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UNDERWOOD claims he knew RAY only through their mutual association with RENFRO.

UNDERWOOD described RENFRO as a white male, age 42.

UNDERWOOD wishes his identity be concealed as the source of the above information.

In an effort to locate and interview RALPH RENFRO to determine if he had in the past employed JAMES EARL RAY or had any knowledge as to his whereabouts, the following investigation was conducted by SAs JOSEPH W. JACKSON and LAWRENCE R. NOLAN:

AT JOPLIN, MISSOURI

On 5/21/68 a review of Polk's City Directory for Joplin, Missouri, 1956-1967 editions, failed to reveal any information regarding RALPH RENFRO.

On 5/21/68 a review of the current combined telephone directory for Joplin, Carl Junction, Cartersville, and Webb City, Missouri, area failed to reveal a telephone listed to RALPH RENFRO.

On 5/21/68 IRENE CLARK, Clerk, Records and Identification Bureau, Police Department; CLENNIS EUGENE COPELAND, Chief Deputy Sheriff, and RACHEL BRAXTON, Credit Bureau, all advised records of their respective offices contained no reference to RALPH RENFRO and that they had never known anyone by that name as a resident of Joplin, Missouri.

On 5/21/68 the following individuals all stated they did not know RALPH RENFRO as either a present or former resident of Joplin, Missouri:

EARL FORTNER, Records and Identification Officer, Police Department;

WALTER H. FLENNER, Captain of Detectives, Police Department;

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HAROLD ABBEN, Detective, Police Department;  
W. T. NAYLOR, Dispatcher, Police Department;  
OLEN J. DANIELS, Detective, Police Department;  
JOHN EUBANKS, Lieutenant, Police Department.

On 5/21/68 JAMES H. RENTFRO, Branch Manager, Lairmore's Armored Car Service, advised while he did not know RALPH RENFRO it seemed to him RALPH RENFRO about two years ago had briefly been employed at the Consumers Service Station, Inc., 2002 Main Street, Joplin. RENTFRO stated while he had never met RALPH RENFRO, that he, JAMES H. RENTFRO, recalled having been asked by his brother-in-law, HAL N. STEPHENS, Manager, Consumers Service Station, Inc., if he was any kin to RALPH RENFRO, an attendant at the station, and that he, JAMES H. RENTFRO, had replied that he had never heard of and was no kin to anyone named RALPH RENFRO. In this regard, RENTFRO said he had never met RALPH RENFRO and had no idea as to his present location.

On 5/21/68 Patrolman WILLIAM R. STEPHENS, Police Department, advised an individual named RENFRO had briefly worked for HAL N. STEPHENS, his father, at the Consumers Service Station, Inc., 2002 Main; however, Patrolman STEPHENS related he had never met RENFRO and had no information as to the latter named individual's whereabouts. He also advised he was of the opinion HAL N. STEPHENS had discharged RENFRO nearly two years ago, possibly for drinking on the job.

On 5/22/68 HAL N. STEPHENS, Manager, Consumers Service Station, Inc., advised he had hired a drifter named RALPH RENFRO to work as an attendant on 4/2/66, and had fired RENFRO for drinking on the job on 6/22/66. RENFRO was not reliable, drank heavily, always drew against his earnings, and has not been seen by STEPHENS since he was

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fired. STEPHENS did recall that at Christmas, 1966, RENFRO had mailed a Christmas card to the service station employees from some western state, possibly Washington; however, STEPHENS said he had thrown the Christmas card away and actually had not paid any attention to the postmark, but had only noted it was some western state.

STEPHENS said he did not know whether RENFRO was married or single, that he had never seen RENFRO in company with any person away from his place of employment, and did not have the slightest idea in what city RENFRO might be living at this time. He could only state that RENFRO had left Joplin nearly two years ago and that RENFRO's present whereabouts are unknown to him.

STEPHENS said RENFRO, Social Security # [REDACTED] had lived at 2124 Adele, telephone MAYfair 4-9279, Joplin, Missouri, and STEPHENS did not know whether RENFRO had been a roomer at that address or had rented the entire house. Also as an employment reference, which had not been verified, RENFRO had listed that he had previously worked as a part-time service station attendant for CURTIS RENFRO, Standard Oil Company Service Station, Lexington, Kentucky.

On 5/22/68 it was determined telephone number MA 4-9279, furnished by RENFRO to HAL N. STEPHENS, was listed to EMMA JEAN WHIPPLE, aka Mrs. Floyd Whipple, 2124 Adele, Joplin, Missouri.

On 5/22/68 the house at 2124 Adele was found to be vacant.

On 5/22/68 JOHN HOSWELL, 2126 Adele, advised EMMA JEAN WHIPPLE, aka Mrs. Floyd Whipple, had moved from her home at 2124 Adele to Ames, Iowa, about a year ago, and that he was unable to furnish her residence or employment address at that city. He stated he did not know RALPH RENFRO as a former resident at 2124 Adele, but presumed he had been a roomer at that address prior to the departure of Mrs. WHIPPLE from Joplin.

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On 5/22/68 ELMER COY, owner, Elmer's Place, 903 Main, a tavern catering to "Skid Row" types, advised he recalled RALPH RENFRO as a drifter who had worked briefly at a service station in Joplin and as a former patron. COY said he had not seen RENFRO in Joplin in over a year and did not have the slightest idea where RENFRO might be located at this time.

On 5/22/68 HELEN GLOVER, Cook, Helen's Cafe, 903 $\frac{1}{2}$  Main, mother-in-law of GEORGE WAYNE DOTY, who was arrested by SA JOSEPH W. JACKSON on 12/28/67 for the armed robbery on 9/29/67 of the Scott Valley Bank, Fort Jones, California, advised she recalled RALPH RENFRO as a customer at the cafe when he had been employed as an attendant in an area service station. Mrs. GLOVER said RENFRO had disappeared from Joplin a year or so ago and that she did not have the slightest idea as to his present location.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

On 5/22/68 ROBERT BENTLEY, Superintendent of Mails, advised no change of address cards had been filed by either RALPH RENFRO or EMMA JEAN WHIPPLE, aka Mrs. Floyd Whipple, when they moved from 2124 Adele Street, Joplin, Missouri, and that the present location of these individuals is unknown to him.

