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He first saw GALT on Saturday, January 20, 1968, and last recalled seeing him on March 16, 1968. GALT would always leave a bundle of laundry consisting of underwear, T-shirts and dress shirts, and he would pick up the finished laundry the following Saturday. Photographs of the T-shirts and shorts recovered near the scene of the assassination were similar to the ones brought in by GALT, according to VERNON, but he could not be sure whether the two pieces belonged to him. The laundry markings on the underwear were identified by him as being similar to the mark used by his laundry.

GALT always paid for his laundry in cash, using \$10 and \$20 bills.

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GINGER LEE NANCE (nee CUNNINGHAM) resides 405 First Street, Dixon, Illinois. On the first Saturday or Sunday of May, 1967, she and ANITA KATZWINKEL left Dixon, Illinois, and proceeded to Los Angeles, California, where they established residence at the Palms Apartments on Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood.

After about three weeks, she and KATZWINKEL moved to 1535 Serrano and resided there for about a month and a half.

In June, 1967, she hitchhiked back to Dixon, Illinois, accompanied part of the way by her boy friend, JIM LEEHY. She cannot recall writing her name and address on any paper nor did she give any name and address on a paper to any of the people who gave her a ride in a car. She did enjoy several rides across country during her hitchhiking trip in Mustangs.

She stated that SUE HARRIS and ANITA KATZWINKEL were working as prostitutes in California, working out of SUE's apartment.

NANCE further advised the name ERIC S. GALT is unknown to her.

CHARLES J. STEIN resides at 5666 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, California, and first met ERIC S. GALT at the Sultan Room of the Saint Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on December 24, 1967. His sister, RITA STEIN, was present along with his cousin, MARIE MARTIN, at the time of the meeting.

GALT offered to drive STEIN to New Orleans to pick up RITA's two children, and return them to Los Angeles.

The morning after the initial meeting, the three of them registered at GALT's request in the political party of GEORGE WALLACE.

STEIN and GALT traveled to New Orleans along the southern route through Yuma, Tucson and El Paso. While en route, GALT made several telephone calls, mostly while traveling through Texas and these calls were made from pay telephones.

GALT mentioned that he had recently returned from Mexico where he had formerly had a part ownership in a bar and that his former partner, a Mexican, had bought out his interest in the bar. This bar was located near a seaport or boats.

At New Orleans, GALT expressed the desire not to stay at STEIN's mother's residence, but to stay at a motel and he was directed to a motel in the 1000 block of Charter Street (determined to be the Provincial Motel), New Orleans. They had driven straight through from Los Angeles, arriving on December 17, 1967.

On the following day, he met GALT in the street near the residence of CLOVINA ALONZO, 1907 $\frac{1}{2}$ Royal Street, STEIN's mother, and GALT told him he had contacted the individuals he needed to contact and wanted to begin the trip back to Los Angeles. Subsequently, he telephoned STEIN and delayed the departure due to a storm blocking their present route.

They returned to Los Angeles on December 19, 1967, with RITA STEIN's two children. GALT paid for all expenses of food and gasoline in cash.

STEIN stated that a girl, with blond hair, about 5'2", by the name of JERI, according to information developed by he and LOUIS LOMAX, a Los Angeles newspaper man, had lived with GALT while GALT resided in Los Angeles. JERI is presently in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and had used several names in the past, one of which he believed to be DYRELL.

STEIN further stated that he learned, following his initial meeting with GALT, that GALT must have thought he was being set up for a robbery because MARIE MARTIN told STEIN that GALT had made the comment following STEIN's departure from the Sultan Room that "He would hate to have to kill someone."

When STEIN loaded his suitcase into the trunk of GALT's Mustang, he noticed GALT's blue suitcase there, as well as what appeared to be a Kodak camera box. This box was yellow and black in color, two and one-half feet long and a foot wide.

Driving through New Orleans, STEIN told GALT he was grateful to him for driving down to pick up the children of RITA STEIN, but GALT mentioned that he was not doing anyone a favor because he had business to conduct in New Orleans, himself, and he mentioned an Italian-sounding name, which he cannot recall, but is a well-known name in New Orleans and the street he mentioned gave STEIN a mental picture of the Chalmette-Industrial Canal area of New Orleans.

Near El Paso, Texas, GALT purchased a used tire for the Mustang at a tire store. Later in the evening of the same date, December 16, 1967, STEIN recalled that he awoke from a sleep and found they had stopped and GALT was making a lengthy telephone call from a public coin box telephone booth. He believes this call was made somewhere in the vicinity of Houston, Texas, and since it was dark, he could recall the light in the telephone booth shining down on GALT while he made the call.

