

15. Lobella School of Dancing
8409 Winkler
JEAN LOBELLA
16. Emmons
1520 Foley
Mrs. EMMONS

The results of these interviews were negative.

The following persons were contacted on April 15, 1968 and advised they had no records of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER or JOHN WILLARD as ever being students at their respective establishments:

EVELYN IRETOM
Jane Browning Dance Studio
5415 South Braeswood

Mrs. W.L. GURGANUS
Buddy & Tina's School
of Dance
8122 Ley Road

ROBERT H. CALVERT
Calvert Ballroom Dance
Instructors
4114 Portsmouth

MIKE GOMEZ
Lane Conway Dance Studio
909 Marshall Street

Mrs. JAMES ALPHIN
Cribo Dance Studio
1022 Edgebrook

CLAIRE KOTCHY
The Kotchy School of Dancing
2010 Peden

RUDOLF KROELLER
Rudolf Kroeller Dance Studio
3419 Graustark

Mrs. PEGGY POUNDERS
LeChateau DeBallet
1105 Meyer

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BETTY GILBERTSON
Patsy Swayze School of Dancing
5134 Richmond Avenue

Mrs. ELIZABETH SMITH
Smith Dance Studios
9121 Kenilworth

BETTY GILBERTSON
Nancy Stevens Dance Club
5134 Richmond Avenue

BETTY TAYLOR
Betty Taylor School of Dance
2527 Robinhood

The following investigation was conducted by SA
CARLOS L. KIRBY, JR.:

The following were contacted on April 16, 1968
with negative results as to anyone under the names of ERIC
STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER or JOHN WILLARD:

CAROLYN EHMAN
Carolyn Ehman Dancing Academy
4116 Broadway
Galveston, Texas

MARY GABRILES
Gabriles School of Dancing
1920 45th Street
Galveston, Texas

MYRTLE GRIEGO
Griego School of Dancing
1506 39th Street
Galveston, Texas

ISABEL MC KENNA
McKenna School of Dancing
4602 Avenue S
Galveston, Texas

MARC LIGON
Marc Ligon School of Ballet
920 8th Avenue North
Texas City, Texas

MARION GARNER KING
Marion Garner Studio of Dance
402 8th Avenue North
Texas City, Texas

ITASKA WEINSTEIN
Itaska School of Dance
Highway #3
League City, Texas

On April 17, 1968 Mrs. JANE S. LEE, owner, Lee Jan School of Dance, 208 N. Coulter, Bryan, Texas, advised there is no dance studio catering to adults in the local area or for that matter in any of the towns within the College Station Resident Agency territory.

The following dance studios were contacted by SA G.R. SCHWEICKHARDT on April 15, 1968 and furnished a description of subject and names GALT, LOWMYER and WILLARD and all advised that they had never had anyone by that name take dance lessons at their studio.

Arthur Murray Dance Studio
1945 West Gray
BEA DE MARCO

Asbury School of Dancing
2819 Hillcroft
HUGH F. ASBURY

Fred Astaire Dance
5734 Richmond
BETTY GILBERTSON

Ballet of Houston
3416 Louisiana
THELMA SEMENONA

Emma Mae Horn Dance Studio
2707 Sage Road
Houston
EMMA MAE HORN

Houston Get Acquainted Dance Club
5134 Richmond
BETTY GILBERTSON

Joy's School of Dance
3102 Beauchamp
Mrs. CHARLES FRENCH

Vivian King Dance Studio
5283 Palm Center
VIVIAN KING ADAMS

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Niland School of Dance
7150 Bellfort
MARY NILAND

HALLY R. PRICHARD School of Dance
HALLY PRICHARD

PRICHARD stated 15 years ago they had a TOMMY
GALTS who is a long-time Houston resident.

Barbara Lee Rankin Ballet
2010 Peden
CLARA KOTCHETOUSKY

Taylor Dance Art Studio
1616 Gessner
DON TAYLOR

Vergie Lee Dance Studio
1520 Foley
ETHEL EMMONS

The Wiekert School
3706 Colgate
AILEEN LANGERMAN

Whitney School of Dance
DERIDRE WHITNEY

Stevens of Hollywood
Westheimer
LAD STEVENS

The following investigation was conducted by SA
G.R. SCHWEICKHARDT and SA JOHN H. SCHULTE:

On April 19, 1968 Sergeant JERRY FOWLER and
Court Dispatcher JIMMY GILLASPIE of the Webster Police
Department, advised that they checked their records under
the names GALT, WILLARD and LOWMYER and could find no one
having been arrested by the Webster Police Department.
FOWLER advised that they have only one rooming house in
Webster, and that is Mrs. LUCILLE ADLER's rooming house.
He also advised that there are no restaurants or bars off the
main highway passing through Webster.

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Mrs. LUCILLE ADLER, 305 Houston Street, was exhibited photograph of subject and furnished the three aliases of subject, and advised she has never rented to anyone by that name.

The following individuals were contacted at League City, Texas, furnished aliases, description and exhibited photo of subject, and all advised that they had never seen him or heard of his name. All were asked about a waitress by the name of LOU and none could furnish any information as to her.

City Water Department
Mrs. W.B. HALEY

Mrs. H.W. HEWITT
1014 East Main
Rooming House

The League City Police Department
JANET WATERS
Dispatcher
Patrolman LINDSAY CARLTON

Dorothy's Kuntry Kitchen
DOROTHY SMITH

FRANK LUTRETE
224 Dallas

Mr. W.L. RIGSBY
300 Illinois

Mrs. LOUIS DAMMERNHAYNE
909 Louisiana

FAYE GUBERT
Oak Park Trailer Park

WAYNE MILES
League City Trailer Park

JOHN CHIRARDI
707 South Kansas

Mrs. J.C. KNIGHT
621 Second Street

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F.H. FERGUSON
117 South Kansas

C.B. MANLEY
Box 35

HENRY ANDERSON
Chart Room

Mrs. LEE BLACK
1824 East Main

LINDSEY CARLETON, Webster Police Department, advised that he arrested an ELEAN LUCRETIAN GALT at 223 Maple, Kemah, Texas on March 29, 1968 and issued her a traffic ticket.