**LEADS:**

**LOUISVILLE DIVISION**

At Lexington, Kentucky:

1) Will, through CURTIS RENFRO, Standard Oil Company Service Station, endeavor to establish the whereabouts of RALPH RENFRO, whose interview is desired in order to

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determine if RALPH RENFRO did in fact in the past employ JAMES EARL RAY in the furnace and heating business at Joplin, Missouri, and for any information RALPH RENFRO may be able to supply regarding RAY's background and possible whereabouts.

2) Will, in the event investigation establishes CURTIS RENFRO to be unknown at Lexington, submit request to Bureau for approval for a search to be made through records of Baltimore Confidential Source (CD-266) as to RALPH RENFRO, Social Security Number [REDACTED] in an effort to establish RENFRO's current or recent whereabouts.

OMAHA DIVISION

At Ames, Iowa:

1) Will, through established sources of information, locate and interview EMMA JEAN WHIPPLE, aka Mrs. Floyd Whipple, for the whereabouts of RALPH RENFRO as a possibility exists RENFRO may have corresponded with Mrs. WHIPPLE after RENFRO left Joplin, Missouri.

2) Will, in the event Mrs. WHIPPLE is able to furnish the whereabouts of RALPH RENFRO, set out lead to have RENFRO interviewed to determine if RENFRO did in fact in the past employ JAMES EARL RAY at Joplin, Missouri, and for any information RENFRO may be able to supply regarding RAY's background and possible whereabouts.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/24/68

C. M. BAYHI, Auditor, Southern Greyhound Lines, Lexington, Kentucky, advised that a search of their records at Southern Greyhound Headquarters at Lexington, revealed that ticket number 13 000 82229 42 was issued by Augusta Nichols, Dye number 3, Knoxville, Tennessee, their ticket agent at Knoxville, Tennessee. The ticket was issued on April 7, 1968, and was from Knoxville, Tennessee, to Los Angeles, California, via Memphis, Tennessee and El Paso, Texas. The amount of the ticket was \$70.35 and it indicates that there was baggage that was checked on this ticket.

Mr. BAYHI advised that this ticket was used on April 7, 1968, and the purchaser left Knoxville Tennessee, at 8:15 PM on April 7, 1968, in a bus and being driven by JESSE G. BROWN of Nashville, Tennessee. This bus arrived at Nashville, Tennessee, on April 8, 1968, at 12:25 AM. The same bus then left Nashville on April 8, 1968, at 1:30 AM after a little over an hour layover and arrived at Memphis, Tennessee, at 6:35 AM on April 8, 1968. The driver of this bus was BERNARD FORESTER who lives at Memphis, Tennessee.

Mr. BAYHI stated that the Southern Greyhound Lines would have been the carrier from Knoxville to Memphis, Tennessee, and the passage from Memphis to El Paso, would have been by Central Greyhound Lines, and from El Paso to Los Angeles by Western Greyhound Lines.

Mr. BAYHI furnished the above described Greyhound passenger ticket to the interviewing Agent.

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On 5/20/68 at Lexington, Ky. File # LS 44-947 291

by SA J. ROBERT SAFFELL/brs Date dictated 5/20/68

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), ATLANTA (44-2386),  
SAN DIEGO (44-387), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), SPRINGFIELD (44-561),  
LAS VEGAS, LOUISVILLE, NEW ORLEANS (157-10653), JACKSON  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (12P)

MURKIN

JAMES C. HARDIN

AN AGGRESSIVE, PENETRATING, LENGTHY INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED  
THIS DATE WITH ALLAN O. THOMPSON, MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL.  
THOMPSON ADVISED HE KNOWS THE INDIVIDUAL, WHOM HE PREVIOUSLY  
REFUSED TO IDENTIFY, BY THE NAME OF "FITZ". HE ADVISED HE WAS  
APPROACHED BY THIS INDIVIDUAL AT THE RABBIT'S FOOT BAR A FEW DAYS  
AGO BUT COULD NOT RECALL SPECIFIC DATE. HE SAID THIS INDIVIDUAL  
SAID, "YOUR MR. THOMPSON, AREN'T YOU?" AND THEN  
PROCEEDED TO ASK IF THOMPSON WAS INTERESTED IN SPLITTING THE  
REWARD MONEY OFFERED IN THE DR. MARTIN KING, JR. MURDER.  
THOMPSON SAID HE TOLD THIS INDIVIDUAL HE WAS NOT INTERESTED. DURING  
THE COURSE OF SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, THOMPSON SAID "FITZ"  
TOLD HIM HE HAD OBSERVED JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC GALT, AND  
ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL SITTING TOGETHER, ENGAGED IN CONVERSATION AT  
A LOCAL BAR, THE NAME OF WHICH WAS NOT MENTIONED. THOMPSON  
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SAID THAT "FITZ" TOLD HIM RAY CALLED THIS INDIVIDUAL "J. C." THOMPSON SAID THE NAME "J. C." PROMPTED HIS RECOLLECTION OF EVENTS AS SET OUT IN LA TEL OF FIVE TWENTY EIGHT SIXTY EIGHT, THAT IS, RAY BEING CALLED TWICE, POSSIBLE THREE TIMES, BY JAMES C. HARDIN FROM NEW ORLEANS AND ATLANTA.

THOMPSON SAID THAT HE HAS SEEN "FITZ" ON AN INFREQUENT BASIS VICINITY OF THE HOLLYWOOD AND WESTERN AREA, LOS ANGELES, DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS. HE ADVISED HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ASSOCIATES OF "FITZ", HIS RESIDENCE, PAST OR PRIOR, HIS AUTOMOBILE, OR HIS EMPLOYMENT, IF ANY. THOMPSON SAID AT SOME TIME AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, HE BELIEVES HE EXPELLED "FITZ" AND ANOTHER CAUCASIAN MALE FROM THE PARKING LOT OF THE ST. FRANCIS WHERE THEY WERE SLEEPING IN AN AUTOMOBILE. THOMPSON SAID IT WAS ON THIS OCCASION THAT HE LEARNED OF THIS INDIVIDUALS NAME IN THAT THE PERSON WITH WHOM HE WAS SLEEPING CALLED HIM "FITZ". THOMPSON ADVISED HE BELIEVED THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS THE SUBJECT OF A WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST BECAUSE WHEN THOMPSON TOLD HIM TO CONTACT THE FBI, "FITZ" TOLD HIM THAT HE COULDN'T. HE DESCRIBED "FITZ" AS CAUCASIAN MALE, THIRTY SEVEN - FORTY TWO, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR WORN SHORT AS IN CREW CUT, HABITUALLY WEARS SPORT SHIRT WITH CHEAP SLACKS.

