Flyer, which I have signed, is attached and identified as lightble II. I now re-enamine the photograph and renifera that identification. I plan any estation another profile photograph, which appears to be a smaller copy of the one in the Flyer, and affire that it looks very much like the man I sew looking at hown 5-11 on the afternoon of April 4, 1988. This photograph is attacked and identified an Inmibit III, and I have signed it. The pointed none and chin are the principal features that stand out to my identification of the man platored in Embibit III as the man I saw with two. Eroser looking into Room 5-8 on April 4, 1988. 4. Wy wife and I speak the rest of the afternoon in our systemat. I am a disabled was veteral who has been treated for tuberculosis and spent most of my time in my. bedroom. My wife was also ill and was at that time a bed satient. 5. After seeing the strange and with the. Mener, I hourd someone in Room 5-D and neemed the man I had seen had rented the room next door. Several times that afternoon I heard footstops in Note 6-0, and two or three times I heard foototops leaving Ross 5-6 and going past my room and into the common bathroom at the end of the hall. The first couple of times the person from 5-8 went to the both he did not stay , but & low minutes and once I heard the toilet flush. Each time I beard footstops going back to Room 5-31. About the third time I heard footsteps from Room 5-B. to the bathroom the person stayed what seemed like a long time. It seemed like a long time because while he was in there I wanted to use the toilet. 6. While this person was in there so long, Er. Willie Amschatz, who lived in Room 4-D, knooked on my door dad asked who the hell was staying in the bathroom so long. I opened my door and told him I didn't know, and he wont back to his room. 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

7. Toward the end of the afternoon, semetime between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., I was in my hitchen working on a small radio when I heard a shot. I have placed a double "KK" mark on the floor plan, Exhibit I, to show where I was when I heard the shot. I could tell that it came from the bathroom because it was very load and the partition between my kitchen and the bathroom is thin plyboard. 3. I had not heard footsteps going back to Room 5-B between the time the person went in for so long and the time I heard the shot. 5. Right after the shot, I heard through a broken pane in my kitchen window a lot of voices yelling and hollering across the street from my building cear the Lorraine Motel. I looked out my window toward the moise and I saw a lot of people milling around near the motel. Them I went to my door and eponed it. I would say that about a minute, not more, passed between my hearing the shot and when I opened the door. First, I looked toward the bathroom and I saw that the door was open and it was empty. Then I went to the bunister and looked the other way. When I did, I saw a man running near the end of the hallway. I have put an "O" mark on the floor plac, Exhibit I, to show about where he was when I caw him. He was carrying a bundle in his right hand. From what I could see, the bundle was at least three or four foot long and six or eight inches thick. The bundle appeared to be wrapped in what looked like newspaper. The man turned left toward the stairs when he reached the end of the hallway. Although I did not get a long look at him before be turned left. I think it was the same man I maw earlier with Mrs. Erever looking at Room 5-D. The am running down the hall had on a dark suit, the same as the man I saw carlior. 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI

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Submitted herewith for information of the Bureau and completion of its files in instant case is copy of affidavit furnished by CHARLES QUITMAN STEPHENS. In addition to copy of affidavit, a Xerex copy of Exhibit #1 is attached so that the Bureau can identify the areas in which STEPHENS said various activities took place of which he is cognizant.

It is felt other items described as exhibits in the affidavit are self-explanatory.

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Mrs. THOMAS C. CUMMINGHAM, 631 Orpheus, wes interviewed and furnished the following information:

On May 24, 1968, she departed Heathrow Airport, Slough, England, at approximately 5:00 p.m. on British-Karopsan Airmys Flight Humber 606 for Frankfort, Gormany, for the purpose of visiting her family who resides in the Frankfort area.

Spon boarding the flight she obtained a sent situated on the left hand side of the Sirpians on the window side, two rows of sents forward of the wing facing the rear of the plane. Shortly efter sitting down, she observed an individual sitting directly seroes from her who appeared to be identical with the photographs of JANES RAKL RAY as contained in the Minds Tribune Newspaper for the Oceanside-Carlabed, California, area dated June 10, 1968. Mrs. CHMINGHAM advised that her mest was facing in the direction of the individuals seat, so that they were facing each other, and consequently she was in a good position to chearve him. She further stated that to her knowledge mone of the sects on the kirplane had been previously assigned to any particular individual.

Shortly after the simpleme took off, Mrs. CUMINSHAM exhaupted to take a picture of a cloud formation at which time the individual stated to her in words of effect that it would be semawless to take photographs since all she would obtain would be pictures of clouds. Mrs. CUMINSHAM further advised that later during the flight the individual stated to her that he frequently made that trip by sir from Slough, England, to Frankfort, Sermany and was disappointed that the Lufthanse Airlines flight had been discontinued. Mrs. CUMINSHAM further stated that so the sippleme approached Frankfort, Germany, the individual looked out to sirpleme window and pointed out the Rhine River and the Autoben from Miserelauteen, Germany, giving the impression that he was familiar with the eres. Mrs. CUMINSHAM stated that during this conversation with the individual she observed him to possess an ordinary American accest and not of the rural type. Mrs. CUMINSHAM savised that the individual was neatly dressed and sld not appear to be traveling with anyone also on the flight. She stated that

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sitting directly adjacent to the individual was a woman who was apparently English, and who engaged in conversation with the individual. Mrs. CUMNINGHAM furnished the following description of the individual:

> Sex Male RECE White Approximately 40 Age. 516" to 518" Height 160-170 pounds Weight Hair

Dark brown, medium length Lyes Brown, was wearing dark brown hornrimmed glasses

Build Medium Complexion Medium

Sport coat, slacks, white Dress shirt and tie. Wrist watch on left hand

Scare, marks and other identifying **G2 13**

Possessed piercing eyes

Mrs. CUNNINGHAM described the woman sitting adjacent to the individual as follows:

> Race White Sex Female Approximately 43 Ago Heir Dirty blonds Eves Bluish-grey 514" Height 170 - 200 lbs Weight Build

Hee yy Complexion Fair

Unable to recall Dress

Scare, marks and other identifying

English accent data

At the request of the interviewing agents Mrs. CUNNINGHAM displayed a British-European Airlines ticket stub which contained form number 06052302116. A review of the ticket stub reflected that she had been issued by British-European Airlines flight from London, England, to Frankfort,

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Germany, on Flight Number 606. On the ticket stub was contained the inscription "passenger ticket and form number 0602. Mrs. CUNMINGHAM advised that the flight arrived 9968894 in Frenkfort approximately 40 minutes later at 5:40 p.m.

