

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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LEONARD J. GOLDRING, Sales Department, Plough, Inc.,  
3022 Jackson Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, furnished the following  
information:

ROSCOE SMITH, JR., salesman, Vulcan Binding and Cover  
Company, Birmingham, Alabama, was known to him inasmuch as he,  
GOLDRING, had purchased binders and covers from SMITH. He stated  
he had talked to SMITH on numerous occasions but he could not  
recall SMITH ever discussing or expressing an opinion concerning  
racial problems or MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. He stated SMITH was  
a very talkative individual who told numerous jokes concerning  
every topic brought up. He advised the last time he had  
talked to SMITH was approximately two months ago; however,  
SMITH had appeared at Plough, Inc., on April 1, 1968, and  
requested to talk to him, GOLDRING, but he told SMITH he did  
not have time to talk to him.

He stated that during the conversations with SMITH,  
SMITH had advised he was married and living in Birmingham,  
Alabama, with his wife and two children. He further recalled  
that SMITH informed him that he, SMITH, had been in the military  
during World War II, had been wounded, and had a metal plate in  
his head due to this wound. He stated he did not recall what  
branch of service SMITH had stated he was in and he had never  
observed SMITH driving any automobile but he presumed SMITH  
did make his calls in an automobile since he had delivered  
covers and binders to Plough, Inc., on numerous of these calls.

GOLDRING furnished the following description of  
SMITH:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	43 - 44
Height	5'8"
Weight	165
Hair	Sandy, long crew cut, combed straight back, no part, receding at sides

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ROSCOE SMITH, a salesman for Vulcan Binding Company, visited him at the Plough Plant last week. Through a review of the registrations of visitors coming to the plant, he was able to determine that ROSCOE SMITH registered April 1, 1968, and was given badge number 299.

WELLS stated that SMITH told him he was residing at the Chisca Hotel in Memphis and that his residence is Birmingham, Alabama.

It is WELLS' understanding that SMITH has been in the sales field for Vulcan for at least six or seven years.

WELLS further advised that when he noticed SMITH walking dragging his toes, WELLS was told that SMITH had muscular sclerosis. He was afflicted with this following his discharge from the Army Air Force after World War II. SMITH told him that he wears out the toes of a pair of shoes in a month.

WELLS described SMITH as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	38 to 39
Height	5'10"
Weight	155 pounds
Build	Slim
Facial Characteristic	Weathered face
Hair	Sandy, in a burr cut

WELLS stated that SMITH's hair stood straight up and he did not believe it could be brushed or combed back due to its shortness.

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SMITH visits the Plough Plant every three to four months. WELLS did note that in 1966 there was no visit made by SMITH to Plough. When he returned, after an absence of a year, he learned that the Plough business had, due to his lack of visits, been given to a competitor. However, there was no excuse or reason given by SMITH for his prolonged absence and no inquiry was made of him by WELLS.

It is WELLS' understanding that SMITH can be located at any time through contacting RAY MILLER of Vulcan Binding, whom he believes is the Sales Manager.

SMITH also told WELLS that he, because of his affliction, buys large size cars so that he can enjoy a maximum of comfort during the extensive travel required of him in connection with his employment.

During the last visit of SMITH, the discussion did arise relative to the racial situation at Memphis and the striking sanitation workers. SMITH did not get excited or agitated during the discussion and spoke in a cordial objective mood. In fact, WELLS stated that he has never seen SMITH in a bad mood. Although he cannot recall the source, WELLS presumes that it was SMITH, himself, who told him that he, SMITH, owns part of the Vulcan business.

WELLS further advised that he does not know if SMITH is a hobbyist or has any interest in or ability to use firearms of any type.

In conclusion, he stated that the only person who might have additional information concerning ROSCOE SMITH would be WALTER UNDERWOOD, who formerly worked for Plough and is now in the advertising field for Holiday Inn.

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HARDIN stated that she went into KELLEY's office a short time later and remained there during the remainder of SMITH's stay in the office. She advised she recalled over-hearing SMITH stated that the people in his office in Birmingham had asked him if he was still going to Memphis in view of the racial problems there and that SMITH had informed them he was not afraid of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. She stated that she recalled SMITH discussing MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and the racial problems in Memphis with Mr. KELLEY; however, she stated KELLEY talked more about MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and the racial problems in Memphis than SMITH did and appeared to be attempting to draw SMITH out concerning these matters. She stated SMITH advised that he was not in favor of all the racial trouble that was going on; however, she did not recall SMITH making any violent type statements concerning either the racial problems or MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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She stated that she observed SMITH leave Bond Welding Supply Company at approximately 2:45 p.m. and get into a white automobile sedan, make and year not known. However, she stated she definitely knew this car was not a Ford Mustang or any other sports car.