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THOMPSON SAID WHENEVER AND WHEREVER HE OBSERVES "FITZ", HE WILL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE FBI.

THOMPSON REITERATED THE INFORMATION AS SET OUT IN LA TELETYPE. HE ADDED ONLY THAT HE BELIEVES THE VOICE OF THE PERSON CALLING ON THE TELEPHONE WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS JAMES C. HARDIN, AND THE VOICE OF THE PERSON WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS MR. HARDIN AT THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL AFTER THE TELEPHONE CALLS, TO BE IDENTICAL. HE SAID THAT ON ONE OCCASION HE HEARD THE OPERATOR AND A PERSON WHOM SHE CALLED "MR. HARDIN" CONVERSE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HE WOULD LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR GALT.

THOMPSON VIEWED THE FBI FACIAL IDENTIFICATION CATALOG IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN AN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF HARDIN.

THOMPSON DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS CAUCASIAN MALE, BORN TWELVE TWENTY FIVE THIRTEEN AT ARIZONA, FIVE FOOT ELEVEN INCHES, ONE SIXTY POUNDS, BROWN GREYING HAIR, PARTIALLY BALD, HAZEL EYES, USMC NINETEEN FORTY TWO - NINETEEN FORTY SIX.

THOMPSON CLAIMS HE HAS FURNISHED ALL INFORMATION IN THIS MATTER CONCERNING BOTH "FITZ" AND JAMES C. HARDIN. HE STATES THAT HE BELIEVES THAT HE COULD IDENTIFY A PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES C. HARDIN. EFFORTS TO LOCATE "FITZ" ARE CONTINUING.

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RESULTS OF IDENTIFICATION CATALOG REGARDING JAMES C. HARDIN  
ARE AS FOLLOWS.

- A. K A FOUR - TWELVE
- B. K B ONE - ONE
- C. K C ONE - FIVE
- D. K D ONE - TWO
- E. K E THREE - FOURTEEN
- F. K F ONE - ONE
- G. K G ONE - SEVEN
- H. K H TWO - ONE
- J. K J FIVE - THREE
- K. K K FOUR - SEVEN
- L. ZERO
- M. ZERO
- N. O N ONE - TEN

GENERAL DESCRIPTION IS SEX- MALE, AGE THIRTY FIVE- FORTY  
RACE CAUCASIAN, COMPLEXION- COARSE SKIN, DARK, HEIGHT FIVE FT.  
SEVEN INCHES - FIVE FT. EIGHT INCHES, WEIGHT ONE FORTY - ONE FIFTY,  
SLENDER BUILD, COLOR OF EYES DARK, COLOR OF HAIR DARK.

FURNISH RESULT TO LOS ANGELS AND INTERESTED OFFICES.  
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RE MAIL FORWARDING SERVICE (FEBRUARY ONE TO MARCH ONE LAST.)

LETTER ADDRESSED TO ERIC S. GALT RECEIVED MAY TWENTY EIGHT LAST, BY C. M. HEDGPETH AT FOUR ZERO SIX SOUTH SECOND, ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA, OPERATOR OF CONFIDENTIAL MAIL FORWARDING SERVICE CONTRACTED FOR DURING FEBRUARY, SIXTY EIGHT, BY JAMES EARL RAY. LETTER READ QUOTE SHOW ME FIRST YOU MEAN BUSINESS UNQUOTE. LETTER SIGNED TONI, INITIAL C, INITIAL A, RETURN ADDRESS POST OFFICE BOX SIX FOUR THREE, BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA. (APPARENTLY IN RESPONSE TO GALT AD IN FREE PRESS.)

KENT ABRAMS INTERVIEWED MAY TWENTY NINE INSTANT, AND ADVISED HE RENTED POST OFFICE BOX ON OR ABOUT APRIL ONE LAST FOR FRIEND PLANNING TO OPERATE BUSINESS UTILIZING COMPUTER ANALYSIS TO LOCATE COMPATIBLE MARRIAGE PARTNERS. ABRAMS CLAIMS BUSINESS NEVER ACTIVATED AND NO MAIL RECEIVED AT POST OFFICE BOX, OR SENT WITH THAT RETURN ADDRESS. ABRAMS ADVISED HE DOES NOT KNOW RAY AND DOES NOT BELIEVE ANYONE CONNECTED WITH THE COMPUTER BUSINESS HAS ANY KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING HIM. COMPUTER BUSINESS ORGANIZED BY BOU A. GLENN AND THREE OF HIS FELLOW EMPLOYEES, ALL EMPLOYED AT THE ROCKETDYNE DIVISION OF NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION, CANOGA PARK, CALIFORNIA. GLENN AND ASSOCIATES IN COMPUTER BUSINESS BEING INTERVIEWED.

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RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO LOS ANGELES, MAY TWENTY NINE,  
CAPTIONED FRANCES E. RAY.

ON MAY TWENTY EIGHT LAST, FEMALE, USING NAME FRANCES E.  
RAY, ADDRESS SIX ONE FOUR NINE RUGBY, HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA,  
TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED LOS ANGELES FBI AND QUINCY, ILLINOIS,  
PD. CONCERNING WHEREABOUTS OF JERRY RAY.

FRANCES E. RAY WHO CLAIMS SHE IS A SECOND COUSIN TO JAMES  
EARL RAY INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. STATED RELATED TO JAMES EARL  
RAY BUT DISCLAIMED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS OR  
ACTIVITIES OR THAT SHE HAS EVER MET HIM.

SHE IS A SELF DASH PROFESSED ALCOHOLIC, AND ADVISED  
TELEPHONIC CONTACT MADE WITH FBI, LOS ANGELES, AND POLICE OF  
QUINCY, ILLINOIS, BECAUSE SHE FELT VERY DEPRESSED FOR SUBJECT RAY.

FRANCES RAY ADVISED SHE IS DIVORCED AND HAS RESIDED IN LOS  
ANGELES SINCE NINETEEN THIRTY THREE AND IS PRESENTLY RECEIVING  
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

NORMA JEAN DOUGLAS, SIX THREE ONE NINE RUGBY, HUNTINGTON PARK,  
DAUGHTER OF FRANCES E. RAY, INTERVIEWED THIS DATE, DISCLAIMED ANY  
KNOWLEDGE OF RAY'S WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES AND ADVISES FRANCES E.  
RAY IS A CHRONIC ALCOHOLIC AND PRONE TO FREQUENT CRANK TELEPHONE  
CALLS.

