

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date April 18, 1968

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GILMORE made available the records of the union, and an inspection of these records revealed no one identical to ERIC STARVO GALT or any of his known aliases who has been a member of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Union.

On 4/17/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # Memphis 44-1987-Sub-D-167
by SA JACK D. VAHRENWALD:jap Date dictated 4/18/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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LESLIE GILMORE, Financial Secretary-Treasurer, Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Union, Local 647, 136 1/2 South Second Street, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that his union is comprised of hotel and restaurant employees throughout the city, and bartenders employed only at the Sheraton Peabody Hotel, 146 Union Avenue, Memphis. GILMORE knows of no other location that would list all the bartenders in the city.

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On 4/25/68 at Memphis, Tenn. File # Memphis 44-1987-Sub-D-187
 by SA JACK D. VARRIN Date dictated 4/18/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 18, 1968

Mrs. MARION CARNES, Senior Clerk, Alcohol Licensing Commission, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that all establishments in Memphis that serve alcoholic beverages must register with the Alcohol Licensing Commission. The person in charge of each of these establishments must apply for a bartender permit, and someone that has a permit must be at the establishment at all times. She stated, however, that a person who does perform the duties of a bartender would not necessarily be registered with the Commission if there were someone else at the establishment who did have a permit.

Each application that the Commission receives is taken over to the Memphis Police Department, Bureau of Identification, on a daily basis. Those names are put into the files of the Bureau of Identification regardless of whether the permits are given or denied.

The files of the Alcohol Licensing Commission were made available by Mrs. CARNES, and an inspection of these records revealed no one identical to ERIC STARVO GALT or any of his known aliases who was employed as a bartender in Memphis.

On 4/17/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # Memphis 44-1987-Sub-D-188
 by SA JACK D. WARRENALL:jap 4/18/68

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 by SA JACK D. WARRENWALD:jap JUN 26 1968
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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RAY LEBBETTER, Superintendent for Colonial Bakery, 1340 Larkin Avenue, Memphis, advised that there are no bakery schools in Memphis.

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On 4/19/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # ME 44-1987-Sub-D-189
by SA JACK D. VAHRENWALD /sbs Date dictated 4/19/68

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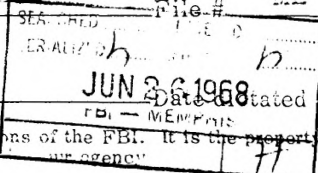
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On 4/19/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # ME 44-1937-Sub-D-189
by S. JACK D. VARENEWALD /bbs Date dictated 4/19/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/19/68

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She knows of no school in the Memphis area for cooks or bakers. Most of the bakeries employ the on-the-job training method.

Mrs. FOLLIS made available the records of the union for Harts Bread and an inspection of these records revealed that no one using the name ERIC S. GALT, or any of his known aliases has ever been a member of the union in Memphis.

On 4/19/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # ME 44-1687-Sub-D-190
by SA JACK D. VANDERWALD /SBS Date dictated 4/19/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/19/681

MARIE TREUTER, Secretary for American Bakery and Confectionery Workers, International Union AFL-CIO, Local 149, 2011 Union, Memphis, advised that she knows of no baking or cooking schools in the Memphis area. She thinks that most of the bakeries use on-the-job training method.

She made available the records of the union and a search of these records revealed that no one using the name ERIC STARVO GALT or any of his known aliases have ever been a member of the union.

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She advised that the Bakery and Confectionery Workers International Union of America does not have a local in the Memphis area.

She advised that the Teamsters Union is in charge of the employees for Karts Bread in Memphis.

On 4/19/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # ME 44-1987-Sub-D-191
 by SA JACK D. VANCE WALT /bbs Date dictated 4/19/68

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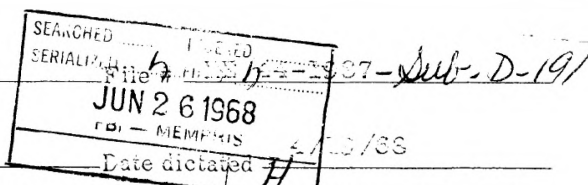
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On 4/19/68 at Memphis, Tennessee

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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On 4/19/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # ME 44-1987-Sub-D-192
by SA JACK D. VANDENWALD /bba Date dictated 4/19/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date May 23, 1968

MR. JOHN GILKINSON, Assistant State's Attorney General, Shelby County Building, Memphis, turned over the following described evidence that had previously been forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for examination and turned over to his office on May 3, 1968, by Inspector W. E. ENGLISH, Homicide Division, Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department:

(1) \$20 Federal Reserve Note, series 1963A, serial number F14002044A.