HARDIN furnished the following description of SMITH:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	45
Height	5'9" - 5'10"
Weight	155 - 160
Hair	Dark brown, receding hair line, combed straight back
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KELLY stated that ROSCOE SMITH is known to him as a salesman for Vulcan Binder and Cover Company of Birmingham, Alabama. SMITH initially came to his company when Bond was interested in putting out some catalogues relative to their products. RALPH BROWN was the Sales Manager at the time and had been referred to make inquiries of Vulcan by the Sales Manager of A. R. Taylor Company.

By the time Vulcan made their first visit to Bond, represented by ROSCOE SMITH, it was December, 1967. Bond already had given the catalogue business to another company since they wanted it distributed by Christmastime and the catalogues were in the office at the time SMITH arrived.

The second time SMITH came to Bond was at approximately 1:00 p.m., in the afternoon on April 4, 1968. He gave his calling card to the receptionist, MARY ALICE MALONE, and asked for RALPH BROWN. Since BROWN had left the company for other employment, SMITH was referred to Mr. KELLY.

KELLY stated that the individual entered his office and appeared to be a white male American of approximately 40 years of age or just shy of 40. He was about 5'10", 165 pounds, with a long nose, a protruding jaw and light brown or sandy hair.

KELLY described the hair as in the stages of growing out of a crew cut and was thinning. The hair line on both sides of the temples receded a bit.

KELLY stated that his impression of this individual was very similar to the sketch which appeared in one of the Memphis daily newspapers of the suspected assassin of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. He believes this sketch was prepared by a press representative.

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It is KELLY's understanding, through conversation which transpired with SMITH, that SMITH has a 14-year-old son and a 15-year-old daughter.

SMITH sat down in KELLY's office and after asking what had happened to RALPH BROWN, started discussing things in general, including the racial problem and the march which was scheduled to take place in Memphis. He also discussed the march of supporters of the sanitation workers strike which had occurred the preceding Thursday.

KELLY, who stated that he, himself, is from Mississippi, mutually discussed the racial problems with SMITH, mentioning how business had suffered at Birmingham due to boycotts instigated by Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SMITH also mentioned the inconveniences imposed on people and the business customer losses, much of which would never be recovered.

KELLY said that he agreed with the thoughts of SMITH during the discussion and gave examples to him of how the neighboring business had suffered, naming a particular man, who was unable to pay for his insurance and upkeep as a direct result of the strike.

KELLY said that SMITH stated "They are making another Jesus out of KING."

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It is KELLY's recollection that SMITH, in his conversation, noted that he had just left Birmingham that morning. As a result, KELLY does not know how long SMITH was in Memphis or when he arrived. After a few additional moments of conversation, none of which was relative to the products of the Vulcan Binder and Cover Company, SMITH got up and left the office. KELLY said that he saw SMITH go out the front door of the building, since his, KELLY's office, is on street level at the front of the building. SMITH went out the front door and started to cross the street toward a row of cars. His walk was an even gait, but he appeared to keep his toes constantly on the ground or, if they did leave the pavement, it was for a very brief period of time. KELLY said that it was also as though he were "pigeon-toed."

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On 4/9/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # Memphis 44-1987 *Sub D-136*  
 by SA GEORGE C. MUMFORD and  
SA RALPH J. LIEWER: RJL/wp Date dictated 4/10/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WILLIAM FOX, Desk Clerk, Holiday Inn, Downtown, 24 North Third Street, Memphis, made available registration cards for the Holiday Inn from April 1, 1968, to April 10, 1968. An examination of these cards revealed the following people who could be associated with the suspect of this case:

JOHN ANDERSON and PHIL PALMER, 4136 Given Drive, Memphis, registered on April 7, 1968, and checked out on April 9, 1968. They were driving a 1965 Ford, Tennessee license AV 77651. They gave their employer as First National Bank, Memphis.