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RE: WILLIAM A. MARSHALL (CONSIDER AS ARMED AND DANGEROUS)

COVINA PD FURNISHED FIVE CARDS BEARING PARTIAL LATENT PRINTS TAKEN FROM SIXTY SEVEN GOLD COLOR BLACK TOP PLYMOUTH BEARING CALIFORNIA LICENSE U T W ZERO ONE TWO RECOVERED AT COVINA. ALSO FURNISHED CHECK IN AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS SIGNED W. L. DE LUCA, WHICH WAS GIVEN TO ALLEN A. KRAUSE. KRAUSE HAD ACCEPTED THIS CHECK TO COMPENSATE HIM FOR COLLISION DAMAGES AFTER ACCIDENT IN COVINA, MAY FIFTEEN LAST. PRINTS AND CHECK BEING FORWARDED FOR LABORATORY EXAMINATION. ALSO FURNISHED GULF OIL COMPANY GASOLINE INVOICE DATES MAY FIFTEEN LAST FOUND IN PLYMOUTH RECOVERED AT COVINA REFLECTING PURCHASE AT HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA, UNDER NAME OF WILLIAM L. DE LUCA, CALIFORNIA LICENSE U T W ONE ZERO TWO ALSO FORWARDED FOR EXAMINATION.

ALLEN KRAUSE DESCRIBED DRIVER OF PLYMOUTH AS WMA, AGE THIRTY FIVE TO FORTY, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES OR SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY TO SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, STOCKY BUILD, BLACK STRAIGHT HAIR, WELL SHAVEN, BUT EVIDENCE OF HEAVY BEARD AND AT TIME OF ACCIDENT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY YOUTH DESCRIBED AS WHITE, AGE FOURTEEN TO SIXTEEN YEARS, TALL, BLOND CURLY HAIR, ALLEGEDLY HIS NEPHEW, NO NAME GIVEN. "DE LUCA" CLAIMED ON WAY TO LAS VEGAS. KRAUSE REPORTED ACCIDENT AND FACT THAT CHECK WAS FRAUDULENT AFTER CHECK RETURNED TO HIM BY BANK.

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MARSHALL WHEN OBTAINING CAR AT CHULA VISTA WAS DESCRIBED AS WMA, AGE FORTY TO FORTY FIVE, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE TO EIGHTY POUNDS, DARK HAIR, FAIR TO MEDIUM COMPLEXION.

ACCORDING TO COVINA PD, CHULA VISTA PD SUSPECTS THAT WILLIAM H. MARSHALL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FIVE ARMED ROBBERIES OF REAL ESTATE AGENTS IN CHULA VISTA AREA. PERSON OF MARSHALL'S DESCRIPTION HAD CONTACTED REAL ESTATE AGENTS ABOUT HOME PURCHASE AS PRETEXT BEFORE ROBBING THEM. ALSO FOUND IN CAR WAS KEY OF S. S. WHEELER APTS, BALBOA, CALIFORNIA WITH NUMBER FOUR ON IT.

ON MAY TWENTY NINE LAST, DARLENE E. DE LUCA, MRS. WILLIAM LAWRENCE DE LUCA, EIGHT FOUR TWO TWO ALVARDO DRIVE, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THAT AT TWO PM ON MAY FIFTEEN LAST, A MAN SHE DESCRIBED AS WMM, EARLY THIRTIES, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, DRIVING A GOLD AND BLACK CAR CAME TO HER HOME IN RESPONSE TO A SIGN IN FRONT INDICATING IT WAS FOR SALE BY OWNER. THE MAN INDICATED HE WAS INTERESTED IN BUYING THE HOME AND MRS. DE LUCA LEFT HIM IN HER LIVING ROOM AND WENT TO MAKE TELEPHONE CALL TO ARRANGE FOR A LATER APPOINTMENT.

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TO HANDLE DETAILS OF SALE. WAS GONE FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES AND WHEN RETURNED MAN INDICATED HE WOULD OBTAIN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CASH AND RETURN FOLLOWING DAY TO HANDLE DETAILS. AFTER MAN LEFT, MRS. DE LUCA DISCOVERED HER CHECK BOOK AND NUMEROUS CREDIT AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND HER DRIVERS LICENSE HAD BEEN TAKEN FROM HER PURSE WHICH HAD BEEN IN THE LIVING ROOM.

MRS. DE LUCA REPORTED THEFT TO HUNTINGTON BEACH PD. MRS. DE LUCA CONTACTED BY DETECTIVE WOODRUM, VICTORVILLE, CALIFORNIA, PD, ON MAY TWENTY LAST, INDICATING A MAN ATTEMPTED TO PASS A CHECK FOR TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS AT SECURITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK, VICTORVILLE, AND WHILE TELLER VERIFYING ACCOUNT MAN LEFT THE BANK. DETECTIVE WOODRUM HAS CHECK DRAWN ON ACCOUNT OF W. L. DE LUCA AT SECURITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK, LAKEWOOD PLAZA BRANCH, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

ON MAY TWENTY NINE, MRS. DE LUCA RECEIVED LETTER FROM PERRY'S COUNTRY STORE AND RESTAURANT, P. O. BOX FORTY FIVE BONSALL (SAN DIEGO COUNTY), CALIFORNIA, WHICH LETTER ENCLOSED ALL HER SUPERMARKET IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND PERSONAL PHOTOGRAPHS, WHICH HAD BEEN AMONG ITEMS STOLEN.

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SHE STATED SHE CALLED MR. PERRY THIS DATE WHO ADVISED HER THE IDENTIFICATION CARD AND PHOTOGRAPHS WERE LEFT ON A TABLE IN HIS RESTAURANT BY A LONE WOMAN CUSTOMER.

MRS. DE LUCA ADVISED HER MONTGOMERY WARD, J. C. PENNEY'S, ATLANTIC DASH RICHFIELD, SHELL, MOBIL, AND GULF CREDIT CARDS STILL MISSING.

MRS. DE LUCA EXAMINED PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY AND INDICATED PHOTO SOMEWHAT RESEMBLED MAN WHO STOLE HER IDENTIFICATION BUT COULD NOT MAKE ANY IDENTIFICATION.