On April 19, 1968 SAs SCHWEICKHARDT, JOHN H. SCHULTE and MC CABE interviewed ELEAN L. GALT and she advised that she is employed by General Electric, Apollo Division, at Seabrook, Texas. She has never known anyone fitting suspect's description. She advised that she is from Harlingen, Texas and her father's name is JOHN GALT who she said has been already contacted by the FBI.

On April 19, 1968 ITASKA WEINSTEIN was recontacted and at that time she stated that she now recalled that a man named JAMES ELLIS also took dancing lessons from her during the period that JOHN WILLARD, another one of her students, was taking lessons. Mrs. WEINSTEIN was unable to recall if WILLARD and ELLIS had ever met. She definitely recalls that they did not at any time ever take lessons from her at the same time. Mrs. WEINSTEIN stated that as a matter of fact she now is unable to definitely state that the previous information she had furnished regarding JOHN WILLARD is correct or is perhaps descriptive data pertaining to JAMES ELLIS. She stated to the best of her recollection ELLIS is employed at NASA and resides at either League City or Webster.

Mrs. WEINSTEIN also said that her clientele is almost complete children to whom she teaches ballet type dancing. She stated that she dislikes giving ballroom dancing lessons and the only ones she could recall having taken ballroom lessons were JAMES ELLIS and JOHN WILLARD.

On April 19, 1968 JAMES M. ELLIS was interviewed at the NASA Security Office and he advised as follows:

JAMES ELLIS resides at a trailer park at 404 Third Street, Space No. 5, League City. He was born [redacted] at Atlanta, Georgia. He is employed as an experimental metalsmith, Technical Services Shop, NASA. He has been employed at NASA since August 24, 1966. ELLIS stated that he commenced dancing lessons at Itaska Dance Studio, League City, in the spring approximately March or April and continued them through approximately September, 1967. He was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY; however, none were identifiable to him as anyone whom he had ever seen or had known at any time. He stated that he does not know or recall the name of JOHN WILLARD as a person he knew nor was he aware of a person by this name who was taking dance lessons from ITASKA WEINSTEIN at the Itaska Dance Studio during the spring of 1967.

ELLIS stated that he usually took his dancing lessons at the Itaska Dance Studio at approximately 6:00 PM in the evening. He stated that he usually left his employment, went to his apartment where he cleaned up, changed clothes and then went to the dance studio. He stated that during the period that he was taking dancing lessons he did date a girl who was a waitress whose name was ROSE. He recalled that he had mentioned to ITASKA WEINSTEIN that he had quit dating ROSE because she worked a late shift and expected him, ELLIS, to drop by and pick her up when she completed work. He said that this became a difficulty in that he had to get up in the morning at an early hour to get to work and he did not think she was worth it.

Records of the NASA Security Division, checked April 19, 1968 reflect that JAMES M. ELLIS was issued a Manned Spacecraft Center (MSC) decal No. 69413 on August 24, 1966. His car is described as a 1959 Chevrolet Biscayne, white over gray, Alabama license 473575. His occupation was shown to be that of a metalsmith, Technical Services Shop, NASA. He was described in these records as 6'2", 160 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes.

JOHN PUFFER, Security Division, NASA, made available records of all temporary badge permits from the period March, 1967 to date. Also made available were temporary vehicle passes from the period of March through May, 1967. A review of these records failed to reflect any registration for JAMES EARL RAY, aka.

On April 22, 1968 ERNIE GILLIAM, Procurement Officer, NASA, made available records of all contractors and sub-contractors who have during the year 1967 and

1968 worked on NASA projects. A review of the payroll records maintained by the Procurement Division, of all employees working for prime and sub-contractors, failed to reflect the name of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as.

3. Bartender's School Records
Houston, Texas

On April 17, 1968 DON HOWE, Manager, Bartending School of Houston, 3619 Fannin, advised his records from 1966 to the present date contain no reference to JAMES EARL RAY, also known as.

4. Alleged Employment at Ingall's Ship Yard
Pascagoula, Mississippi

ERIC STARVO GALT allegedly claimed employment in 1967 at the Ingall's Ship Yard, Pascagoula, Mississippi. An employment record was located for one INEZ COWART GALT for the period 1944 at Ingall's Ship Yard. A subsequent address for GALT was at Houston, Texas.

On April 20, 1968 records of Hughes Tool Company, Houston, Texas were reviewed and information obtained reflecting that INEZ COWART GALT was employed by that company in 1945. The address for GALT as of 1945 was 2501 Galveston Highway, Houston, Texas.

MARY RICE, Manager, Oak Court Apartments, 2501 Galveston Road, stated that she had been the manager of these apartments since 1961 and has no records as to tenants for any time prior to 1961. She stated that INEZ COWART GALT is unknown to her and that name along with the name ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as, is not contained with her records.

Mr. HASTING MEADOWS, 606 Dell Court, Houston, Texas, owner of Oak Court Apartments, since 1960, advised that the name INEZ COWART GALT and ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as, are unknown to him and he has no records for these apartments prior to 1960. MEADOWS advised that the Oak Court Apartments prior to his purchase of them had several owners, the identities of which are unknown to him at this time. He stated that it is highly improbable that any records are available dating back to 1945. Houston street, city, telephone directories, police department, sheriff's office records and credit bureau records contained no identifiable information for the name INEZ COWART GALT.