TED R. CREMER, 1417 Panorama Drive, Birmingham, who checked in on April 2, 1968, and checked out April 3, 1968. He listed his employer as the U.S. Pipe Company. CREMER did not list any automobile that he may have been driving.

JACKIE CARPENTER, who listed no address, checked in on April 7, 1968, and checked out April 9, 1968. She listed her car as a Mustang, Arkansas license AFJ 231.

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W. L. GAINES, 10467 Willowdale, St. Louis, checked in on April 5, 1968, and out April 6, 1968. He was driving a Mustang with Tennessee license AP 9549. He listed his employer as Cars, Inc.

JEFFREY ALLAN WILLIAMSON checked into Room 904 on April 5, 1968, at 4:58 p.m., listing his address as 165 Madison,

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SAs JACK D. VAHRENWALD  
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The records reflect that a ROBERT M. KAY, of New York City, New York, listing the firm he is associated with as Consolidated Aluminum, checked into said motel on April 4, 1968, at 4:54 p.m., but apparently skipped out of said motel on April 5, 1968, without paying his bill. The record reflects he was driving a Ford with Tennessee license number AJ 5569.

No record at Holiday Inn, Downtown, could be found that was identifiable with ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, or HARVEY LOWMEYER.

Mr. FOX examined a photograph of a blanket reportedly dropped by the assassin of KING found on the sidewalk in front of 424 South Main Street, Memphis, and advised the Holiday Inn has no blankets of this type.

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Captain RUSSELL V. WARNER, owner and operator of Warner and Tamble, foot of Union Street, Memphis, Tennessee, was interviewed in the presence of Lt. JAMES HAMBY, Homicide Bureau, Memphis Police Department.

Captain WARNER advised that at this address are the following companies which he also owns and operates:

Warner and Tamble Barge Line Corporation;

Wolf River Transportation Company, Inc.;

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R. V. Warner Transportation Company;

Warner Radio Service, Inc.;

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Captain WARNER advised his firm is one of the largest, if not the largest, barge company in the Memphis area that hires non-union as well as union personnel. He stated he tries to interview each employee after they are hired, or at least get to see them while they are working for any one of these companies. Captain WARNER made available the various companies' personnel and/or payroll records, and it was determined none of the employees are named GALT, LEMEYER, WILLARD, or variations of these names.

Captain WARNER was shown a composite picture of the individual believed to be using the name JOHN WILLARD, and he advised that he does not recall an individual ever working for him in any one of these companies, or anyone making application for employment who resembled this composite picture.

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Captain WARNER advised that if he receives any information concerning an individual making application for employment who is using the name of GALT, LEMEYER, or WILLARD, he will immediately furnish this information to the FBI.

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ARCHIE EUGENE BURNSIDE, 7769 East Navy Circle, Millington, Tennessee, advised that he is an AML in the U. S. Coast Guard, is currently stationed at the Naval Air Station in Millington where he is going to school.

On April 4, 1968, BURNSIDE was in class from 7:00 a.m., to 4:30 p.m. The class is taught by Chief VINES. After class, BURNSIDE and another classmate, CHARLES BUTLER, went to the Memphis Navy Golf Course in Millington where they had a pitcher of beer. They left the golf course about 5:30 p.m., or 5:45 p.m., and proceeded home. BURNSIDE said he arrived home shortly after 6:00 p.m. His wife came home from work at shortly after 7:00 p.m.

BURNSIDE advised he owns two automobiles, a gold 1964 Avanti and a 1957 pink and white Chevrolet Nomad stationwagon. He normally drives the stationwagon while his wife drives the Avanti to work.

On the evening of April 4, 1968, BURNSIDE got out of class at 4:30 p.m., then he and BUTLER changed clothes and started for home in BUTLER's car. The traffic was very heavy so they decided to go to the bar at the golf course for a few beers until the traffic had subsided. They arrived at the bar at about 4:45 p.m., and were there for about 45 minutes. While they were at the bar they talked to a young man who works in the pro shop. However, BURNSIDE could not remember his name. After leaving the bar they drove straight to BURNSIDE's home where they arrived at about 6:00 p.m. BURNSIDE remained there for the rest of the night.