INQUIRY AT VICTORVILLE PD ASCERTAINED THAT WOODRUM HAS TAKEN LEAVE UNTIL MONDAY NEXT AND IS UNAVAILABLE. EFFORTS TO LOCATE CHECK IN PD RECORDS NEGATIVE. BANK PERSONNEL NOT AVAILABLE AT VICTORVILLE UNTIL FRIDAY NEXT.

WALTER DE PRIEST MAINTENANCE MAN, SS WHEELER APARTMENTS, ONE ONE ONE FIVE EAST BALBOA BOULEVARD, BALBOA, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED MAY TWENTY NINE LAST THAT A REVIEW OF RECORDS OF ABOVE APARTMENTS REVEALS THAT ONE J. A. WARREN ATTEMPTED TO RENT APARTMENT FOUR, WHEELER APARTMENTS APPROXIMATELY FIVE TWENTY LAST AT ABOUT TEN AM TO ELEVEN AM, ACCOMPAINED BY INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED AS HIS NEPHEW. WARREN STAYED ONLY APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS WITHOUT  
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PAYING RENT AND THEN DEPARTED MAKING EXCUSES HE WAS GOING TO BANK TO SECURE FUNDS FOR RENT. HE TOOK KEY TO APARTMENT FOUR AND DID NOT RETURN IT. AT TIME OF REGISTRATION WARREN INDICATED RESIDENCE OF ONE TWO ONE EAST "G" STREET, CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, AND WAS DRIVING LATE MODEL PLYMOUTH FURY, BEARING CALIFORNIA LICENSE UTW ONE ZERO TWO. DE PRIEST HAS RECOLLECTION VEHICLE WAS TWO TONED GOLD IN COLOR. WARREN ADVISED IN CONVERSATION HE WAS EMPLOYED BY INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY AND WAS BEING SENT TO AFRICA BY THAT COMPANY.

WARREN DESCRIBED AS WMA, FORTY FIVE TO FIFTY, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, TO NINE INCHES, DARK BROWN GRAYING HAIR, RUDDY COMPLEXION, WORE TROUSERS AND SHIRT. HAD NO LUGGAGE IN POSSESSION.

INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPANYING WARREN, NAME NOT GIVEN, DESCRIBED AS WMA, APPROXIMATELY TWENTY, SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, LIGHT COMPLEXION, WORE SPORT CLOTHES.

PHOTO OF RAY EXHIBITED TO DE PRIEST AND STATES NOT INDENTICAL WITH WARREN. PHOTO OF RAY ALSO EXHIBITED MRS. LAVERNE WHEELER, OWNER ABOVE APARTMENTS, WHO STATED THIS INDIVIDUAL NOT RECOGNIZED BY HER AS RESIDING WHEELER APARTMENTS.

LOS ANGELES WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE INDIVIDUAL  
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WHO STOLE ONE NINE SIX SEVEN PLYMOUTH AND WILL SECURE  
AND FORWARD CHECK FROM VICTORVILLE TO LABORATORY.

SAN DIEGO AT BONSALL ASCERTAIN FULL FACTS CONCERNING  
RETURN OF MRS. DE LUCA'S IDENTIFICATION MATERIAL FROM PERRY'S  
COUNTRY STORE ALSO NOTE ADDRESS AT CHULA VISTA AS GIVEN AT  
BALBOA WHEN INDIVIDUAL UTILIZED NAME WARREN.

SPRINGFIELD THROUGH JERRY RAY ASCERTAIN HOW WELL KNOWN A  
RELATIVE FRANCES RAY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA MIGHT BE.  
ALSO NOTE SAME USE OF NAME OF INTERNATIONAL HARVESTOR COMPANY AT  
BALBOA BY THE WM. MARSHALL INDIVIDUAL UTILIZING NAME WARREN  
AS WAS USED FIVE FOURTEEN LAST AT CHULA VISTA IN SAN DIEGO  
TEL FIVE SIXTEEN SIXTYEIGHT, COPY YOUR OFFICE.

LAS VEGAS CONTACT SO AND LAS VEGAS PD CONCERNING  
WILLIAM A. MARSHALL WITH ALIASES TO DETERMINE IF SIMILAR M.O.  
AS DESCRIBED BY CHULA VISTA PD IS BEING NOW USED AT LAS VEGAS.  
SAN DIEGO TEL FIVE SIXTEEN SIXTY EIGHT FURNISHED LAS VEGAS.

COPIES OF THIS TEL FURNISHED OTHER OFFICES IN VIEW OF INFO  
RE JAMES C. HARDIN.

INVESTIGATION ALL PHASES CONTINUING AT LOS ANGELES.

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LOCAL BAR, THE NAME OF WHICH WAS NOT MENTIONED. THOMPSON  
ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL SITTING TOGETHER, ENGAGED IN CONVERSATION AT  
TOLD HIM HE HAD OBSERVED JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC GALT, AND  
THE COURSE OF SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, THOMPSON SAID FITZ  
THOMPSON SAID HE TOLD THIS INDIVIDUAL HE WAS NOT INTERESTED. DURING  
REWARD MONEY OFFERED IN THE DR. MARTIN KING, JR. MURDER.  
PROCEEDED TO ASK IF THOMPSON WAS INTERESTED IN SPLITTING THE  
SAID. YOUR MR. THOMPSON, WHEN I YOU? AND THEN  
AGO BUT COULD NOT RECALL SPECIFIC DATE. HE SAID THIS INDIVIDUAL  
APPROACHED BY THIS INDIVIDUAL AT THE RABBIT'S FOOT BAR A FEW DAYS  
REFUSED TO IDENTIFY, BY THE NAME OF FITZ. HE ADVISED HE WAS  
THOMPSON ADVISED HE KNOWS THE INDIVIDUAL, WHOM HE PREVIOUSLY  
THIS DATE WITH ALAN O. THOMPSON, MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL.  
AN AGGRESSIVE, PENETRATING, LENGTHY INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED

JAMES E. HARDIN

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SAID THAT "FITZ" TOLD HIM RAY CALLED THIS INDIVIDUAL "J. C." THOMPSON SAID THE NAME "J. C." PROMPTED HIS RECOLLECTION OF EVENTS AS SET OUT IN LA TEL OF FIVE TWENTY EIGHT SIXTY EIGHT, THAT IS, RAY BEING CALLED TWICE, POSSIBLE THREE TIMES, BY JAMES C. HARDIN FROM NEW ORLEANS AND ATLANTA.