5. THOMAS JOSEPH COX.

On April 17, 1968 the FBI at Birmingham received information that a person named THOMAS JOSEPH COX may have known a person who fits the description of the artist conception of the logical suspect in this investigation. THOMAS JOSEPH COX was described as a member of the Seafarers International Union working on ships out of Houston, Texas owned by the American Bulk Carriers, New York, New York. According to information received by Birmingham, COX allegedly brought an individual to a motel in Birmingham who used the name of SHAW GALT (phonetic). This occurred in September, 1967.

On April 18, 1968 THOMAS JOSEPH COX was interviewed aboard the vessel "The Hudson", an oil tanker directed to be docked at the Humble Docks, Baytown, Texas. COX was shown photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as, and COX stated that these photographs are not familiar or identifiable by him as being anyone whom he, COX, has ever known. He, COX, said that the last time he was in Birmingham, Alabama was in March, 1966 and that at that time he stayed at a rundown motel on the road towards Mobile, Alabama. He stated that the name SHAW GALT is completely unfamiliar to him. He stated the only person he could recall knowing that he could consider as having come from Birmingham was a girl he can recall only as CONNIE whom he met in Houston. He stated he dated her when he came to port at Houston. He recalled that CONNIE had a family in Birmingham. COX advised that the fact that he was not in Birmingham in September, 1967 could be verified through records of the Coast Guard, Washington, D.C. through his, COX's Z Number, [REDACTED]

Information received by the FBI, Phoenix, April 21, 1968 was furnished by DAVID L. WILSON alleging that JAMES EARL RAY was seen by WILSON during the summer of 1967 in an unrecalled city in Missouri. Information furnished by WILSON noted that at that time WILSON was a truck driver for the Willis Shaw Company and had with him a co-truck driver named GENE BRIZENDINE.

On April 22, 1968 CLARENCE EUGENE BRIZENDINE, truck driver for Willis Shaw, Elm Springs, Arkansas was interviewed and advised as follows: BRIZENDINE and DAVID L.

WILSON were on a cross country haul for Shaw Company enroute to the West Coast. At Lebanon, Missouri while WILSON was driving their truck was stopped by law enforcement officers. WILSON was charged and arrested for drunk driving. BRIZENDINE at the time of the arrest had been asleep in the truck bunk and was not charged by the arresting officer. He was not taken into custody. BRIZENDINE said that he remained in the truck that evening sleeping until the next morning and then because he was left without a driver to assist in the cross country run he turned the truck around and returned to the point of origin. BRIZENDINE stated that he has not seen WILSON since the time of WILSON's arrest when he was taken into custody. BRIZENDINE stated that he later heard from now unrecalled sources that WILSON had been fined \$100 for drunk driving and had attempted to contact Willis Shaw Company for money to pay the fine. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as, were displayed to BRIZENDINE and he advised that the photographs were not familiar or recognizable to him as being identifiable with anyone whom he, BRIZENDINE has ever known.

6. WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS

WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS in 1965 alleged that he had been approached by an individual on February 25, 1965 and asked to kill the President (of the United States) and MARTIN LUTHER KING.

On April 30, 1968 Inspector SNELL, Beaumont Police Department, advised their records reflect WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS was last handled at Jefferson County, Beaumont, Texas on March 25, 1965 when he was sentenced to two years, Texas Prison System, Huntsville, Texas Unit, Department of Public Safety No. 183303.

A check of Texas Department of Correction records, Huntsville, Texas May 1, 1968 reflect that WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS, FBI No. 2530100 was released from detention, May 11, 1966 for the purpose of returning to Kansas City, Missouri to seek employment. These records reflect that JACOBS admitted being [REDACTED] at Austin, Texas prior to confinement. In addition these records reflect that he had admitted from 1946 to 1958 he was unable to remember anything due to his mental illness caused by acute alcoholism.

Records of the Texas State Mental Hospital reflected that JACOBS had a sister named THELMA POWERS allegedly residing at 8125 Lamar Drive, Houston. A check of the following records failed to reflect any information for THELMA POWERS:

Houston City Directory
Houston Cross Reference
Houston Telephone Directory
Houston Credit Bureau
Harris County Sheriff's Office
Houston Police Department

An effort to locate 8125 Lamar Drive revealed that the address is non-existent. There is in Houston a Lamar Street and West Lamar Street, however, there is no address of an 8100 block on either street.

On May 9, 1968 JACK HEARD, Assistant Director, Texas Department of Corrections (TDC) Huntsville, Texas, advised as follows:

On March 25, 1965 WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS received a two year sentence at TDC. His minimum discharge date was June 6, 1966. JACOBS lost no time and caused no trouble. On January 12, 1966 in view of his good behavior, he was transferred to the Texas Department of Corrections Pre-Release Unit, Huntsville and was given a trustee status. As such he picked up another month which accounts for his release on May 11, 1966. On May 11, 1966 JACOBS was discharged from the TDC with no parole involved. TDC records contain no subsequent information regarding JACOBS.