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~~BURNSIDE said he does not own a rifle and has never~~

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The following description was obtained of BURNSIDE by observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	
Place of birth	Dade City, Florida
Height	5'7"
Weight	145 - 150
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Dark blond
Scars	None
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D. TAYLOR	Myrtle, Mississippi	3	March 31 - April 6, 1968
R. L. SHAW	Ida, Louisiana	11	March 31 - April 6, 1968
JAMES D. BAILEY	418 E. National Street, Tomah, Wisconsin	3	March 31 - April 6, 1968
J. R. CARPENTER and E. T. BEDGOOD	Goldonna, Louisiana	19	March 31 - April 6, 1968
C. F. WILSON	2606 Seabreeze Orlando, Florida	23	April 1 - April 6, 1968
GEORGE A. LANGFORD	Route 8, Clarksville, Mississippi	20	April 1 - April 5, 1968
GEORGI HOLLAND	Hazelwood, North Carolina	41	April 1 - April 5, 1968
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HORACE ROBERTS	3092 W. Vina Del Mar, St. Petersburg Beach, Florida	38	April 3 - April 4, 1968

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Room No.</u>	<u>Registration Date</u>
V. J. TARO /	P.O. Box #42, Adamsville, Tennessee	18	April 3 - April 4, 1968
JAMES BEARDEN /	Ohio	12	April 3 - April 4, 1968
JACK CROCKETT /	2526 W. Kiest, Dallas, Texas	14	April 3 - April 4, 1968
BILLY ALEXANDER / and C.K. BISHOP /	419 Raymond Street, Griffith, Indiana	26	April 3 - April 4, 1968
B. J. HARNE /	2302, street unknown, Memphis, Tennessee	29	April 3 - April 4, 1968
M. R. BORZELLO /	1101 South Cooper, Apartment #3, Memphis, Tennessee	30	April 3 - April 4, 1968
BILLY C. MILLS /	2169 Central, Memphis, Tennessee	25	April 3 - April 4, 1968
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MITCHELL / BRASWELL /	3365 Lina Drive, Jackson, Mississippi	7	April 3 - April 4, 1968
WENDELL W. SMITH /	600 Thompson Lane, Nashville, Tennessee	13	April 3 - April 4, 1968
LOUIS T. MECKER /	623 NE 44th Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri	10	April 3 - April 4, 1968
HOWARD MERRITT /	3946 Rita Avenue, Lorain, Ohio	40	April 3 - April 4, 1968
G. TAYLOR and B. LANTZ /	Destpoint, Minnesota or Mississippi	37	April 3 - April 4, 1968
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CHARLES D. SMITH	Myrtle, Mississippi	31	April 3 - April 4, 1968
ANDY GAST	Route #6, Fremont, Ohio	35	April 3 - April 5, 1968
LEONARD E. DAY	5607 Highway 61 South, Memphis, Tennessee	33	April 3 - April 4, 1968
W. L. EVANS	2149 College, Springfield, Missouri	21	April 3 - April 4, 1968
ERIC S. GALT	2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama	34	April 3 - April 4, 1968

Miss KELLY advised that during the period from 6:00 p.m. on April 3, 1968, to 1:00 p.m., April 4, 1968, the following individuals were on duty at the motel:

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Mr. SAM HUDSON, 3847 Marion Avenue, Memphis.

HENRIETTA HAGEMASTER, 3578 Venable Avenue, Memphis.

SADIE MCKAY, 853 Button, Memphis.

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BILLY ALEXANDER and O.K. BISHOP	419 Raymond Street, Griffith, Indiana	26	April 3 - April 4, 1968
B. J. HARNE	2302, street unknown, Memphis, Tennessee	29	April 3 - April 4, 1968
M. R. BORZELLO	1101 South Cooper, Apartment #3, Memphis, Tennessee	30	April 3 - April 4, 1968
BILLY C. MILLS	2169 Central, Memphis, Tennessee	25	April 3 - April 4, 1968
NICK H. WILT	2937 Gulf, Memphis, Tennessee	27	April 3 - April 4, 1968
MITCHELL BRASWELL	3365 Lina Drive, Jackson, Mississippi	7	April 3 - April 4, 1968
WENDELL W. SMITH	600 Thompson Lane, Nashville, Tennessee	13	April 3 - April 4, 1968
LOUIS T. MECKER	623 NE 44th Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri	10	April 3 - April 4, 1968
HOWARD MERRITT	3946 Rita Avenue, Lorain, Ohio	40	April 3 - April 4, 1968
G. TAYLOR and B. LANTZ	Destpoint, Minnesota or Mississippi	37	April 3 - April 4, 1968
BRYANT J. STEPHENS	Box #52C, Vicksburg, Mississippi	22	April 3 - April 4, 1968