THOMPSON SAID THAT HE HAS SEEN "FITZ" ON AN INFREQUENT BASIS VICINITY OF THE HOLLYWOOD AND WESTERN AREA, LOS ANGELES, DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS. HE ADVISED HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ASSOCIATES OF "FITZ", HIS RESIDENCE, PAST OR PRIOR, HIS AUTOMOBILE, OR HIS EMPLOYMENT, IF ANY. THOMPSON SAID AT SOME TIME AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, HE BELIEVES HE EXPELLED "FITZ" AND ANOTHER CAUCASIAN MALE FROM THE PARKING LOT OF THE ST. FRANCIS WHERE THEY WERE SLEEPING IN AN AUTOMOBILE. THOMPSON SAID IT WAS ON THIS OCCASION THAT HE LEARNED OF THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME IN THAT THE PERSON WITH WHOM HE WAS SLEEPING CALLED HIM "FITZ". THOMPSON ADVISED HE BELIEVED THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS THE SUBJECT OF A WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST BECAUSE WHEN THOMPSON TOLD HIM TO CONTACT THE FBI, "FITZ" TOLD HIM THAT HE COULDN'T. HE DESCRIBED "FITZ" AS CAUCASIAN MALE, THIRTY SEVEN - FORTY TWO, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR WORN SHORT AS IN CREW CUT, HABITUALLY WEARS SPORT SHIRT WITH CHEAP SLACKS.

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THOMPSON SAID WHENEVER AND WHEREVER HE OBSERVES "FITZ", HE WILL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE FBI.

THOMPSON REITERATED THE INFORMATION AS SET OUT IN LA TELETYPE. HE ADDED ONLY THAT HE BELIEVES THE VOICE OF THE PERSON CALLING ON THE TELEPHONE WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS JAMES C. HARDIN, AND THE VOICE OF THE PERSON WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS MR. HARDIN AT THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL AFTER THE TELEPHONE CALLS, TO BE IDENTICAL. HE SAID THAT ON ONE OCCASION HE HEARD THE OPERATOR AND A PERSON WHOM SHE CALLED MR. HARDIN CONVERSE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HE WOULD LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR GALT.

THOMPSON VIEWED THE FBI FACIAL IDENTIFICATION CATALOG IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN AN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF HARDIN.

THOMPSON DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS CAUCASIAN MALE, BORN TWELVE TWENTY FIVE THIRTEEN AT ARIZONA, FIVE FOOT ELEVEN INCHES, ONE SIXTY POUNDS, BROWN GREYING HAIR, PARTIALLY BALD, HAZEL EYES, USMC NINETEEN FORTY TWO - NINETEEN FORTY SIX.

THOMPSON CLAIMS HE HAS FURNISHED ALL INFORMATION IN THIS MATTER CONCERNING BOTH "FITZ" AND JAMES C. HARDIN. HE STATES THAT HE BELIEVES THAT HE COULD IDENTIFY A PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES C. HARDIN. EFFORTS TO LOCATE "FITZ" ARE CONTINUING.

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RESULTS OF IDENTIFICATION CATALOG REGARDING JAMES C. HARDIN  
ARE AS FOLLOWS.

- A. K A FOUR - TWELVE
- B. K B ONE - ONE
- C. K C ONE - FIVE
- D. K D ONE - TWO
- E. K E THREE - FOURTEEN
- F. K F ONE - ONE
- G. K G ONE - SEVEN
- H. K H TWO - ONE
- J. K J FIVE - THREE
- K. K K FOUR - SEVEN
- L. ZERO
- M. ZERO
- N. O N ONE - TEN

GENERAL DESCRIPTION IS SEX- MALE, AGE THIRTY FIVE- FORTY  
RACE CAUCASIAN, COMPLEXION- COARSE SKIN, DARK, HEIGHT FIVE FT.  
SEVEN INCHES - FIVE FT. EIGHT INCHES, WEIGHT ONE FORTY - ONE FIFTY,  
SLENDER BUILD, COLOR OF EYES DARK, COLOR OF HAIR DARK.

FURNISH RESULT TO LOS ANGELES AND INTERESTED OFFICES.  
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RE MAIL FORWARDING SERVICE (FEBRUARY ONE TO MARCH ONE LAST.)

LETTER ADDRESSED TO ERIC S. GALT RECEIVED MAY TWENTY EIGHT LAST, BY C. M. HEDGPETH AT FOUR ZERO SIX SOUTH SECOND, ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA, OPERATOR OF CONFIDENTIAL MAIL FORWARDING SERVICE CONTRACTED FOR DURING FEBRUARY, SIXTY EIGHT, BY JAMES EARL RAY. LETTER READ QUOTE SHOW ME FIRST YOU MEAN BUSINESS UNQUOTE. LETTER SIGNED TONI, INITIAL C, INITIAL A, RETURN ADDRESS POST OFFICE BOX SIX FOUR THREE, BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA. (APPARENTLY IN RESPONSE TO GALT AD IN FREE PRESS.)

KENT ABRAMS INTERVIEWED MAY TWENTY NINE INSTANT, AND ADVISED HE RENTED POST OFFICE BOX ON OR ABOUT APRIL ONE LAST FOR FRIEND PLANNING TO OPERATE BUSINESS UTILIZING COMPUTER ANALYSIS TO LOCATE COMPATIBLE MARRIAGE PARTNERS. ABRAMS CLAIMS BUSINESS NEVER ACTIVATED AND NO MAIL RECEIVED AT POST OFFICE BOX, OR SENT WITH THAT RETURN ADDRESS. ABRAMS ADVISED HE DOES NOT KNOW RAY AND DOES NOT BELIEVE ANYONE CONNECTED WITH THE COMPUTER BUSINESS HAS ANY KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING HIM. COMPUTER BUSINESS ORGANIZED BY BOB A. GLENN AND THREE OF HIS FELLOW EMPLOYEES, ALL EMPLOYED AT THE ROCKETDYNE DIVISION OF NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION, CANOGA PARK, CALIFORNIA. GLENN AND ASSOCIATES IN COMPUTER BUSINESS BEING INTERVIEWED.

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RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO LOS ANGELES, MAY TWENTY NINE,  
CAPTIONED FRANCES E. RAY.