\$20 Federal Reserve Note, series 1963A, serial number H16164363A.

\$20 Federal Reserve Note, serial 1963, serial number W06445143A.

(2) Three boxes of soil samples obtained from the area of the Rebel Motel, Memphis, and the area of the rooming house located at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis.

(3) Piece of the wooden windowsill of the bathroom located near Room 5B in the rooming house located at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis.

The above-described items are currently retained by the Memphis FBI Office.

On 5/16/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # Memphis 44-1987-Sub D-193

by SA ROBERT E. JOHNSON:ejm GAB Date dictated 5/20/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 23, 1968

Mr. JOHN CARLISLE, Assistant State's Attorney General, Shelby County Building, Memphis, turned over the following described evidence that had previously been forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for examination and turned over to his office on May 2, 1968, by Inspector W. D. MACHARY, Homicide Division, Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department:

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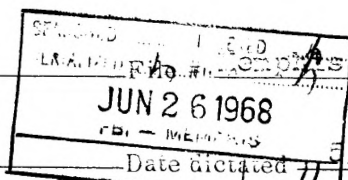
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The above-described items are currently retained by the Memphis FBI Office.

On 5/18/68 at Memphis, Tennessee

by SA ROBERT F. BOYLE:tjm



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date July 30, 1968

Capt. JOE COX, Intelligence Unit, Shelby County Sheriff's Office, Memphis, Tennessee, made available two white sheets. These sheets were on the bunk occupied by JAMES EARL RAY from 5:00 a.m. July 19, 1968, through 8:00 a.m. July 23, 1968.

These sheets were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory, Washington, D. C., via registered mail on July 23, 1968.

On 7/23/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # Memphis 44-1987-Sub-D-194
by SA ROBERT F. BOYLE:LF *RF* Date dictated 7/25/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date July 30, 1968

Mr. L. A. RHODES, Executive Assistant, State District Attorney General's Office, Shelby County Office Building, Memphis, Tennessee, made available 23 slides containing hairs and fibers. The following described slides are included in this number:

Q 29 and 30
Q 38 (2 slides)
Q 46
Q 26 (2 slides)
Q 24
Q 15 (4 slides)
Q 1 (2 slides)
Q 13 (2 slides)
Q 2

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On 7/23/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # Memphis 44-1987-Sub-D-195
by SA ROBERT F. BOYLE:LF 37B Date dictated 7/25/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WILLIAM N. MORRIS JR., Sheriff, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, made available specimens of head hair from JAMES EARL RAY, who is currently confined in the Shelby County jail, Memphis. Sheriff MORRIS stated that these specimens were obtained as a result of a haircut afforded RAY on July 23, 1968, by Mr. JERRY LATTA, a civilian barber.

These head hairs were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory, Washington, D. C., via registered mail on July 23, 1968.

On 7/23/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # Memphis 44-1987-Sub-D-196
by SA ROBERT F. BOYLE:LF 37B Date dictated 7/25/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/7/68

Miss EDITH BRUNER, Clerk, William Len Hotel, advised she noticed two individuals in the lobby of her hotel during the early evening of April 4, 1968. She stated that she did not know the names of these individuals, but knew that they were registered at the hotel as VINCENT WALKER and LAWRENCE RAND; however, she did not know which of the individuals was WALKER and which was RAND. She said she first saw them in the lobby at approximately 7:30 p.m. They, according to Miss BRUNER, at that time just seemed to be killing time, and asked general questions about Memphis and the racial conditions which had existed and were existing in Memphis. Miss BRUNER stated that the taller of the two men advised her that they were from California, but they gave her no information as to why they were in Memphis or what they intended to do in Memphis.

Miss BRUNER advised that she could not furnish any details concerning the activities of these two individuals on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, nor could she furnish any details regarding their activities after 7:30 on April 4, 1968. She could not state whether or not either or both of them had left the hotel during the time they were staying at the hotel for any period of time. She said during the evening of April 4, 1968, she did not pay any particular attention to them, but just merely noted that they were around the lobby of the hotel on various occasions. Miss BRUNER furnished the following description of the two men:

A. Shorter Man

Race:	White
Age:	25 to 26
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	150 pounds
Hair:	Ash brown, parted on the side
Dress:	Grey suit and tie

She could furnish no further descriptive data on this individual.

On 4/5/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # 44-1987-Sub-D-197
by SA ORVILLE V. JOHNSON / jms Date dictated 4/6/68

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B. Taller Man

Race:	White
Height:	6'2"
Weight:	200 pounds
Hair:	Blonde, short cut
Eyes:	Color unknown
Complexion:	Ruddy face
Dress:	White shirt, dark trousers, and carrying a coat in his arm, blue in color, which appeared to be too small for him.