She stated that after the plane landed she did not observe the individual any more. She stated that she went directly to the sirport to obtain her luggage and upon arriving ascertained that the luggage had not yet arrived. She stated that a small group of people were gathered to obtain their luggage and that she did not observe the individual to be in the group. She stated that she feels certain that if the individual were there she would have observed him, thus indicating that he did not have any luggage.

6/13/68 AIR MAIL AIRTEL DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) TO: FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387) SUBJECT: MURKIN 00: Memphis Re San Diego teletype to the Bureau and Memphis dated 6/13/68. Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies and for the Memphis Division seven copies of an FD-302 reflecting interview with Mrs. THOMAS C. CUNNINGHAM, 631 Orpheus, Encinitas, California, on 6/12/68. The enclosures are being submitted to the Bureau in the event the Bureau may desire additional investigation be conducted by appropriate legat.

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PCI FETTERS advised prior to JERRY RAY'S visit of 6/5-7/68, she received a total of about \$115.00 from him in cash and money orders. She said he spent about \$190.00 in connection with his trip to Camden. That amount includes his \$86.10 round-trip plane fare, she stated.

PCI further advised she was given a present of a ladies 17 jewel Swiss watch bearing the trade name of Whalthan. The watch and band are silver in color and appear to have been purchased new.

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO

FROM: SAC. NEWARK (44-S54)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Re: Newark teletype to the Bureau, Chicago and Memphis, 6/10/68

On 6/11/68, PCI MARJORIE LOUISE FETTERS told SA JOHN E. OTTO she received a money order for \$55.00 from JERRY RAY, subject's brother. The money order was sent in an envelope from Wheeling, Illinois. JERRY RAY told PCI in a previous conversation the money was to be used by her towards the purchase of a car.

PCI said the money orders appears to her to be identical with the kind of money order she received from JERRY RAY on 6/3/68, which was wrapped in the news letter from The Royal Bank of Canada.

PCI said the money order she received on 6/11/68, is drawn against the Wheeling Trust and Savings Bank, Wheeling, Illinois, and is dated 6/8/68. She noted the letters in the wording of "PERSONAL MONEY ORDER" written across the bottom of the face of the money order are light yellow-green in color. She previously thought the color of these letters was black. She said, however, she was apparently wrong about this.

The money order she received on 6/11/68, was enclosed in a piece of newspaper. The newspaper contained advertisements for businesses located in Wheeling, Illinois. JERRY RAY did not write anything to PCI in this communication.

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SAC, CLEVELAND (44-965) (P)

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Cleveland on this date received a letter from Mrs. MITA HARRY, 3498 Bosworth Road, Cleveland, Chic, in which she advised that her son, Private WILLIAM D. HARRY, flew from Atlanta, Georgia, to Cleveland, Chic, on 4/6/68, on United Air Lines Flight 396Y.

Hrs. HARRY stated that when her son arrived in Cleveland on that date he had told her that there was a man aboard that flight who very much resembled the composite drawing that was shown at that time on TV of the fugitive who later turned out to be JARRE BARL RAY.

Mrs. HARRY advised that she is sorry that they did not bring this information to the FRI's attention at that time, but she was fearful that it was a false lead and thought perhaps they would look feelish. She further advised that she did not want any publicity of any kind for having provided this information at this time, and she trusts that her letter will be kept confidential. She furnished the present address of her son, who according to her, was the one who observed the individual who resembled the composite photo of RAY.

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and interview him in connection with the individual he observed about the Flight 396Y on 4/6/68 as to possibly being identical with SAMES EAST.

Claveland conducting no additional investigation in this matter prior to interview of MARKY at which time Myanmah will set forth appropriate leads. DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

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For the information of the Bureau in considering any expression of appreciation to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) for their contribution to the identification, location and apprehension of subject JAMES EARL RAY, the following personnel of O Division, RCMP, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, supervised and/or participated in the investigation at Toronto, Ontario, Canada:

Chief Superintendent J. G. C. DOWNEY

Superintendent CARL DOBY

Staff Sergeant G. L. TOMALTY

Sergeant HOWARD FULLERTON

Sergeant A. SIKORA

Corporal JOHN DUNLOP

Constable WAYNE GIFFIN

It is the recommendation of the Buffalo Office that the efforts of the above individuals be recognized.

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on 6/12/68, ALPERD KNKISON, Shipping Handger, Savage Ares, Inc., Vestfield, Massachusetts, advised Sa THOMAS F. SULLIVAN the Stevens Model 94, 12 gauge, single berrel shotous manufactured by that firm is one produced in great volume. As indicated in referenced mirtel, no serialshumbers are marked on the veston and be said there is no way in which a recovered gun can be traced.

He discussed the problem with officials and angineers at the plant and it was their condition a resovered shetges might be examined by the plant and a determination made that it was in fact one of their manufacture. However, there is no recording made of the component parts or assembly markings which might appear, and he said, regardless of the importance of a given inquiry, it was not possible to say when or to whom a gum was shipped.