7. Labor Union Checks

The following labor unions were contacted and checked for any information identifiable with a member named JAMES EARL RAY, also known as:

JOHN LIGHTFOOT at Seafarers International Union
of North America

International Association of Fire Fighters

International Association of Machinists, Local
15, RAY BLOCKLOCK

International Association of Machinists,
District Office

International Brotherhood of Pulp-Sulphite
and Paper Mill Workers

International Organization of Masters Mates
and Pilots-Local 20

International Union of District 50 - United
Mine Workers of America JUDITH ELMORE

International Union of Operating Engineers,
Mr. CARTER

Iron Workers Union Local 84

Laborers International Union Local 18
Mrs. LYLES

Lathers Local Union 224

Lithographers and Photoengravers International
Union Local 265

Millwright's Local Union, 2232 Mr. BELL

Movie Operators Union Local 279, JOYCE GRIMM

National Maritime Union

Oil Chemical and Atomic Workers International
Union, Locals 4-227, 4-367

Painters Local Union 130, Mr. COLEMAN

Pile Drivers and Marine Diving Local Union 2079

HELEN EARNEST, Secretary, Asbestor Workers
Local No. 22, 6001 Gulf Freeway

DORIS BAKER, Secretary, Boiler Makers Union
No. 74, 8303 Leander

HELEN BOND, Secretary, Boiler Makers Union
Local No. 469, 3506 Harrisburg

JOYCE LINTZ, Secretary, Brewery Workers
Union Local No. 111, South Coast Building

MALCOLM SCHAFER, Financial Secretary,
Bricklayers Union No. 7, 2017 Clay

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Mrs. MAURINE MITCHELL, Secretary,
Carpenters and Joiners Unions of
America, 1800 McGowen

VANCE FRIDGE, Financial Secretary,
Carpet and Linoleum Layers Local No. 1863,
1705 Bell

J.O. DEMPSEY, Financial Secretary
Cement Masons Local No. 681
3130 North Freeway

LESLIE MEINER, Secretary, Electrical Workers
Union No. 66, 2506 Sutherland

JOAN BLAKE, Secretary, Communications
Workers of America Local No. 6222,
1520 Pease

Electrical Workers Union, 2501 Crawford
MAXLEE ZIESMER

Mrs. CLEO JONES, Teamsters Local 968,
626 E. 4½ Street

Mrs. LEE NORRIS, Houston Building and
Construction Trades, 2704 Sutherland

Mrs. ALMA HERRING, Houston Building and
Construction Trades, 2704 Sutherland

KENNETH TRAMMELL, IATSE Local 615,
615 Louisiana

ILA Locals 872, 1231, 1272, 1271, 1273
1330, 1331, 1525, 1727, 1581 and 1351
(B. CAPITI, JACK CONINE, ELBERT RAYMOND,
LEE WIGGINS, C. BARNETT and FRANK BURNS
AFL-CIO, E. KIMMEL, 2404 Sutherland

United Steel Workers of America, Mrs. LUCILLE
ZMARZLY

AF of L Local 26, J.R. BROWN

L. KRZESIENSKI, Sheet Metal Workers Local 54

R.B. MOON, Sales Drivers Local Union No. 949

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A.B. COOPER, Roofers and Waterproofers and
Pipe Wrappers Local 116

D.J. HOFER, AF of L-CIO Local 455

PAT KERSH, Pipe Fitters Local 211

Information developed by the FBI determined that ERIC STARVO GALT stayed alone at the Hotel Rio, Room 212, Merelos 86, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico during the period October 19 to November 6, 1967 and from November 7 until November 13, 1967 at the Hotel Tropicana. One of the U.S. residents who was visiting at the Hotel Rio during the time that GALT resided at this hotel was Mr. and Mrs. LU (MARY E) SCHRADER, 3126 Highway 146, LaPorte, Texas. Another was Mrs. E.N. COLLINS, JR; and Mrs. VIVIAN FRIEDBERG, 5711 LaFitte, Galveston, Texas.

The following investigation was conducted by SA FRANK M. IVEY:

On May 1, 1968 Mrs MARY E. SCHRADER, 3126 Highway 146, LaPorte, Texas advised that she and her husband stayed at the Hotel Rio in Room 206, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico for about four or five days in late October, 1967. She stated she did not recall anyone by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT or other aliases of this name staying there at the same time. She was unable to identify the photograph of the subject as anyone that she had seen during her stay in Mexico.

On May 1, 1968 LEWIS R. SCHRADER, 3126 Highway 146, LaPorte, Texas was interviewed at his place of employment, Ebasco Construction Company, where he is a pipe-fitter employed on the construction site of the Houston Lighting and Power Company, San Leon, Texas. Mr. SCHRADER stated that he and his wife were on a vacation trip during late October, 1967 and stayed at the Hotel Rio (room unrecalled) Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico. He stated he did not recall anyone staying there at the time by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT and was unable to identify the photograph of the subject as anyone he had seen.

The following investigation was conducted at Houston, Texas on May 1, 1968 by SA B. PERKOWSKI, JR.:

Mrs. VIVIAN FRIEDBERG, 5711 LaFitte Avenue, advised she stayed at the Hotel Rio in Puerto Vallarta,

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Mexico, sometime in about October, 1967 for a period of about four or five days. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. E.N. COLLINS, JR. Shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and told that he may have used the name of ERIC GALT, she stated she does not recall that she noticed this person at the Hotel Rio or elsewhere during her visit to Mexico. She does not recall her room number in this hotel and does not believe she held any conversation with GALT.

She stated also her sister lives in Houston, Texas at 5208 Mt. Houston Road and is employed in the office of Dr. HAROLD SCHAFFNER at 5105 San Jacinto, telephone number JA 3-9812.

Mrs. E.N. COLLINS, JR., 5208 Mount Houston Road, Houston, Texas advised that during her trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico in October, 1967 when she was accompanied by her sister, VIVIAN FRIEDBERG she can recall no male who looked like the pictures of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt. It is her recollection most of the residents at Hotel Rio were elderly people and not fit the description of RAY, also known as Galt. She was unable to recall the number of the room at the Hotel Rio in which they stayed.