Miss BRUNER could furnish no further descriptive data on this individual.

Miss EDITH BRUNER continued by advising that the two above-mentioned individuals checked out of the William Len Hotel at approximately 12:30 p.m., April 5, 1968. She said when they checked out, they seemed to be in an extreme hurry. She pointed out that they had put a deposit on their key when they checked in inasmuch as they did not have any baggage, but they checked out in such a hurry that they almost forgot to collect the money which they had put on the deposit. She said she had to remind them to collect their deposit on the key, but they seemed to be more interested in checking out and getting out of the hotel than they did collecting the money which they had on deposit. Miss BRUNER said she did not particularly note what the two men did after they left the hotel, and, therefore, could furnish no further information regarding their activities after this time.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/7/681

Mr. KIRK BOWMAN, Night Manager, William Len Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that Folio Number 42754, which is a part of his official hotel records, dated April 4, 1968, reflects that VINCENT WALKER, 449 Steiner, San Francisco, California, registered in at his hotel at approximately 2:38 p.m., April 4, 1968. WALKER was assigned Room 205.

Mr. BOWMAN also advised that Folio Number 42761, dated April 4, 1968, reflects that LAWRENCE RAND or READ or REND, 2532 Polk, Kansas City, Kansas, checked into his hotel at approximately 2:38 p.m., April 4, 1968. Mr. BOWMAN advised that this individual was assigned Room 207.

Mr. BOWMAN advised that VINCENT WALKER and LAWRENCE RAND, READ, or REND checked out of the William Len Hotel at approximately 12:30 a.m., April 5, 1968. He said they had no baggage when they checked out, and departed from the hotel in a taxicab.

On 4/5/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # 44-1987-Sub-D-198
by SA ORVILLE V. JOHNSON / jms Date dictated 4/6/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date April 12, 1968

Mr. W. EUGENE SMITH, 3876 Bishop Ridge Road, Memphis, Tennessee, was interviewed in the presence of Lt. JAMES HAMBY, Homicide Bureau, Memphis Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee.

Mr. SMITH advised he believes he may have some information that would be of interest concerning a radio transmission on a citizen band unit during the early evening hours of April 4, 1968. Mr. SMITH advised he is referring to the transmission of an individual driving behind a white Mustang on Jackson Avenue in Memphis at a high rate of speed.

Mr. SMITH stated late in the evening on April 4, 1968, his wife received a telephone call from Mrs. E. HEWETT, 3440 Hardin Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee. He said that Mrs. HEWETT told his wife that her neighbor, WOODROW FRANKLIN, who resides at 3436 Hardin Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, had come over to her house shortly after Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING had been shot and told her that KING was killed. Mr. SMITH said Mrs. HEWETT commented that FRANKLIN was very elated over the shooting. He said that Mrs. HEWETT told his wife that FRANKLIN has a citizen band or ham radio in his garage.

Mr. SMITH stated that this information has bothered him since he has heard about the wild chase that occurred on Jackson Avenue, and he is of the opinion that it is possible FRANKLIN may have been the individual who made this broadcast.

Mr. SMITH advised he does not have any additional information and that he is merely furnishing this information on a confidential basis.

On 4/10/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # Memphis 44-1987-SUB-D-199
by SA HARLEY E. GYLFE:jap Date dictated 4/11/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date May 23, 1968

Inspector N. E. ZACHARY, Homicide Division, Memphis Police Department, made available the following described hotel registration cards that he obtained from a clerk of the William Len Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, on the early morning of April 5, 1968:

Identified by William Len Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, Folio Number 42754, dated April 4, 1968, in the name of VINCENT WALKER, 449 Steiner, San Francisco, in Room 205, being charged at a rate of \$4.68.

Identified by William Len Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, Folio Number 42761, dated April 4, 1968, in the name of LAWRENCE RAND or REND, 2832 Polk, Kansas City, Kansas, in Room 207, being charged at a rate of \$4.68.

These registration cards have been forwarded to the FBI Laboratory requesting appropriate examination.

On 5/20/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # Memphis 44-1987-Sub-D-200
by SA ROBERT W. GOODWIN:tjm Date dictated 5/20/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date June 26, 1968

Miss A. C. KELLY, Manager, Rebel Motel, 3466 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, made available registration cards for guests registering at the Rebel Motel on April 3, 1968, and departing on either April 3, 1968, or April 4, 1968. She stated that these included all guests who were registered at the motel as of the night of April 3, 1968. A review of these registration cards revealed the following information:

W. L. EVANS, 2149 College, Springfield, Missouri, who represented the Frisco Railroad, was registered in Room 21. No automobile data was noted on registration card.