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Reurairtel 6/5/68. In order to save dictating and stenographic time, future reports need show only <u>cumulative</u> data through the end of each month.

With regard to the peak number of agents assigned to this case, you show a total of 4,567 as of 5/31 -- 3,075 during April plus 1,492 during May. By peak number assigned the Bureau wanted to know how many agents were assigned at the height of the investigation -- not the cumulative number. In view of recent developments in connection with this case, the peak number assigned will no doubt continue to be shown as 3,075.

N. P. Callahan

6/12/68 AIRTEL AIRMAIL. DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) MURKIN In view of subject RAY's apprehension, Birmingham is not submitting a report reflecting investigation to locate RAY since report submitted by SA HENRY A. SNOW, Birmingham, 5/20/68. No future report is contemplated unless future action might warrant it. 3 - Bureau - Memphis (44-1987) 1 - Birmingham HAS:mfl 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

WFO 44-703 RWD: rwd Re DONALD E. TURNER TURNER, area code 703, Telephone Number 481-2948, was listed as a passenger on American Airlines Flight 338 from Dallas, Texas, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on April 6, 1968. The Alexandria, Virginia City Directory reflects DONALD E. TURNER resides 5650 Gary Avenue, Alexandria, and is employed as an economist with the Department of Agriculture. The current Washington Metropolitan Area Telephone Directory reflects he is the subscriber to telephone number 481-2948. On May 2, 1968, SA JOHN PATTERSON, was advised by the Personnel Office, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., that TURNER had been employed since 1957. On May 2, 1968, Mr. DONALD E. TURNER advised SA PATTERSON that he had been scheduled to fly on the above flight from Dallas to Friendship Airport, Baltimore, Maryland, but changed his plans and took an earlier Braniff Airlines flight. SERIALIZED .. JUN 7 1968 FBL MEMPHIS 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

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SAS HARVEY W. JAMES and WALTER E. THOMAS conducted the following investigation at Washington, D. C., May 2, 1968:

DANIEL PRICE, Manager, Washington Hotel, Pennsylvania Avenue at 15th Street, N. W., verified the telephone number at the hotel as 638-5900.

He further advised the records of the hotel disclosed G. I. CRIDER, Route 3, Lewisville, Texas, registered at the hotel at 1:57 p. m., April 4, 1968, and occupied room 924 until he checked out at 9:14 a. m., April 6, 1968. Reservation was made by a long distance telephone fall from a Mrs. BORTH, on March 30, 1968, for CRIDER and listed business address as Denton County Electric Cooperative, Incorporated, Box 699, Denton, Texas.

While at the hotel, CRIDER made a long distance telephone call to number 214-242-5972 (Dallas, Texas), at 1:42 a.m., April 5, 1968. The call was approximately three minutes in duration.

Registration desk personnel advised they could not recall CRIDER to provide a description.

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Mrs. EDWARD E. (GLORIA) WILLIAMS, 4925 G Street, South East, Apartment # 202 said she is employed in the Medical Records Division at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. WILLIAMS said, she and her two small children arrived at the Dallas Airport too late on April 6, 1968 to catch the Flight # 338 of American Airlines to Friendship Airport, Beltimore, Maryland without running. They waited and took a later flight which landed at Dulles Airport in Virginia.

She added while she was in the Airport Terminal in Ballas, she looked for her father and in the course of looking for him went all over the terminal. She was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and said photograph was familiar. She also said she does not read the newspapers and did not believe she had seen photograph in newspaper.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 6/12/68

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SAC, NFO (44-703) (P)

SUBJECT:

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Re New York teletype 4/30/68 re passengers
American Airlines Flight 338, Dallas, Texas,
to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 4/6/68; WFO
airtel 5/2/68 re passenger CNIDEM; WFO airtel
5/3/68 re passenger GLORIA WILLIAMS; and WFO
airtel 5/2/68 re passenger TURNER.

Enclosed for Memphis are 15 copies each of two (2) report inserts and one (1) IRF reflecting investigation concerning above passengers.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA HAYES H. BURLESON on June 13, 1968:

At McAlester, Oklahoma

A review of the files of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary (OSP), revealed that JOSEPH SEIBERT OSP #76649, was received on February 17, 1968, from L Tulsa County, Oklahoma, and sentenced to a term of 150 years for the crime of Robbery with Firearms, after former conviction of a felony. His minimum release date is shown as February 20, 2040, and his maximum release date is shown as February 17, 2118. A review of the PBI Identification Record of JOSEPH SETBERT, FBI #74 262 C, revealed that he was received at the Department of Corrections, Jefferson City, Missouri, on October 2, 1964, under #09111, and charged with Murder, 1ST Degree. He was sentenced for the remainder of his natural life. The next item shown on SEIBERT's Identification Record is October 26, 1967, when he was arrested by the Sheriff's Office, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and charged with Armed Robbery and Assault and Battery with a Deadly Weapon. The next item on SEIBERT's Identification Record is shown as November 17, 1967, when he was fingerprinted as a patient at Eastern State Hospital, Vinita, Oklahoma. The final entry on SEIBERT's Identification Record is February 17, 1968, when he was received at Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, sentenced to a term of 150 years, for Robbery, with Firearms.

During an interview with JOSEFH SEIBERT he admitted a casual acquaintance with JAMES EARL RAY while both were inmetes at the Missouri State Penitentiary. He stated that RAY was an inmate at Missouri State Penitentiary when SEIBERT arrived there on October 2, 1964.

SEIBERT stated that he worked in the Mess Hall at Missouri State Penitentiary while JAMES EARL RAY worked in the bakery which joins the Mess Hall. SEIBERT said that he occasionally visited with RAY from time to time while they were working and also on the prison yard.

