner, unassuming and composed. Dr. HADLEY stated that GALT paid \$200 in cash for the surgery on the date of the operation, March 5, 1968. Dr. HADLEY stated that the surgery he performed on GALT did not alter his appearance to any degree.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 2/17/69

Mr. CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN, who advised he has no permanent residence in the Los Angeles area, in that he is staying with a variety of friends at various locations on a day to day basis, was interviewed regarding his association with a man known to him as ERIC STARVO GALT, who is also known as James Earl Ray.

STEIN advised that during April 1968, he was contacted by a "Los Angeles Times" newspaper reporter (First Name Unknown) LARSEN. He and LARSEN discussed a telephone memorandum slip which STEIN obtained from RAY. STEIN said the memorandum slip had the address of STEIN's sister, MARIE LEE, written on it. STEIN said he stayed at MARIE's residence during his trip to New Orleans in December 1967 with RAY. STEIN said the memorandum slip had a phone number on it which he is now unable to recall. STEIN said that at the time of his meeting with LARSEN he felt the telephone number on the memorandum slip might be helpful in tracing the whereabouts of RAY which was unknown at that time, and, he felt the memorandum slip could be worth a considerable amount of money. STEIN advised that LARSEN offered him \$15.00 or \$25.00 for the memorandum slip but STEIN said he declined the offer because he felt it was not enough money. STEIN said following his conversation with LARSEN he spent his last dollar to call the telephone number in New Orleans which was written on the memorandum slip. STEIN said the individual answering the phone number in New Orleans identified the number as the Greyhound Bus Station.

STEIN advised that when he made his December 1967 trip to New Orleans with RAY, he attempted to delay RAY for a few days longer so that he might visit with friends. In one attempt to delay their departure back to Los Angeles, STEIN suggested that RAY check weather conditions prior to their departure since they had encountered a snow storm while on their trip to New Orleans. STEIN said RAY called a Fire Station to inquire about weather and road conditions and the Fire Department suggested he call the Greyhound Bus

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Depot to obtain this type of information. RAY noted the information from the Fire Department on the memorandum slip.

STEIN stated he has lost the memorandum slip, has not been able to locate it, and has moved several times since he originally came into possession of the memorandum slip.

STEIN advised he is eager to go to Memphis, Tennessee and he intends to take a camera or a photographer with him to record his actions along the way. He said his purpose in this action was that he intends to write a book about his experiences in connection with this case and as a witness during the trial. STEIN said he plans to embellish his story to make the book more readable and to insure greater sales and more profit for himself.

STEIN was cautioned not to embellish or distort his contacts with representatives of the FBI.

STEIN said he had never heard RAY mention anyone by the name of RAUL during his contacts with RAY. He said he knows of no connection between the murders of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, Senator ROBERT KENNEDY and MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. STEIN advised that New Orleans District Attorney JAMES GARRISON had contacted his sister MARIE LEE in New Orleans and had asked her to have STEIN contact GARRISON. STEIN said he made two attempts to telephone GARRISON collect but these calls were not completed.

STEIN said he had contacted the District Attorney's Office in Memphis to obtain permission to send a telegram to RAY, who is incarcerated in prison there. He said his purpose in sending this telegram was to obtain information from RAY concerning certain details of their trip to New Orleans in December of 1967. STEIN stated the District Attorney "Took the Fifth Amendment" on this question and in spite of the fact that no permission was granted, he sent the telegram to RAY. He stated he has received no answer from RAY.