ANDY GAST, Freemont, Ohio, representing Freuhauf Trailer, was registered in Room 35. No automobile registration data was noted on this card.

CHARLES D. SMITH, Myrtle, Mississippi, was registered in Room 31. Noted on this registration card was the fact SMITH was driving a Buick, bearing Mississippi license 73-4620.

IVORY CHILDERS, 3610 Lamar, Memphis, was registered in Room 36. No automobile registration data was listed on this card.

ARLING BROOKS, 407 Wilson Street, Gadsden, Alabama, was registered in Room 39. Registration card indicated that BROOKS had a truck parked on motel lot.

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by SA JOE C. HESTER
SA ROBERT F. BOYLE RFB:tjm Date dictated 6/20/68

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Date June 26, 1968

Miss A. C. KELLY, Manager, Rebel Motel, 3466 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, made available registration cards for guests registering at the Rebel Motel on April 3, 1968, and departing on either April 3, 1968, or April 4, 1968. She stated that these included all guests who were registered at the motel as of the night of April 3, 1968. A review of these registration cards revealed the following information:

W. L. EVANS, 2149 College, Springfield, Missouri, who represented the Frisco Railroad, was registered in Room 21. No automobile data was noted on registration card.

ANDY GAST, Freemont, Ohio, representing Freuhauf Trailer, was registered in Room 35. No automobile registration data was noted on this card.

CHARLES D. SMITH, Myrtle, Mississippi, was registered in Room 31. Noted on this registration card was the fact SMITH was driving a Buick, bearing Mississippi license 73-4620.

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Date 7/29/68

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Mr. EDWARD L. MONTEDONICO, SR., 3776 Highland Park Place, Memphis, Tennessee, was contacted, July 15, 1968, at his place of business, the Van Court Rental Agency, Room 105, Commerce Title Building, 12 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. MONTEDONICO was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and was advised the nature of the inquiry.

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Mr. MONTEDONICO advised he is aware of the CB radio transmission since he recalls reading about this incident in the local newspapers and secondly his wife advised him some time ago that an officer of the Memphis Police Department contacted her and their son about the incident. Mr. MONTEDONICO advised that at that time after the officer had talked to his son, he discussed this incident with his son. He said he learned from his son that his son did not make the broadcast. Mr. MONTEDONICO said he believes his son and added he has never known his son to lie to him in the past and sees no reason for his son to lie to him about this incident since punishment for a transmission of this nature would be minor.

On 7/15-17/68 at Memphis, Tennessee

by SA ROBERT F. BOYLE and
SA HARLEY E. GYLFE HEG/mnr

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Mr. MONTEDONICO advised he will contact his son and determine when his son is available for interview because since his son's graduation from high school in June of this year he began to work in a local grocery store. Mr. MONTEDONICO said he has no objection to his son being interviewed concerning this matter.

Mr. MONTEDONICO advised on July 16, 1968, that his son had appointments on that date and it would be inconvenient for him to discuss this matter on that date.

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by SA ROBERT F. BOYLE and RFB
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Mr. MONTEDONICO stated during the evening of April 4, 1968, he was working on a term paper for school that was due the next day. He said he was in his room but was not listening to his CB unit or any other radio, nor did he have any radio turned on. He commented he has his CB radio and his "ham" radio in his room as well as a police monitor and a regular commercial radio. He said his first knowledge of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., being shot came from his mother who some few minutes after the shooting called up to him in his room and told him what she had heard on the radio. He said he believes he then turned on the police monitor to hear the events as they transpired. Mr. MONTEDONICO stated shortly after his mother told him about the shooting a friend (whose name he did not choose to reveal) called him on the telephone and told him about the shooting and then mentioned the CB transmission. He said since he believes he had the police monitor turned on he naturally did not turn on the CB unit.

Mr. MONTEDONICO advised he has read the local newspapers' account of the CB transmission but again commented he did not hear this particular transmission.

Mr. MONTEDONICO was advised considerable investigation has been conducted to establish the identity of the individual or individuals that caused this CB transmission to be made. It was pointed out to Mr. MONTEDONICO that it has been suggested ~~he is the individual who made this transmission in question.~~

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Mr. MONTEDONICO after swallowing hard and with a break in his voice said he did not make the CB radio transmission in question and after wiping a tear that had welled up in his eye added he does not know or have any idea who made that transmission. He said he could not understand why anyone would accuse him of this act. He said that whoever accused him of this does not know what they are talking about.