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SEIBERT stated that he actually escaped from the Jackson County Court House, Kansas City, Missouri, on borrober 13, 1967. He said that he made his way from Kansas City, Missouri, to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he arrived on corotaer 16, 1967. SEIBERT said that for reasons of possibly incriminating himself in local burglaries, he did not care to state how he traveled from Kansas City, Missouri, to Tulsa Oklahoma. He claimed that he went to work on Darspher 16, 1967, at the Piccadilly Cafeteria, Tulsa, Oklahoma, under the name JOHN LA MAY. He claimed to have worked at the Piccadilly Cafeteria as a dishwasher until October 26, 1967, when he was arrested at Tulsa, Oklahoma, for Armed Robbery. He said that he stayed at the Grand Hotel on East 3rd Street, Thea, Oklahoma, during this period of time, also using the name JOHN LA MAY. He claimed to have been in continual custody from October 26, 1967, until the present time. He admitted spending approximately 30 days at the Vinita, Oklahoma Eastern State Hospital.

The following description was obtained from observation, interview, and records of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary:

Name Race Sex Height Weight llair Eyes Build Complexion Birth Occupation Education FBI # Marital Status Parents Brothers

JOSEPH SEIBERT
White
Malq
5'11"
169 pounds
Brown
Green
Medium
Ruddy
Topeka, Kansas
Electrician

Electrician
6th Grade
74 262 C
Single
Deceased
WILLIAM SEFBERT, age 40,
Topeka, Kansas, exact address
unknown;

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However, SEIBERT maintained that he would not consider himself a personal friend of RAY.

SEIBERT said that on March 11, 1966, he planned to escape from the Missouri State Ponitentiary. He said that he learned later that RAY had planned to escape on the same night, and their plans were not known to each other. SEIBERT said that he placed a dummy in his cell and went to the recreation room.

According to SEIBERT, after the recreation period was over, he hid behind the television set in the recreation room and waited for the lights to be turned When the lights were out, he began moving television benches to the prison wall and had planned to go over the wall by means of climbing the television benches. Unknown to SEIBERT at the time, RAY had managed to get onto the roof of the Administration Building, but had fallen and hurt his arm. The prison officials and guards were looking for RAY when they discovered SEIBERT. He said that RAY managed to hide himself in a ventilation shaft in the Officers Dining Room for two or three days before he was discovered.

SEIBERT advised that he could furnis absolutely no information concerning RAY's escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967. He said he knew nothing of RAY's escape plan, his source of funds, his associates inside or outside the penitentiary, nor any thing concerning the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SEIBERT said that it was his personal opinion that RAY was not intelligent enough to plan the murder of Dr. KING and certainly not intelligent enough to plan an apparent elaborate escape procedure including passports by himself. SEIBERT said that when RAY finally escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary, he escaped in a bread box from the bakery where he had worked for a long period of time. SEIBERT stated that he had observed that this method of escape would probably be successful after he had been at the penitentiary for only a short period of time.

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Sisters

CLARENCE SEIBERT, age 36,
Topeka, Kansas, exact address
unknown;
JOHN SEIBERT, Topeka, Kansas,
exact address unknown
MARCELLA LEWIS, age 34,
Topeka, Kansas, exact address
unknown;
THERISA ASHLY, age 33, Topeka,
Kansas, exact address unknown;
ROSEMARY KISNER, age 31,
Topeka, Kansas, exact address
unknown

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC OXLAHONA CITY (44-686) (P)

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Re Kenses City teletype to the Bureau, 6/12/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three (3) copies, for Kansas City one (1) copy, and for Memphis fifteen (15) copies of an insert reflecting investigation conducted at McAlester, Cklahoma.

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Re: Look-Alike Leaving Life Magazine at Stapleton International Airport Denver, Colorado

On May 6, 1968, Mr. WILLIAM C. HARRIS V3260 Ivy Street, Denver, Colorado, who is employed as a Skycap at Stapleton International Airport, Denver, furnished a copy of the May 3, 1968, edition of Life Magazine, to SA WALLACE M. GLOVER. Mr. HARRIS advised that on the night of April 30, 1968, he observed a man, who he now believes to be JAMES EARL RAY, sitting in the TV area of the lobby at Stapleton International Airport, between 9:40 P.M. and 10:30 P.M. He stated this man was reading a magazine and was observed by HARRIS to tear out some of the pages which he folded and put in his inside coat pocket. This man left the area about 10:30 P.M., leaving the magazine on the seat. HARRIS picked the magazine up and later discovered that the pages containing the article about JAMES EARL RAY had been torn out and were missing. HARRIS later read an issue of "Jet" which had a photograph and an article concerning RAY, and at that time came to the conclusion that the man he saw on April 30, 1968, was possibly identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

This magazine was furnished to the Latent Fingerprint Section of the FBI on May 6, 1968, and by communication dated May 16, 1968, the Latent Fingerprint Section advised that four latents of value were developed on the magazine, but none were identical with fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI No. 405 942 G.

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> Re: Look-Alike, JACOB CLEON HERZOG L Cheyenne, Wyoming

By telephone call on May 4, 1968, the Minneapolis Division of the FBI advised that it had received information from a student of the University of Black Hills, Spearfish, South Dakota, SUE SORENSON ODEL, Rural Route 1, Spearfish, who works at Margie's Diner at Spearfish, to the effect that she had come into contact with an individual using the name of JACK HERZOG who has been residing at the Siesta Motel in Spearfish. Miss ODEL advised that HERZOG greatly resembles JAMES EARL RAY. Investigation by the Minneapolis Division indicated that HERZOG lived at 6830 Manhattan Lane, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

On May 5, 1968, JACOB CLEON HERZOG, 6830 Manhattan Lane, Cheyenne, Wyoming, was contacted at his residence by SA ROBERT C. GUSTAFSON, and it was determined from personal observation, interrogation, and fingerprints, that he is not identical with JAMES EARL RAY. During the interview it was determined that HERZOG is working in South Dakota, and resides at the Siesta Motel in Spearfish while in that city.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

no: MURKIN CR Dote: May 10, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lob. No. D-562560 JK

Specimens received 5/7/68

Q325 Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt bearing stamped date Mayl, '68, signed "Carl Ray"

Result of examination:

Some differences were noted between the "Carl Ray" signatures on Q325 when compared with the signatures in this name appearing on Q322 (Frontier Airlines temporary credit card), but the limited nature of the questioned signature precluded a definite opinion from being reached.