8. Telephone Calls From Pay Telephones
December 15 - 17, 1967 Along Inter-
State Highway 10, Texas

CHARLES STEIN when interviewed by agents of the FBI at Los Angeles in April, 1968 alleged that while traveling by automobile in the company of JAMES EARL RAY from Los Angeles to New Orleans in mid-December, 1967 RAY made approximately six telephone calls most of which were made while traveling through Texas. He recalled that one call may have been completed as STEIN had to wait for quite a while for RAY to return to the car. In the other instances RAY was gone for such a short period of time from the car that STEIN was of the opinion that the calls were not completed. STEIN was unable to recall the exact location from which RAY made the alleged completed phone call, but he was of the opinion that it was in the area "just west of Houston" at a service station type establishment just off of U.S. Interstate Highway 10. The call was made at night, from a phone booth located on an access road paralleling the freeway near a liquor store and gas station at a point where the freeway is eight lanes wide with a fence separating

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the freeway from the access road; STEIN further defined the time of the call as at approximately 9:00 PM on December 16, 1967 and was probably made to New Orleans, Louisiana.

On April 26, 1968 Everett Collier, Vice President and Editor, Houston Chronicle, a daily Houston newspaper, advised as follows:

LOUIS LOMAX and CHARLES STEIN had arrived at Houston at 4:15 PM, April 25, 1968.

LOMAX is a controversial TV personality from the Los Angeles area who had his own TV show until March, 1968. He has also authored a book entitled "The Negro Revolt".

LOMAX and STEIN, accompanied by a Chronicle reporter, searched the area west of Houston in an attempt to locate the phone booth from which JAMES EARL RAY allegedly made a call on the evening of December 16, 1967 and the search was unsuccessful. According to COLLIER, the Chronicle reporter, who accompanied LOMAX and STEIN on their search, described STEIN as being extremely vague and not at all sure of the area where the call was allegedly made.

COLLIER also advised that the North American Newspaper Alliance (NANA) has been trying to get in touch with LOMAX on April 26, 1968 for the purpose of writing a story on April 26, 1968 about STEIN's trip from Los Angeles to New Orleans with RAY.

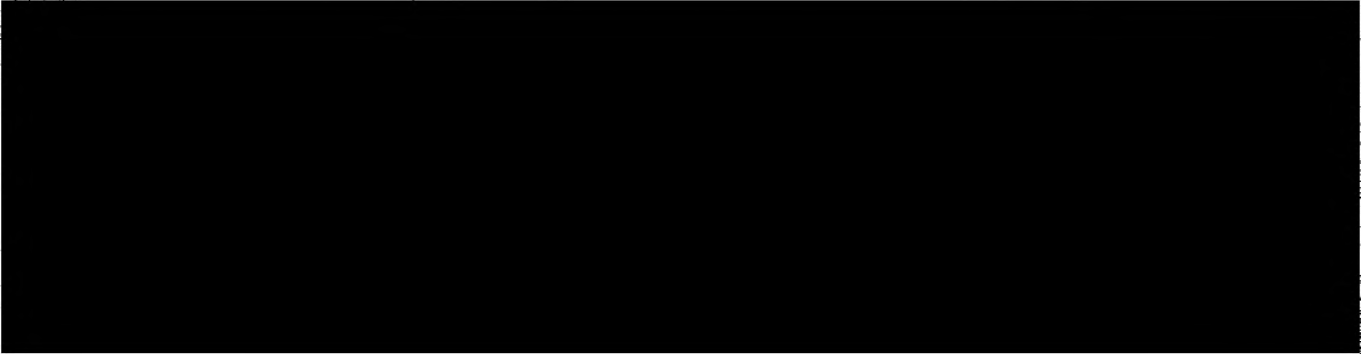
COLLIER stated that he thought NANA was controlled by columnist DREW PEARSON.

On April 27, 1968 DON MICHAELS, Houston Chronicle, advised that he dropped LOUIS LOMAX and CHARLES STEIN at San Antonio at 4:30 PM on April 26, 1968. They intended to rent a car in San Antonio and indicated to MICHAELS that they would turn the car in at San Antonio when through.

MICHAELS made the observation that both LOMAX and STEIN appeared to be "lost" as far as their operation is concerned. MICHAELS further commented that, in his opinion, STEIN is taking LOMAX "for a ride". MICHAELS learned from comments made by STEIN that STEIN had slept most of the way on the December cross-country trip, California to Louisiana when he accompanied RAY.

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On April 28, 1968 HUGH AINSWORTH, Newsweek correspondent, Houston, Texas, contacted Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Houston, and advised that LOUIS LOMAX and CHARLES STEIN had identified a coin telephone located at an Enco Station, Route 90, Uvalde, Texas as one allegedly used by JAMES EARL RAY to make a telephone call to New Orleans between the hours of 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM, December 16, 1967. The telephone number was identified as being BR 8-9048. AINSWORTH requested that toll calls from this telephone be checked by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company to determine if any calls had been made to the New Orleans area on December 16, 1967. AINSWORTH requested that he be advised of the result of this check.



On the basis of the aforementioned review of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company records the following data was obtained:

Telephone calls, Houston Division, December 15-17, 1967 emanating from pay telephones along Interstate Highway 10 to:

New Orleans Division	380
Indianapolis	1
Kansas City	1
Little Rock	5
Los Angeles	16
Mobile	4
Oklahoma City	9
San Francisco	3
San Diego	4

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Denver	1
Louisville	1
Memphis	4
Miami	1
New York	2
Norfolk	1
Omaha	1
Philadelphia	2
Sacramento	1
Seattle	1
Springfield	3
St. Louis	1
Tampa	1
Atlanta	1
Albuquerque	2
Boston	2
Charlotte	2
Chicago	3
Cincinnati	3
Detroit	1
Cleveland	3
El Paso	3
Jackson	6
Jacksonville	2
Las Vegas	1

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Dallas	59
San Antonio	46
Phoenix	1
Houston	391
Total	<u>969</u>

All of the above field divisions were furnished the telephone number called in their division, date called and number and place from which call emanated.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs WILLIAM J. FLANAGAN and KENNETH B. JACKSON on April 25, 1968 at Houston, Texas.