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Mr. MONTEDONICO reluctantly but voluntarily mentioned that he heard from a friend who was a patient in the Methodist Hospital on April 4, 1968, that he had his CB unit in the hospital room and heard the above mentioned CB transmission. He reluctantly added that J. E. STANTON, 5009 Barfield Road, Memphis, Tennessee, a friend of his father, was visiting in the hospital and heard the above mentioned CB radio transmission but had no idea who did the broadcasting.

Mr. MONTEDONICO stated emphatically that he did not make the CB radio transmission in question and does not have any knowledge as to the source of the transmission.

The following is a description of MONTEDONICO obtained through interview and observation:

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Age	18
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'10"
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Hair	Light brown, wavy
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 6/11/68

Mr. CORDA YORK, SE., is the owner of York Arms Company, 163 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee.

Through a review of his records, he was able to locate invoice # B33065 dated October 31, 1967, wherein York Arms Company received from D. P. Bushnell and Company, Inc., Pasadena, California, a shipment of 7x35 Banner binoculars. Mr. YORK advised that he ordered on October 20, 1967, six pairs of these binoculars to be placed in snap-top cases. These were shipped on October 30, 1967, according to the invoice, and the billing date of the invoice was listed as October 31, 1967.

Mr. YORK further stated that he received other 7x35 Banner binoculars in January 1968 and in April 1968, but these particular types received at a later date were wide angle binoculars and came in a zipper type case and also retailed for a higher price. The 7x35 Banner binoculars in the snap-top case retailed for \$39.95.

He further stated that if the salesman, Mr. RALPH CARPENTER, had to go to the window showcase to remove this pair of binoculars, they were in all probability the last pair in stock. He further advised that they reorder periodically from D. P. Bushnell and Company, Inc., as their supply diminishes but there is no record kept by them, nor is any record received from Bushnell, identifying the binoculars by serial number.

Through a review of his records, he could locate no subsequent invoice to reflect a purchase of 7x35 Banner binoculars in snap-top cases since the invoice dated October 31, 1967, mentioned above.

Through a review of his stock on hand, he was able to locate, however, one pair of the 7x35 binoculars which would retail at \$39.95 and contained in a zipper type case. He has no knowledge of when this particular pair of binoculars was received and can only state it is the only pair in the store.

On 6/11/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # Memphis 44-1987-Sub-D-904

by SA THOMAS G. ROMAN:wp

Date dictated 6/11/68 1968

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/7/68

ALBERTA WALLACE, 2865 Perry Road, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that she is the general office employee for the Crosstown Storage Company, 417 South Main Street. She was at work on April 4, 1968, but the warehouse closes at 4:30 p.m., and she went home shortly after 4:30 p.m. She did not notice anyone who appeared to be carrying a suitcase or anything which could have contained a rifle; however, she does not pay too much attention to the people on the street. She did not see a white Mustang nor did she see anything out of the ordinary.

To the best of her knowledge, all of the employees of Crosstown Storage Company left immediately after 4:30 p.m. on April 4, 1968. Other employees who were at work yesterday are:

ROBERT ACUFF, warehouseman.

J. C. LYONS, packer and wrapper.

FRED BROOKS, helper.

BRAD ACUFF owns the warehouse, but he was not there on April 4, 1968. There is no night watchman on duty at the warehouse.

Miss WALLACE said that on March 28, 1968, she and ROBERT ACUFF were on the roof of 417 South Main watching the march in Memphis on that day. They had a pair of binoculars. Two police officers came up on the roof, and questioned WALLACE and ACUFF. There had been a report from one of the police helicopters that someone was on the roof of 417 South Main, and they appeared to have a gun with them. When the police checked and found just binoculars, they said it was okay for WALLACE and ACUFF to remain on the roof.

WALLACE has not heard or seen anything that might provide any assistance in solving this case.

On 4/5/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # 44-1987-Sub-D-205
by SAS JACK D. VAHRENWALD
EUGENE A. MEDORI / JDV:jms Date dictated 4/6/68

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FRED BROOKS, helper.

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Miss WALLACE said that on March 28, 1968, she and ROBERT ACUFF were on the roof of 417 South Main watching the march in Memphis on that day. They had a pair of binoculars. Two police officers came up on the roof, and questioned WALLACE and ACUFF. There had been a report from one of the police helicopters that someone was on the roof of 417 South Main, and they appeared to have a gun with them. When the police checked and found just binoculars, they said it was okay for WALLACE and ACUFF to remain on the roof.

WALLACE has not heard or seen anything that might provide any assistance in solving this case.

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