Because of the limited questioned material and the lack of significant handwriting characteristics, it could not be determined whether the "Carl Ray" signature on Q325 was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON. D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 13, 1968

FBI FII. No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-562709 JK

Re: MURKIN

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Specimens received

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Q328 Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt bearing stamped date April 26, 1968, and the signature "Carl Ray"

- Q329 Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt bearing stamped date April 27, 1968, and the signature "Carl Ray"
- Q330 Application for Frontier Credit Travel Card bearing hand printing and the signature "Carl Ray"
- Q331 Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt, dated April 15, 1968, bearing the signature "H. J. Schumacher"
- Q332 Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt bearing stamped date April 16, 1968, and the signature "H. J. Schumacher"
- Q333 Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt showing amount of contract as \$316.08 and bearing the signature "H. J. Schumacher"

Result of examination:

Although little in the way of comparable letters is present, differences were noted between the "H. J. Schumacher" signatures on Q331, Q332 and Q333 and the Carl Ray signatures on Q328, Q329 and Q330 and between these signatures and the known writings of JAMES EARL RAY.

It was determined that the questioned hand printing on Q322 (Frontier Airlines temporary credit card #31088) and that appearing in the lower right-hand portion of the Q328 transportation receipt were prepared by the same individual.

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It was further determined that the hand printing on Q328 and Q332 was not prepared by the individual who prepared the hand printing appearing on the Q330 application and that the hand printing on the three items mentioned was not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY.

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By communications dated May 9, 1968, and May 17, 1968, the Latent Fingerprint Section of the Identification Division advised that no latent impressions were developed on the items submitted that were identical with the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI No. 405 942 G.

Los Angeles, by communication dated May 4, 1968, indicated that CARL RAY left a call back telephone number of 377-1987, in Denver, Colorado, at the time he made reservations in Phoenix, Arizona, for a flight on Frontier Airlines. This telephone number is listed to Mrs. ROSA M. NIENHAUS, 2536 Race Street, Denver. Miss NIENHAUS was interviewed by SA BOYD D. ADSIT and it was determined that she is an aged widow who does not know CARL RAY or anyone fitting the description of CARL RAY. She stated no friend or relative stayed at her house in the recent past.

On May 7, 1968, First Class Cabin Stewardess CATHERINE HINES, aboard Frontier Airlines Flight No. 785 F, April 27, 1968, on flight from Albuquerque to Phoenix, and Tourist Cabin Stewardess Miss J. JACKSON, aboard the same flight, advised SA BOYD D. ADSIT that they recalled no one by the name of CARL RAY being aboard that flight and neither recognized any picture of JAMES EARL RAY as being that of any person aboard the flight.

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Re: Look-Alike, CARL RAY

Passenger, Frontier Airlines

By telephone call from the Los Angeles Division of the FBI on May 3, 1968, and by communication dated May 4, 1968, the Los Angeles Division advised that personnel of United Airlines, Los Angeles International Airport, informed the Los Angeles Office of the FBI, on May 3, 1968, that an individual using the name of CARL RAY requested one round trip and one oneway ticket from Los Angeles to Honolulu, and stated he would like to use Frontier Airline Ticket Nos. 829753 and 829754 issued in Denver, Colorado, on May 1, 1968, to Mr. and Mrs. CARL RAY V for Flight No. 710 from Las Vegas, Nevada, to St. Louis, Missouri, and return, as partial payment for the tickets being requested. The individual subsequently left the ticket counter, leaving the Frontier Airlines tickets behind, as well as a 30-day temporary Frontier Airlines Travel Credit Card, bearing No. on April 26, 1968, to Mr. CARL RAY, Ray Land and Cattle Company, Route 4, Box 868, Pecos, Texas.

The following investigation was conducted by SA BOYD D. ADSIT:

On May 3, 1968, BEN GUTIERREZ, Operations Supervisor, Frontier Airlines, Stapleton Airport, searched through voucher copies of tickets for May 1, 1968, through May 3, 1968, without locating ticket numbers 829753 and 829754. He did locate the ticket numbers, credit card number, and same dollar amounts on the Ticket Sales Report B for May 1, 1968, which showed the tickets were issued by JACK GROOM at the Frontier Airlines counter at Stapleton International Airport.

JACK GROOM, 3364 South Grape, Denver, Colorado, Telephone No. 757-0763, was interviewed at Frontier Airlines (FL),

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Stapleton International Airport, on May 3, 1968. He stated he had a faint recollection of the transaction, due to a few unusual features, and recalled that about 10:00 A.M., a fairly heavy-set man, who was alone, described as being about 38 years of age, 5' 9", 200-210 pounds, blondish-brown hair worn in a crew cut, wearing a gray-blue sport coat, with a white shirt open at the neck, approached his counter, and asked for round trip tickets from Las Vegas, Nevada, to St. Louis, Missouri. GROOM thinks he asked the man if he had reservations and the man said that he did. GROOM then wrote up the tickets and told the man the price.

The man pulled out a temporary Frontier Credit Card which showed his name to be CARL RAY. He recalled that the card indicated the man was from Pecos, Texas, and that the card was to expire on May 25, 1968. When asked if the card could have contained the words "Ray Land and Cattle Company", GROOM stated the words were definitely on the card. Because of the amount, GROOM turned to his supervisor, JOHN KNAPP, and obtained his approval on the transaction.