Later in the day, after arriving at New Orleans and GALT's going to the Provincial Motel, STEIN went for a walk with his sons through the French Quarter and over near the new Trade Mart Building on Canal Street. Later in the day, during the evening, GALT commented that he had seen STEIN and the two boys earlier that day near the Trade Mart Building while he was having a beer at a bar in the area. This was at the home of his sister, MARIE LEE, that the conversation with GALT took place.

On the evening of December 19, 1967, GALT, STEIN and RITA STEIN's two children departed New Orleans for Los Angeles. They drove straight through, arriving on December 21, 1967, in the morning.

After this trip, STEIN did observe GALT on a couple of occasions in the Sultan Room of the Hotel Saint Francis. On one of these occasions, GALT mentioned the fact that he had "just finished bartending school." Sometime after this, either RITA STEIN or MARIE MARTIN

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mentioned to STEIN that GALT was going to New Orleans again, and his comment was that GALT liked hamburgers because that was all he ate on the trip to New Orleans.

STEIN did advise that he had helped LOUIS LOMAX, the newspaper reporter, identify DYRELL DENNIS, who is now in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who allegedly dated GALT on one occasion while he resided in Los Angeles. STEIN feels that LOMAX "Used" him for publicity purposes, identifying STEIN as the "Key to the case." This upset STEIN because he felt whoever shot KING might take a shot at him.

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JOHN EUGENE GAWRON, residing at 1807 South 11th Street, St. Louis, Missouri, was born on [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois, and estimates that he has spent about 45 years of his life in penal institutions.

Paroled in 1954 to a Soldier's Home, Quincy, Illinois, GAWRON became acquainted at a tavern in Quincy with LUCILLE RYAN who was separated from her husband, JERRY RAYNES. LUCILLE had a daughter named CAROL, then living with her; a son named JERRY, who was also living with her; a son named JIMMY (JAMES EARL RAY), who was then serving a Federal sentence in the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas; a son named FRANKLIN DENNIS RAYNES, deceased; a daughter named MELBA, who was in a mental hospital in Jacksonville, Illinois; [redacted]

[redacted]; a daughter named SUSAN, who was in a Catholic orphanage located at Alton, Illinois; and a son named JOHN (JACK), who was serving a sentence in the Illinois State Penitentiary, Menard, Illinois.

GAWRON, allegedly involved in a burglary at Quincy, Illinois, in 1956, had his parole revoked and was returned to the Illinois State Penitentiary, but in 1959 he escaped from this institution. After a few days, he went to the home of LUCILLE RYAN (RAYNES) where her mother, MARY MAHR, was operating a rooming house, and GAWRON resided with LUCILLE at 1913 Hickory, St. Louis, Missouri.

During a period of several months in 1959, he was closely associated with JAMES EARL RAY and taught him to be a burglar and they went together on a number of burglaries, estimated to be twelve. They were committed outside St. Louis in the northern part of Missouri, in Iowa, and in Illinois. GAWRON taught JIMMY (JAMES EARL RAY) to always wear gloves on any kind of a job, and he was surprised that he would now go on any job without wearing gloves at the risk of leaving fingerprints.

Together they spent a great deal of time, and in St. Louis they frequented a tavern known as Ruby's Bar, later known as the Haven Bar, Lafayette Street, just west of 18th.

RAY generally drank bourbon, which he mixed with sweet soda. He did not drink beer or smoke. When meeting any girl for the first time, he (RAY) had a tendency to lisp or stutter in his speech. When RAY wanted a girl, GAWRON usually found a girl for him and on such occasions, his relationship with the girl was only brief and temporary at some second or third rate hotel room.

RAY dresses extremely well when he has money, likes good food, and buys expensive clothes, but he always chooses a second or third rate hotel or a cheap rooming house in which to live.

GAWRON, RAY, and JAMES OWENS, with whom RAY was arrested and sentenced to the Missouri State Penitentiary, cased the Kroger Store in East St. Louis, Illinois, for a robbery. GAWRON declined to participate because of the danger involved.

The following day RAY and OWENS were arrested and subsequently RAY was transferred to the Missouri State Penitentiary. GAWRON has not seen RAY since that time.