JERRY F. MC PHERSON, Manager, Holiday Inn, 9799 Katy, reviewed records for the period December 14-20, 1967; D.J. GRAVINK, Manager, Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, 7953 Katy, reviewed records for the entire year 1967; LOWELL MASON, Assistant Manager, Cactus Court, 7631 Katy, records for December, 1967. Each advised no record of CHARLES STEIN or of JAMES EARL RAY by name or aliases as occupants of motel unit during respective periods indicated.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs FRANK M. IVEY and WILLIAM G. MORRISSEY on April 25, 1968 at Houston, Texas.

Registration records of the following motels along Katy Freeway west (I.S. 10) were reviewed through the following persons for the period December 16-18, 1967 for CHARLES STEIN and/or JAMES EARL RAY by name or aliases. No record was located:

Field Inn
TED DEMETRE, Manager
9821 Katy Freeway

Yupon Motel
Mrs. NORA WILSIE, Manager
8615 Katy Freeway

Western Skies Motel
DAVID PEERY, Manager
7809 Katy Freeway

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Robinhood Motor Lodge
ROSE PATTON, Assistant Manager
7611 Katy Freeway

9. Associates of JAMES EARL RAY

Information developed by the Kansas City Office, FBI determined that NEAL EDGAR AEBY had been closely associated in Missouri State Penitentiary with JAMES EARL RAY while RAY was incarcerated at that institution until his escape April 23, 1967.

On April 25, 1967 NEAL EDGAR AEBY also interviewed at Ramsey Unit, Texas State Department of Corrections, Houston, Texas. AEBY advised as follows:

He and JAMES EARL RAY had been inmates at Missouri State Penitentiary for about five years. He and RAY had handled minor narcotics while in prison in order to get money for commissary items. AEBY stated that he had never known RAY to be a user of hard narcotics. AEBY has three brothers, BILL AEBY, Box 64, Segoville, Texas who also was a friend of RAY and who had served time with RAY at Missouri State Penitentiary; AUBREY AEBY, address unknown, Dallas, Texas; and JAMES AEBY who owns and operates a filling station, Dallas, Texas and who has never been arrested.

AEBY advised that he arrived at Ramsey No. 1 on April 24, 1968 after having been transferred from Missouri State Penitentiary to the TDC, Huntsville, Texas. AEBY stated that while enroute to Huntsville he was lodged in a jail in Oklahoma City for one night where he mailed a postcard to FRANK GUINAN, an inmate, Missouri State Penitentiary.

AEBY advised that his ex-wife JUDY possibly resides in the Houston area but he has not seen her for several years and does not know where she could be located.

AEBY stated that JAMES EARL RAY had very few friends while in the Missouri State Penitentiary. He described RAY as being "very deadly". He stated that RAY was not a loud rabble rousing type individual and that RAY never expressed any hatred for the Negro race but if anyone wronged him in any way RAY would immediately contrive means to get even. AEBY stated that he was a chief cook while at Missouri State Penitentiary and that RAY worked under him

as a slicer in the bread room. AEBY advised that RAY on two occasions, once in 1962 and again in 1966 attempted to escape from Missouri State Penitentiary but in each case he was unsuccessful. In one instance the ladder broke and in the other instance the rope which he was using failed to support him and he fell and fractured his arm. After serving time in solitary RAY was again returned to the bread room.

AEBY stated that RAY had mentioned to him that he, RAY, had a brother in St. Louis and that he, RAY, was from St. Louis. AEBY advised that he did not know the names of RAY's brother or where he could be located. When questioned about the escape route utilized by RAY in 1967 AEBY advised he would not divulge this escape route as the route is still good and could be used by other prisoners. AEBY advised that he hated the warden at Missouri State Penitentiary and hoped that he was receiving considerable "heat" as a result of RAY's escape. Regarding the escape of RAY, AEBY stated that it would have been the "smart thing to do" to have an outside man waiting to assist RAY in leaving the territory. AEBY would not admit that he knew of any outside man so assisting RAY in his escape. AEBY did not state whether or not RAY had had any inside help in his escape.

AEBY advised that in 1963 or 1964 RAY had a nervous breakdown while at Missouri State Penitentiary and RAY developed a bad stomach which necessitated RAY eating special foods. AEBY on numerous occasions would cook eggs for RAY because of RAY's stomach. He stated RAY was partial to eggs. He recalled that while at Missouri State Penitentiary RAY quit smoking probably because of his stomach ailment. He recalled too that RAY enjoyed tinkering with mechanical things and that RAY had built an airconditioner out of spare parts for RAY's jail cell. RAY was also handy in the repair of radios, parts for which he would obtain from the penitentiary machine shop. AEBY stated that he did not believe that RAY would go to Mexico or leave the country and he stated that he hoped that RAY would never be caught. AEBY stated he would in no way render assistance that would aid in the capture of RAY and he would furnish no further information regarding RAY.

JUDY CAROL PETERS, nee Thomas, also known as Judy Carol Aeby, 10205 W. Hardy, Houston, no telephone, interviewed on April 26, 1968 and furnished the following information:

She was married to NEAL EDGAR AEBY for approximately two years in 1960 and 1961. When he was arrested and returned to Missouri in 1961, she came to Houston and has not seen AEBY since that time. She last contacted him on April 19, 1962 advising him of the birth of their daughter. She has divorced AEBY and has not corresponded with him since that date. Subject RAY is unknown to her and she has not been contacted by any of AEBY's associates during the past six years. She stated AEBY does not know her exact address and could not locate her himself.