GROOM said the man explained his reason for buying the ticket was that he was immediately going to Las Vegas, where he would catch the flight. GROOM thought he said he was catching the United Airlines 11:00 A.M., flight on May 1, 1968, to Las Vegas. GROOM stated there was also some conversation about how full the flights to St. Louis from Las Vegas, were likely to be.

The various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to GROOM. He re-emphasized that he had only a faint recollection of the man's features. He stated he felt the man was a lot heavier than the man in the 1966 prison photograph of RAY, and did not think the man particularly resembled the photograph of RAY, but stated it was possible that they were the same person.

GROOM stated the man wore his hair in a crew cut like the 1955 photograph of RAY and noted that the nose of the man resembled the nose in the 1955 photograph.

On May 3, 1968, JOHN KNAPP, Supervisor, FL Counter, Stapleton International Airport, home address 9151 East 14th, Apartment No. 103, Telephone No. 343-4235, advised he vaguely recalls being contacted by GROOM but has absolutely no recollection of the man CARL RAY.

BEN GUTIERREZ contacted BILL BATES, FL Reservations concerning any reservations made by CARL RAY. BATES said Reservations in Las Vegas would have to be contacted to determine if RAY had made reservations from Las Vegas to St. Louis.

Mr. MARTIN E. LARSON, Director of Revenue and Accounting, FL, 8075 East 40th, provided the original and one copy of the charge document called a Transportation Receipt, bearing the signature of CARL RAY, as well as one copy each of the file copies of the two tickets, No. 829753 and No. 829754. He requested that the original of the Transportation Receipt be mailed to him at Frontier Airlines, 5900 East 39th, Denver, 80207.

On May 3, 1968, WILLIAM R. NOONEN, Supervisor of Accounts Receivable, FL, 5900 West 39th, Telephone No. 398-4743, had a search made for the credit application submitted by CARL RAY when he obtained temporary credit card No. 31088. A search was made by Mrs. PAT BENEFIEL, who stated that she went through all records twice with negative results and feels the application has not reached Denver from whatever FL Office accepted it. She stated she would continue to look for the application and would notify the FBI when located.

Mr. NOONEN, through the assistance of Mr. BERT CLARK, FL, commenced calling around to likely FL stations to determine where CARL RAY had obtained the temporary card. Mr. NOONEN also put out an all-stations teletype to accomplish this same end. This teletype was later canceled since CLARK determined the card was obtained in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

BERT CLARK telephonically advised late on May 3. 1968, that he had determined the temporary credit card, number had been issued at Albuquerque on April 26, 1968, to CARL RAY, Ray Land and Cattle Company, Route 4, Box 868, Pecos, Texas. That same day, RAY used the credit card to obtain Ticket No. 028-101-547-962 for Frontier Flight No. 581, leaving for Phoenix from Albuquerque at 10:30 P.M., April 26, 1968. It was a one-way ticket, first class, costing \$30.45. Later, RAY had the ticket reissued for first class jet transportation aboard Flight No. 785 leaving Albuquerque at 8:10 A.M., April 27, 1968, and arriving in Phoenix at 9:42 A.M. The new ticket number as 028-101-547-975.

CLARK said he talked by telephone with MICHAL STONE, the girl at the ticket counter in Albuquerque, who waited on CARL RAY during part of his transactions. She described CARL RAY as tanned, 6°, dark brown hair, complete Western clothing.

While talking with Mr. NOONEN, he stated that a person of a different name had used the same Modus Operandi as CARL RAY in obtaining FL tickets and exchanging them. He said one HERMAN J. SCHUMACHER obtained temporary FL Credit Card No. (believed to be obtained in Phoenix, Arizona). The station manager for FL, Phoenix, called FL, Denver, on about April 15, 1968, and advised that SCHUMACHER had purchased two round trip

tickets from Phoenix to St. Louis, for a man and wife on April 15, 1968, and on April 16, 1968, Western Airlines, Phoenix, advised the station manager SAM CALLES that these two tickets had been turned in to Western for tickets from Phoenix to Mexico City. According to Western Airlines, the tickets were not used. Mr. NOONEN said he put out an all-station teletype to be wary of transactions with SCHUMACHER on April 17, 1968, and at about 1:00 P.M. that day, MARTY MARTIN, Station Manager, Las Vegas, called saying that he had sold two round trip tickets from Las Vegas to St. Louis for Mr. and Mrs. H. SCHUMACHER that day and, as near as he could tell, SCHUMACHER took the trip.

To cover the possibility that SCHUMACHER and RAY are one and the same, Mr. NOONEN put out an all-station teletype in an effort to definitely ascertain which station issued the credit card and to locate the credit application, which could not be located in Denver. He stated records in Denver will continue to be searched for this application.

Commencing during the evening of May 3, 1968, all hotels in the Denver area, and motels in the vicinity of the airport, were contacted by Special Agents of the Denver Office to determine if any CARL RAY was registered there as of April 29, 1968. The results of these checks were negative.

On May 4, 1968, the original of a Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipt, signed by one CARL RAY, in connection with obtaining two round trip tickets from Las Vegas to St. Louis, at Frontier Airlines Ticket Counter, Stapleton International Airport, Denver, Colorado, on May 1, 1968, were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory with the request to compare the signature with the known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY.

On May 7, 1968, two originals of Frontier Airlines Transportation Receipts, bearing the signature of CARL RAY and the original of Frontier Credit Application which CARL RAY reportedly filled out and signed, were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for comparison of handwriting of CARL RAY with JAMES EARL RAY. Also enclosed were three originals of Frontier Transportation Receipts bearing the signature of HERMAN J. SCHUMACHER. The FBI Laboratory was requested to compare SCHUMACHER's handwriting with that of CARL RAY and JAMES EARL RAY.