ON MAY TWENTY EIGHT LAST, FEMALE, USING NAME FRANCES E.  
RAY, ADDRESS SIX ONE FOUR NINE RUGBY, HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA,  
TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED LOS ANGELES FBI AND QUINCY, ILLINOIS,  
PD. CONCERNING WHEREABOUTS OF JERRY RAY.

FRANCES E. RAY WHO CLAIMS SHE IS A SECOND COUSIN TO JAMES  
EARL RAY INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. STATED RELATED TO JAMES EARL  
RAY BUT DISCLAIMED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS OR  
ACTIVITIES OR THAT SHE HAS EVER MET HIM.

SHE IS A SELF DASH PROFESSED ALCOHOLIC, AND ADVISED  
TELEPHONIC CONTACT MADE WITH FBI, LOS ANGELES, AND POLICE OF  
QUINCY, ILLINOIS, BECAUSE SHE FELT VERY DEPRESSED FOR SUBJECT RAY.

FRANCES RAY ADVISED SHE IS DIVORCED AND HAS RESIDED IN LOS  
ANGELES SINCE NINETEEN THIRTY THREE AND IS PRESENTLY RECEIVING  
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

NORMA JEAN DOUGLAS, SIX THREE ONE NINE RUGBY, HUNTINGTON PARK,  
DAUGHTER OF FRANCES E. RAY, INTERVIEWED THIS DATE, DISCLAIMED ANY  
KNOWLEDGE OF RAY'S WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES AND ADVISES FRANCES E.  
RAY IS A CHRONIC ALCOHOLIC AND PRONE TO FREQUENT CRANK TELEPHONE  
CALLS.

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RE: WILLIAM A. MARSHALL (CONSIDER AS ARMED AND DANGEROUS)

COVINA PD FURNISHED FIVE CARDS BEARING PARTIAL LATENT PRINTS TAKEN FROM SIXTY SEVEN GOLD COLOR BLACK TOP PLYMOUTH BEARING CALIFORNIA LICENSE U T W ZERO ONE TWO RECOVERED AT COVINA. ALSO FURNISHED CHECK IN AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS SIGNED W. L. DE LUCA, WHICH WAS GIVEN TO ALLEN A. KRAUSE. KRAUSE HAD ACCEPTED THIS CHECK TO COMPENSATE HIM FOR COLLISION DAMAGES AFTER ACCIDENT IN COVINA, MAY FIFTEEN LAST. PRINTS AND CHECK BEING FORWARDED FOR LABORATORY EXAMINATION. ALSO FURNISHED GULF OIL COMPANY GASOLINE INVOICE DATES MAY FIFTEEN LAST FOUND IN PLYMOUTH RECOVERED AT COVINA REFLECTING PURCHASE AT HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA, UNDER NAME OF WILLIAM L. DE LUCA, CALIFORNIA LICENSE U T W ONE ZERO TWO ALSO FORWARDED FOR EXAMINATION.

ALLEN KRAUSE DESCRIBED DRIVER OF PLYMOUTH AS WMA, AGE THIRTY FIVE TO FORTY, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES OR SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY TO SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, STOCKY BUILD, BLACK STRAIGHT HAIR, WELL SHAVEN, BUT EVIDENCE OF HEAVY BEARD AND AT TIME OF ACCIDENT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY YOUTH DESCRIBED AS WHITE, AGE FOURTEEN TO SIXTEEN YEARS, TALL, BLOND CURLY HAIR, ALLEGEDLY HIS NEPHEW, NO NAME GIVEN. "DE LUCA" CLAIMED ON WAY TO LAS VEGAS. KRAUSE REPORTED ACCIDENT AND FACT THAT CHECK WAS FRAUDULENT AFTER CHECK RETURNED TO HIM BY BANK.

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MARSHALL WHEN OBTAINING CAR AT CHULA VISTA WAS DESCRIBED AS WMA, AGE FORTY TO FORTY FIVE, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE TO EIGHTY POUNDS, DARK HAIR, FAIR TO MEDIUM COMPLEXION.

ACCORDING TO COVINA PD, CHULA VISTA PD SUSPECTS THAT WILLIAM H. MARSHALL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FIVE ARMED ROBBERIES OF REAL ESTATE AGENTS IN CHULA VISTA AREA. PERSON OF MARSHALL'S DESCRIPTION HAD CONTACTED REAL ESTATE AGENTS ABOUT HOME PURCHASE AS PRETEXT BEFORE ROBBING THEM. ALSO FOUND IN CAR WAS KEY OF S. S. WHEELER APTS, BALBOA, CALIFORNIA WITH NUMBER FOUR ON IT.

ON MAY TWENTY NINE LAST, DARLENE E. DE LUCA, MRS. WILLIAM LAWRENCE DE LUCA, EIGHT FOUR TWO TWO ALVARDO DRIVE, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THAT AT TWO PM ON MAY FIFTEEN LAST, A MAN SHE DESCRIBED AS WHM, EARLY THIRTIES, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, DRIVING A GOLD AND BLACK CAR CAME TO HER HOME IN RESPONSE TO A SIGN IN FRONT INDICATING IT WAS FOR SALE BY OWNER. THE MAN INDICATED HE WAS INTERESTED IN BUYING THE HOME AND MRS. DE LUCA LEFT HIM IN HER LIVING ROOM AND WENT TO MAKE TELEPHONE CALL TO ARRANGE FOR A LATER APPOINTMENT.

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TO HANDLE DETAILS OF SALE. WAS GONE FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES AND WHEN RETURNED MAN INDICATED HE WOULD OBTAIN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CASH AND RETURN FOLLOWING DAY TO HANDLE DETAILS. AFTER MAN LEFT, MRS. DE LUCA DISCOVERED HER CHECK BOOK AND NUMEROUS CREDIT AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND HER DRIVERS LICENSE HAD BEEN TAKEN FROM HER PURSE WHICH HAD BEEN IN THE LIVING ROOM.

MRS. DE LUCA REPORTED THEFT TO HUNTINGTON BEACH PD. MRS. DE LUCA CONTACTED BY DETECTIVE WOODRUM, VICTORVILLE, CALIFORNIA, PD, ON MAY TWENTY LAST, INDICATING A MAN ATTEMPTED TO PASS A CHECK FOR TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS AT SECURITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK, VICTORVILLE, AND WHILE TELLER VERIFYING ACCOUNT MAN LEFT THE BANK. DETECTIVE WOODRUM HAS CHECK DRAWN ON ACCOUNT OF W. L. DE LUCA AT SECURITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK, LAKEWOOD PLAZA BRANCH, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

ON MAY TWENTY NINE, MRS. DE LUCA RECEIVED LETTER FROM PERRY'S COUNTRY STORE AND RESTAURANT, P. O. BOX FORTY FIVE BONSALL (SAN DIEGO COUNTY), CALIFORNIA, WHICH LETTER ENCLOSED ALL HER SUPERMARKET IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND PERSONAL PHOTOGRAPHS, WHICH HAD BEEN AMONG ITEMS STOLEN.