The only relative of AEBY who subject RAY might contact would be brother AUBREY AEBY, Dallas, Texas. She does not know the whereabouts of AEBY's relatives and never was closely associated with them.

PETERS promised complete cooperation and will immediately advise the FBI of any information received regarding RAY.

10. GEORGE WILLIAM RUSSELL

GEORGE WILLIAM RUSSELL, a salesman for Pat Lape Mobile Homes, 3712 Telephone Road, Houston, Texas when interviewed on April 26, 1968 advised that JAMES EARL RAY was unknown to him by name or photograph. RUSSELL had been incarcerated at Missouri State Penitentiary from May, 1958 to December, 1966. He was released in 1966 and had come to Houston from St. Louis, Missouri in approximately November, 1967. RUSSELL also stated that the name NEAL EDGAR AEBY was also unknown to him.

Information was received by the FBI, Birmingham, that ERIC STARVO GALT had once indicated that he had been employed as a barge working out of St. Louis, Missouri between that city and New Orleans, Louisiana.

On April 11, 1968 COURTNEY ALLEN, Vice President, Sioux City and New Orleans Barge Lines, Houston, Texas advised records of that company, 1953 to date, contained no employment record for an ERIC STARVO GALT.

11. Check of Ship Departures, Houston Division

The following investigation was conducted by SA PENROD W. HARRIS:

AT CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

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On April 11, 1968 REUBEN TRAYNHAM, Inspector in Charge, U.S. Customs, Oil Industries Building, advised as follows: His agency receives a list of crew members and passengers of all U.S. vessels departing from Corpus Christi and vicinity direct for foreign ports. Since April 3, 1968 there has been only one such departure, a Marine Sea Transport Service vessel. TRAYNHAM checked the list of crew members and passengers and advised it did not contain the name ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER or JOHN WILLARD or any logical variations of these names.

On April 11, 1968 MARGIE LE BARRON, U.S. Customs, advised her files reflected no American vessels have sailed from Galveston since April 4, 1968. She stated several foreign vessels have sailed from Galveston since April 4, 1968 but her files would not contain the crew and passenger lists as these are maintained by the agency that handles these vessels. She furnished the following list of foreign vessels that have sailed since April 4, 1968 together with the agencies that handled these vessels:

"TRADE CARRIER"
Gulf Motorship, Inc.
Texas Building
Galveston, Texas

"MANBALDO"
Texas Transport & Terminal
U.S. National Bank Building
Galveston, Texas

"MANILA MARU"
Dalton Steamship Corporation
U.S. National Bank Building
Galveston, Texas

"ILICE"
Strachen Shipping Co.
U.S. National Bank Building
Galveston, Texas

"NEW YORK MARU"
Dalton Steamship Corporation
U.S. National Bank Building
Galveston, Texas

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"HONNOR"

Texas Transport and Terminal
U.S. National Bank Building
Galveston, Texas

"BOLIVA MARU"

Kerr Steamship Company
Cotton Exchange Building
Galveston, Texas

"NORSLAND"

Hansen and Tideman
Cotton Exchange Building
Galveston, Texas

The above listed agencies were contacted on April 11, 1968 and their crew and passenger lists were viewed with negative results as to anyone by the names of RICH SHARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLARD.

RUSSELL ZOET, Supervisory Customs Maritime Officer, Houston, Texas advised on April 11, 1968 that five ships of American registry sailed from the Port of Houston during the period April 4-11, 1968, all going foreign direct. Crew and passenger lists contained no name identification with GALT, LOWMEYER or WILLARD. By law there is no coast-to-coast passenger service from Houston or any other Texas port.

Inspector L.D. TURNER, JR., U.S. Customs, Beaumont, Texas and PERCY E. WALLACE, JR., Inspector, U.S. Customs, Port Arthur, Texas, April 11, 1968, were contacted and advised as follows:

A check of all departing ships, U.S. registry, April 4-10, 1968 failed to reflect the names of GALT, LOWMEYER or WILLARD as either crewmen or passengers.

12. Airline Checks

On April 5, 1968, DAVID MAC DONALD, Ticket Supervisor, National Airlines, Houston, advised that National Airlines and American Airlines were the only carriers flying direct route from Houston to San Francisco. Mr. MAC DONALD furnished the names of the possible suspects and advised that none of these names appeared on the National Airlines, Houston to San Francisco passenger manifesto for April 5, 1968.

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On April 5, 1968 JOSEPH CUTLIP, Reservations Salesman, American Airlines, Houston, was furnished the names of the possible suspects and advised that none of these names appeared on the American Airlines, Houston to San Francisco or Dallas to San Francisco passenger manifesto for April 5, 1968.

On April 23, 1968 the following steps were reset and the most current Wanted Flyer No. 405 942 G regarding JAMES EARL RAY, also known as, along with his IO, were furnished to the following:

Braniff Airlines
JOHN HARE, Agent in Charge

KLM
Orsula Plumbee, Station Agent

Pan Am
LEE ROJAS, Airport Customer Service Manager

Aeronaves de Mexico
ALBERTO ROJAS, Manager

The above comprise those airlines that furnish international transportation from Houston International Airport.

13. Criminal, Credit, Street and Telephone
Directory Checks on All Known Names
for James Earl Ray

On April 11, 1968 the following individuals advised their files contained no record concerning HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER:

Mrs. DORA KUHN
Credit Bureau of Greater Houston

Mrs. LOIS MOERBY
Records Division
Houston Police Department

Mrs. POLLY KIRKBRIDE
Identification Division
Houston Police Department

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Lieutenant REX FULLERTON
Identification Division
Harris County Sheriff's Office

Mrs. MARY C. SMITH
Voter Registration Section
Harris County Tax Office
Houston, Texas

A review of the Houston telephone and city directories reflects no listing of an individual by the name of HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER.