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Re: Telephone Calls by Subject Em Route from Los Angeles, California, to New Orleans, Louisiana

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. MOON, 177 Glory View Drive, Grand Junction, Colorado, advised SA RAY M. HICKMAN, on May 2, 1968, and May 4, 1968, that telephone number 242-0720, is listed to them. They stated they have no children and that they received no call from Alpine, Texas, on the afternoon of December 17, 1967. They were of the belief there must have been some mistake in the records.

CHARLES and SANDRA MC ANALLY of Modern Roofing and Installation Company, advised SA RAY M. HICKMAN on May 2, 1968, that telephone number 242-7412 is listed to Modern Roofing and Installation Company, 2841 North Avenue, Grand Junction, Colorado. They advised they had made the call on December 15, 1967, from Alpine, Texas, to their parents in Grand Junction, Colorado, because Mr. MC ANALLY's father was in the hospital at that time.

Neither the MOONs nor MC ANALLYs had any information concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

On May 2, 1968, Mrs. RICHARD FOREMAN, 6950 Avrum Drive, Arvada, Colorado, advised SA BOYD D. ADSIT that telephone number 428-9207 is listed to her husband, RICHARD FOREMAN.

Miss LINDA SANDLIN, 6950 Avrum Drive, Arvada, grand-daughter of Mrs. RICHARD FOREMAN, advised SA BOYD D. ADSIT that she received a call from CHARLES HUGH HANAH, age 19, from Alpine, Texas, on or about December 15, 1967. She stated that HANAH is a boyfriend attending Sul Ross State College and has the address of Box 5R5743 in Alpine, Texas.

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On May 6, 1968, Miss LA VERNE BAKER, formerly in the Womans Army Corps, now employed by Electronic Systems, who resides at 111½ West Cheyenne Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado, with DIANNE PATTERSON and LOUISE CARROLL, all unmarried and employed at Colorado Springs, advised SA ANDREW P. BUGAS that telephone number 636-1773, in Colorado Springs, is listed to her. She stated that she has no knowledge of any pay telephone call from Beaumont, Texas. She said her mother, Mrs. HATTIE ROMERO, resides in Beaumont, Texas, and calls her frequently. She stated her mother has telephone number HE6-1446. She was unable to recall whether her mother might have called her on December 16, 1967. She stated that her roommate, LOUISE CARROLL, has a boyfriend, one ROBERT BROUSSARD, a resident of Beaumont.

Miss DIANNE PATTERSON advised SA BUGAS on May 6, 1968, that she has no acquaintances in Beaumont, Texas, and has not received a telephone call from there.

Miss LOUISE CARROLL, Specialist 5, Defense Communications Agency, Western Hemisphere, Fort Carson, Colorado, advised SA ANDREW P. BUGAS, on May 8, 1968, that she has a boyfriend, one ROBERT BROUSSARD, who works in his father's store, Henry Broussard Food Fair, Beaumont, Texas. She stated he resides at 8775 Old Sour Lake Road, Beaumont. She stated during the months of December, 1967, and January, 1968, ROBERT BROUSSARD telephoned her two or three times a week. She recalled on one occasion he made a telephone call from a pay station. She remembered this because the operator cut in and BROUSSARD had to put additional money in the telephone. She stated that BROUSSARD said he was away from the store at the time and she believed this occurred on about December 16, 1967.

Re. J. R. KELLER, Reported Associate of JAMES EARL RAY at Leavenworth

Records relating to J. R. KELLER, Leavenworth Prison No. 72614-L, were located at the Federal Records Center, Denver, Colorado, on May 2, 1968. A review of these records by SA JOHN H. GALLIE revealed that JOHN RICHARD KELLER, FBI No. 1687578, was fingerprinted on August 15, 1955, at the Federal Correctional Institution, LaTuna, Texas, and was transferred to Florence, Arizona, Prison Camp on February 22, 1957, while serving a three year sentence for violation of the Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle statute. Nowhere in the file is subject RAY's name mentioned, or are names of any other friends or associates of KELLER, while in prison. KELLER's prison file indicates he was last released from the Federal Prison Camp at Florence, Arizona, on June 1, 1962, at which time his destination was listed as Tucson, Arizona.

KELLER's relatives were listed as follows:

Mother MARY F. HINSON

1911 South Sucea Wichita, Kansas

Brother KENNETH K.

Mesa, Arizona

Sister IMAGENE K. PICKARD 1034 West 7th Street

Mesa, Arizona

Brother RAY KELLER

Las Vegas, Nevada MARY ALICE KIRKLAND

Sister MARY ALICE KIRKLAND Alhambra, California

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Sister

LUCILLE K. KISSELL 6250 Marlowe Drive

Ex-Wife

Brighton, Michigan GEORGIA GRIFFIN

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122 North Mountain Avenue

Tucson, Arizona

Son

JOHN RICHARD KELLER, JR. 4973 South 12th Avenue

Tucson, Arizona

The file reflected KELLER had four other sons residing with their mother, and one son in the U. S. Marine Corps.

The file also indicates that KELLER, in late 1957, conspired with MARION MURRELL COOPER to steal a car in Tucson, Arizona, and transport it to Guatemala City, Guatemala.

Re: HOLT CHEW, Maker of Prior Threat

Against Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

By communication dated December 13, 1965, the Atlanta Office of the FBI reported that an assistant of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. received a telephone call from a male individual, who stated he was "Mr. CHEW" (PHONETIC), address 1800 Washington Street, Denver, Colorado, and this person told KING's assistant that KING should be careful as someone was going to assassinate him.