In 1961, GAWRON, ALBERT PEPPER, and JOHN RAY, brother-in-law and brother of JAMES EARL RAY, respectively, were arrested at Louisiana, Missouri, and while his parole was revoked, the other two persons received sentences of ten days in jail. He does not believe that JAMES EARL RAY knows ALBERT PEPPER, who is married to RAY's sister.

GAWRON is on friendly terms with JERRY RAY and CAROL RAY PEPPER. All of RAY's family referred to him as "Uncle JACK," although he has no family relationship. The PEPPERS have two young sons, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The PEPPERS operate the Grapevine Tavern, and JOHN RAY is active in the operation of this tavern at St. Louis, Missouri.

GAWRON stated that insofar as he knows, the subject has not been in St. Louis since his escape from the

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Missouri State Penitentiary in view of the fact he is too well known. GAWRON has not seen JAMES EARL RAY since 1959.

GAWRON believes JAMES EARL RAY trafficked in drugs or barbiturates at the Missouri State Penitentiary and also had a loan shark business there. On three different occasions, he made purchases of inhalers, normally used for colds, at the request of RAY. His request, though originating from RAY in prison, was relayed to him by CAROL PEPPER. On each of these occasions, GAWRON purchased a gross of these inhalers (probably Benzedrine) and on three separate occasions, he was contacted by a guard from the prison at Jefferson City, Missouri, who would pick up the inhalers and take them to RAY at the prison. Reportedly, the guard told GAWRON that each trip was worth a "C" to the guard.

GAWRON recalls being told by JOHN RAY that JAMES EARL RAY was in Omaha, Nebraska, during well, making good money as some sort of a salesman. This was in June, 1967. Shortly thereafter, JOHN RAY told GAWRON that JAMES was now in Los Angeles, California. GAWRON had no knowledge as to how JOHN RAY and CAROL PEPPER would have come into possession of information relative to the location of JAMES EARL RAY in June, 1967.

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V. IDENTIFICATION RECORD AND DESCRIPTION

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The following is subject's identification record as furnished by the FBI Identification Division on April 23, 1968, under FBI # 405 942 G:

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	2/19/46		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, Calif.	James Earl Ray #E-119908	10/11/49	suspicion of burglary	
PD, Los Angeles Calif	James Earl Ray #139648	10/11/49	suspicion 459 Penal (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years probation served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 12/30/49 Csl29438
SO Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	4/18/50	vagrancy	
PD Alton, Ill.	James Earl Ray #7514	7/23/51	no operator's license - no City License	released to pay later
PD Chicago Ill	James Ray #D90696	5/6/52	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago Ill	James Ray #131165	5/9/52	robbery	6/13/52 sentenced to penitentiary 1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary, Joliet, Ill.	James E. Ray #32419	6/13/52	robbery	1 to 2 years

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State Peni- tentiary Pontiac, Ill.	James E. Ray #19121	7/7/52 1952 in transfer from Joliet	robbery	1 to 2 years 3/12/54 discharged
SO Edwards- ville, Ill.	James Earl Ray #2640	8/30/54	burglary & larceny	
PD Hannibal Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	3/23/55	investigation of breaking & entering Post Office	
State High- way Patrol Macon, Mo.	James Earl Ray #B-3376	3/23/55	cashing stolen pos- tal money orders	released to Postal Inspec- tor Kansas City Mo., 3/24/55
USM Kansas City, Mo.	James Earl Ray #12018	3/28/55	forgery U.S. Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody Attorney General
SO Kansas City Mo.	James Earl Ray #29637	3/28/55	forgery - Government	3/7/55, 3 years and 9 months
U. S. Peni- tentiary Leavenworth, Kan.	James Earl Ray #72498-L	7/7/55	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months 5/20/58, conditional re- lease 3/31/59, maximum 4/5/58, conditional re- lease on charge of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
PD St. Louis, Mo.	James Earl Ray #81071	10/10/59	suspicion of robbery	

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PD St. Louis Mo.	James Earl Ray #81071	10/16/59	suspicion of robbery stealing & fugitive other authorities	
State Peni- tentiary Jefferson City, Mo.	James Earl Ray #00416	3/17/60	"TC" operating motor vehi- cle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, con- current)

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The following is a description of the subject obtained from sources set out elsewhere in this report.

Name:	JAMES EARL RAY, aka
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Date of Birth:	
Place of Birth:	Alton, Illinois
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	163 - 174 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Social Security No.:	
Army Serial Number:	16 163 129
FBI Number:	405 942 G

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