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SHE STATED SHE CALLED MR. PERRY THIS DATE WHO ADVISED HER THE IDENTIFICATION CARD AND PHOTOGRAPHS WERE LEFT ON A TABLE IN HIS RESTAURANT BY A LONE WOMAN CUSTOMER.

MRS. DE LUCA ADVISED HER MONTGOMERY WARD, J. C. PENNEY'S, ATLANTIC DASH HIGHFIELD, SHELL, MOBIL, AND GULF CREDIT CARDS STILL MISSING.

MRS. DE LUCA EXAMINED PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY AND INDICATED PHOTO SOMEWHAT RESEMBLED MAN WHO STOLE HER IDENTIFICATION BUT COULD NOT MAKE ANY IDENTIFICATION.

INQUIRY AT VICTORVILLE PD ASCERTAINED THAT WOODRUM HAS TAKEN LEAVE UNTIL MONDAY NEXT AND IS UNAVAILABLE. EFFORTS TO LOCATE CHECK IN PD RECORDS NEGATIVE. BANK PERSONNEL NOT AVAILABLE AT VICTORVILLE UNTIL FRIDAY NEXT.

WALTER DE PRIEST MAINTENANCE MAN, SS WHEELER APARTMENTS, ONE ONE ONE FIVE EAST BALBOA BOULEVARD, BALBOA, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED MAY TWENTY NINE LAST THAT A REVIEW OF RECORDS OF ABOVE APARTMENTS REVEALS THAT ONE J. A. WARREN ATTEMPTED TO RENT APARTMENT FOUR, WHEELER APARTMENTS APPROXIMATELY FIVE TWENTY LAST AT ABOUT TEN AM TO ELEVEN AM, ACCOMPANIED BY INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED AS HIS NEPHEW. WARREN STAYED ONLY APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS WITHOUT

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PAYING RENT AND THEN DEPARTED MAKING EXCUSES HE WAS GOING TO BANK TO SECURE FUNDS FOR RENT. HE TOOK KEY TO APARTMENT FOUR AND DID NOT RETURN IT. AT TIME OF REGISTRATION WARREN INDICATED RESIDENCE OF ONE TWO ONE EAST "G" STREET, CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, AND WAS DRIVING LATE MODEL PLYMOUTH FURY, BEARING CALIFORNIA LICENSE UTW ONE ZERO TWO. DE PRIEST HAS RECOLLECTION VEHICLE WAS TWO TONED GOLD IN COLOR. WARREN ADVISED IN CONVERSATION HE WAS EMPLOYED BY INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY AND WAS BEING SENT TO AFRICA BY THAT COMPANY.

WARREN DESCRIBED AS WMA, FORTY FIVE TO FIFTY, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, TO NINE INCHES, DARK BROWN GRAYING HAIR, RUDDY COMPLEXION, WORE TROUSERS AND SHIRT. HAD NO LUGGAGE IN POSSESSION.

INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPANYING WARREN, NAME NOT GIVEN, DESCRIBED AS WMA, APPROXIMATELY TWENTY, SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, LIGHT COMPLEXION, WORE SPORT CLOTHES.

PHOTO OF RAY EXHIBITED TO DE PRIEST AND STATES NOT IDENTICAL WITH WARREN. PHOTO OF RAY ALSO EXHIBITED MRS. LAVERNE WHEELER, OWNER ABOVE APARTMENTS, WHO STATED THIS INDIVIDUAL NOT RECOGNIZED BY HER AS RESIDING WHEELER APARTMENTS.

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WHO STOLE ONE NINE SIX SEVEN PLYMOUTH AND WILL SECURE  
AND FORWARD CHECK FROM VICTORVILLE TO LABORATORY.

SAN DIEGO AT BONSALL ASCERTAIN FULL FACTS CONCERNING  
RETURN OF MRS. DE LUCA'S IDENTIFICATION MATERIAL FROM PERRY'S  
COUNTRY STORE ALSO NOTE ADDRESS AT CHULA VISTA AS GIVEN AT  
BALBOA WHEN INDIVIDUAL UTILIZED NAME WARREN.

SPRINGFIELD THROUGH JERRY RAY ASCERTAIN HOW WELL KNOWN A  
RELATIVE FRANCES RAY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA MIGHT BE.  
ALSO NOTE SAME USE OF NAME OF INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY AT  
BALBOA BY THE WM. MARSHALL INDIVIDUAL UTILIZING NAME WARREN  
AS WAS USED FIVE FOURTEEN LAST AT CHULA VISTA IN SAN DIEGO  
TEL FIVE SIXTEEN SIXTYEIGHT, COPY YOUR OFFICE.

LAS VEGAS CONTACT SO AND LAS VEGAS PD CONCERNING  
WILLIAM A. MARSHALL WITH ALIASES TO DETERMINE IF SIMILAR M.O.  
AS DESCRIBED BY CHULA VISTA PD IS BEING NOW USED AT LAS VEGAS.  
SAN DIEGO TEL FIVE SIXTEEN SIXTY EIGHT FURNISHED LAS VEGAS.

COPIES OF THIS TEL FURNISHED OTHER OFFICES IN VIEW OF INFO  
RE JAMES C. HARDIN.

INVESTIGATION ALL PHASES CONTINUING AT LOS ANGELES.

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*Re memo to all agents dated 4-30-68*

*Durward Johnson, Paducah PD, Paducah, Ky. advised on 5-2-68 he maintains unidentified latent fingerprints collected in their investigations however it would take him several days to check all these prints to determine if any of them could be identical to subjects. Johnson stated he would contact the writer when he had finished checking the prints obtained subsequent to 4-23-68 and on 5-22-68 he advised he had just finished with negative results.*

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Remarks:

Enclosed for assistance of each office in connection with any laundry checks being made are photographs of laundry marks placed on shirt and bed linen for James Earl Ray while using the name of Eric Starvo Galt in the Los Angeles area.

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