Records of the Denver Police Department, Bureau of Identification and Records, Denver, Colorado, reveal that HOLT CHEW, Denver Police Department No. 58534, was placed on probation on April 24, 1967, after conviction for shooting JAMES THOMAS JACKSON, a Negro, on January 20, 1966.

On April 29, 1968, and April 30, 1968, CHEW was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI. He was asked if he recalled making a telephone call to the office of MARTIN LUTHER KING in Atlanta, Georgia, on December 13, 1965. He reflected for a few minutes and then said he was not about to lie about the situation, especially to the FBI. He said that he has no love for MARTIN LUTHER KING, and is glad he is dead. He stated KING was not the non-violent civil rights leader he claimed to be. He stated wherever KING went violence followed and he was responsible for 37 deaths in the United States. He added that, as a personal matter, KING was directly responsible for the destruction of the business career of one of his sons, BILL CHEW, of Saint Augustine, Florida. He estimated his son's financial loss at \$400,000.00.

CHEW stated that his son was head of a hotel and motel association in Saint Augustine, Florida, a few years ago, when KING and his followers came down to Florida, and started efforts 44-481-4481-4481

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to integrate the industry. His son was also operating a motel in Saint Augustine at the time. BILL CHEW was taken into Federal Court by these people for refusing to integrate his establishment and, as the result of an unfavorable court decision, ended up resigning his position with the association and selling his motel at a severe loss. CHEW said that there was considerable newspaper publicity over the matter at the time.

CHEW placed KING in the same cate as STOKLEY CARMICHAEL and H. RAP BROWN, and stated frankly that he hoped the same fate befalls the latter two. He made the statement that he is not against the Negro race; that he was born in Georgia, and was raised with Negroes, with whom he hunted and fished. He made it clear that he is against some individual Negroes like CARMICHAEL and BROWN, who advocate violence and have no regard for property rights, but is not against all Negroes.

Having made these points, CHEW returned to the original question and stated he had no recollection of the telephone call and admitted that the reason could be that he could have been drinking at the time the call was made. He volunteered that at that time in his life he was a bad drinker. He emphasized that he had no doubt that he made the call, if interviewing Agents said he did, but stated he did not recall it. He stated he was certain, regardless of whether or not he had been drinking, that he would not have made a threat over the telephone since he knows such a threat could lead to trouble for him. He said if he had any intention of doing anything concerning KING, he would not have used the telephone, but would have taken direct action.

CHEW advised that he is certain that no one "put him up" to making the telephone call, and it was not an action involving anyone other than himself. He was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, the man being sought in connection with the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, and disclaimed any knowledge whatsoever of RAY.

He constantly referred to KING, CARMICHAEL and BROWN using expletives in an effort to show his intense dislike for these men.

He stated that he was in Denver on April 4, 1968, and April 5, 1968, and left the city by Eastern Airlines for Augusta, Georgia, on April 6, 1968, where he is promoting business interests in the food industry, whereby he hopes to set his son BILL up in business. He was unwilling to further identify his business interests. He stated his son BILL is presently running the Paradise Motel in Sylvania, Georgia, and drove up from Sylvania to meet him in Augusta the first part of the week of April 7, 1968. He stated both he and his son then drove to Sylvania, and on to Saint Augustine, Florida, where they were met on April 12, 1968, by Mrs. CHEW and a younger son, who had just returned from military service in Korea. He said his wife and younger son flew to Saint Augustine from Denver. He stated thereafter he and his family vacationed in Florida, until he, his wife and younger son returned to Denver, on April 29, 1968, in a new car that he purchased in Florida.

CHEW specifically stated that he had nothing to do with KING's death, and said that he knew of no conspiracy relating to it.

CHEW stated that he saw KING's funeral on television and the way it was conducted looked to him like it had been planned for twenty years.

He volunteered to the interviewing Agents that he has every intention of protecting his apartment house property in Denver, Colorado, with as much force as is necessary if anyone attempts to cause damage or loot it. He stated he was angry with the leaders of this country for allowing rioting, looting, etc. He thinks that the Attorney General is "very weak" and used more expletives to emphasize his point. He stated that he is "all for" law and order, but would like to see law enforcement empowered to act. He also stated that he was angry because the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was able to close businesses throughout the country after KING's death, when very few businesses closed after President KENNEDY's assassination; and he is convinced that threats were used to accomplish the closing of businesses in Denver, as he was so informed before he left on his trip.

It should be noted that a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 21, 1966, that CHEW is a highly irascible and unpredictable individual, and alcoholic, and possibly a user of narcotics.

Mrs. HOLT CHEW, on April 30, 1968, advised that her husband left Denver on April 6, 1968, for Augusta, Georgia, via Eastern Airlines, and that she and a younger son traveled to Florida, to meet him on April 12, 1968, via United, Eastern, and Delta Airlines.

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Records of the Retail Credit Men's Association,

Denver, Colorado, revealed on April 30, 1968, that HOLT CHEW

was born at Bert City, Georgia. He attended
school there and came to Denver in 1932. He served in the United

States Army during World War II, and has been the owner and
operator of Holt Chew Motor Company for many years. His wife's
name is ELAINE, and he has four children. He has been on
record with the credit bureau since February, 1937, and has
maintained a satisfactory credit rating.

HOLT is described as follows:

Race White Sex Male Age 55 Date of Birth Place of Birth Bert City, Georgia 5 9" Height 185 pounds Weight Hair Gray Blue Eyes Bui 1d Stocky None visible, face heavily Scars and Marks lined Arrest Number Denver Police Department No. 58534

Re: Stolen Georgia Cars Recovered in Denver Division Subsequent to March 23, 1968

A review of all pending and closed Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle cases in the Denver Division since March 23, 1968, was made on April 29, 1968, and revealed that no cars from Georgia have been recovered in the Denver Division.

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