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Room No.</u>	<u>Registration Date</u>
ARLING E. BROOKS,	407 Wilson Street, Gadsden, Alabama	39	April 3 - April 4, 1968
LUOY CHILDERS	3610 Lama, Memphis, Tennessee	36	April 3 - April 4, 1968
CHARLES D. SMITH	Myrtle, Mississippi	31	April 3 - April 4, 1968
ANDY GAST	Route #6, Fremont, Ohio	35	April 3 - April 5, 1968
LEONARD E. DAY	5607 Highway 61 South, Memphis, Tennessee	33	April 3 - April 4, 1968
W. L. EVANS	2149 College, Springfield, Missouri	21	April 3 - April 4, 1968
ERIC S. GALT	2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama	34	April 3 - April 4, 1968

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Mr. I. B. WEBB, 2569 Faxon Street, Memphis.

Mr. SAM HUDSON, 3847 Marion Avenue, Memphis.

HENRIETTA HAGEMASTER, 3578 Venable Avenue, Memphis.

SADIE MCKAY, 853 Button, Memphis.

SADIE MOORE, Route 1, Box 8482, Nesbitt, Mississippi.

SARAH LOVING, 3232 Democrat Road, Memphis.

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On 4/10/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # Memphis 44-1987-Sub-D-143  
by SA HARLEY E. GYLFE:jap Date dictated 4/11/68

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JOHN KENNETH MADDEN, furnished by the Memphis Division, FBI number 345 842 B, date taken unknown.

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Date 4/12/68

Mr. FRED P. GATTAS, owner, Fred P. Gattas Distributing Company, Inc., 387 South Main, Memphis, Tennessee, was interviewed in Room 3115 of the St. Joseph's Hospital, Memphis, where he was presently confined as a patient and furnished the following information:

He advised that he did work on April 4, 1968, at his business at 387 South Main, Memphis, but he left at about 11:00 a.m., that morning and did not return. He stated he could furnish no first-hand information of the events involving the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

GATTAS stated, however, he and a friend who had been talking about the assassination of Dr. KING and he had suggested that the individual who killed KING was either an extremely dedicated individual who felt that he was ridding America of an undesirable or was a complete "nut." A day or two later Mr. GATTAS' friend, WILLARD H. RUNDQUIST, who is the vice president of the Wabash Inc., 1217 Florida Street, Memphis, gave Mr. GATTAS a note. GATTAS stated that when RUNDQUIST gave him this note he expressed the desire that his identity be protected. Mr. GATTAS stated he has had this note for a few days and has been trying to decide what to do with the information contained therein. He advised that he at first thought he would give it to his priest, but when he learned Agents were interviewing his employees he decided it would be his duty to turn this information over to the FBI.

Mr. GATTAS furnished the two page note which he had received from RUNDQUIST and it was contained in a plain white envelope and reads as follows:

"4/7/68

"Paul Mc Carter  
2152 Leyton  
Phone 357-2122  
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On 4/11/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # ME 44-1987-Sub D-145

by SA EUGENE A. MEDORI, JR.  
SA JACK D. VAHRENWALD EAM:raj Date dictated 4/11/68

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"Age	About 30
Born	Corinth_Miss.
Race	White
Hair	Black
height	about 6-0"
weight	about 180

"owns and drives a 1966 or 67 cream colored Mustang.

"Worked in Production Control at Wabash Inc. 1217 Florida St\_ until a month ago, when he quit to work for a millwork Co. in Tupelo\_ Miss. as an outside salesman. At Wabash he worked very closely with a John Smith and myself Willard Rundquist 'note the two first n. s.'"

"He was in our office about noon on Thursday April 4th. Visiting with me and others \_ Do not recall that conversation was of any importance to matter at hand.

"s/s W. A. Rundquist.  
25 Belz Blv'd. Apt. 1  
Memphis\_ Tenn.  
948-4841"

Mr. GATTAS stated he had no personal information about the above note and suggested that if additional information were required to contact RUNDQUIST.