Houston indices negative concerning HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER.

AT CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

The following investigation was conducted by SA PENROD W. HARRIS:

On April 10, 1968 the following persons checked their respective records under the names ERIC STARVO GALT and LOWMEYER and LOWMYER and advised they were unable to locate any record under any of these names:

GORDON LEWIS, Retail Merchants Association

W.L. BURCH, Identification Officer,
Nueces County Sheriff's Office

JEFF BAGWELL, Identification Officer,
Corpus Christi Police Department

EVELYN MILLER, Clerk,
Local Draft Board 97

In addition, the current Southwestern Bell Telephone Company directory for Corpus Christi and the Corpus Christi City Directories for the years 1960 through 1967 were checked under these names, but no listing was located.

On April 10, 1968, Mrs. ROMA FERGUSON, Auto License Department, office of Assessor and Collector of Taxes, advised that auto licenses in Nueces County are listed by license number only and not by name of the person to whom issued. Accordingly, there is no manner in which it can be ascertained if a particular person has an automobile license issued in this county.

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On April 10, 1968, D.L. ASKEY, Voter Registration, Tax Collector's Office, advised as follows: Voter registration lists for Nueces County are maintained by alphabetical lists for each of the 106 precincts. Without knowing the address of a particular person, it would be necessary to check each precinct list to ascertain if the person has registered to vote. The voter registration lists are not presently available for examination in view of the fact they are being cross-checked and verified in connection with the approaching primary election.

On April 10, 1968, BEATRICE GARZA, Clerk, Driver's License Division, Texas Department of Public Safety, 1402 S. Port, informed that no alphabetical list is maintained at this office regarding persons who have sought or to whom have been issued, Texas Driver's Licenses. She did not know whether or not alphabetical listings are maintained at the Driver's License Division of the Department of Public Safety at Austin, Texas but was of the opinion they are.

On April 10, 1968 pertinent telephone and city directories within the College Station Resident Agency were checked regarding the names of HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER and ERIC S. GALT with negative results.

On April 10, 1968 RAYMOND BUCHANAN and on April 12, 1968 MARY ARNOLD, Tax Assessor-Collector for Brazos and Walker Counties, respectively, advised no voters registration appear concerning the above names.

On April 11, 1968 BENNIE WILLIAMS, Chief Communications Officer, Department of Public Safety, Bryan, advised he caused checks to be made at Tax Assessor-Collectors Offices in Madison, Grimes, Montgomery, Polk, Trinity and San Jacinto Counties on the above names, with negative results. Similar checks were made through each respective law enforcement agency in the above counties, all negative.

The following sources of information were contacted on the dates indicated for any record of the names HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER, ERIC GALT, ERIC GAULT and JOHN WILLARD:

AT ANAHUAC, TEXAS

On April 11, 1968

HAZEL MOOR
Chambers County Sheriff's Office
Current telephone directory

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JACQUELINE MC DANIEL
Voter registration records

AT LIBERTY, TEXAS

On April 11, 1968

Deputy Sheriff M. TIPPITT
Liberty County Sheriff's Office

Chief of Police A.L. REGISTER
Police Department

On April 12, 1968

STEVE DAVIS
Retail Merchants Credit Bureau

LOLA GRILLIETTE
Selective Service System

On April 11, 1968

MAY CLAYTON
Voter registration records

On April 11, 1968

Current telephone and city directory

AT DAYTON, TEXAS

On April 12, 1968

Chief of Police HD. LOVINGS
Police Department

On April 10, 1968

Current telephone directory

AT CLEVELAND, TEXAS

On April 12, 1968

Chief of Police W.W. MOORE
Police Department

ERNESTINE CAIN
Retail Merchants Credit Bureau

Current telephone and city (1965) directory

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AT NEDERLAND, TEXAS

On April 10, 1968

WALTER DE CUIR
Police Department

ANN GOSS
Retail Merchants Credit Bureau

Current telephone directory

AT PORT NECHES, TEXAS

On April 10, 1968

Chief CHARLES R. BENEFIELD
Police Department

Current telephone directory

On April 16, 1968 JOYCE NIELSEN, Clerk, Voters Registration Records, Galveston County, Galveston, Texas, advised her files made no reference to ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLARD.

On April 12, 1968 ELSIE THRASH, Clerk, Local Board 49, Galveston, Texas, advised her files made no reference to GALT, LOWMYER, LOWMEYER or WILLARD.

On April 15, 1968 GERRY BARBER, Credit Bureau of Texas City and the Mainland, Texas City, Texas and LILLIAN VAUGHAN, Credit Bureau of Greater Galveston, Galveston, Texas advised their files made no reference to GALT, LOWMYER, LOWMEYER or WILLARD.

On April 12, 1968 all city and telephone directories covering the towns in Galveston County, Texas were reviewed with negative results as to ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLARD.

On April 12, 1968 all banking institutions, Galveston County, Texas, all police departments, Galveston County, Texas as well as Galveston County Sheriff's Office, Galveston, Texas were contacted with negative results as to ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, HARVEY LOWMEYER and JOHN WILLARD.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN G. HOUSTON at Port Arthur, Texas:

On April 16, 1968 Mrs. ELIZABETH BUCKINGHAM, Identification Division, Port Arthur Police Department, advised she was unable to locate any arrest record identifiable with a RICHARD GALT.

On April 16, 1968, FLOYD MARCEAUX, Credit Bureau of Port Arthur, stated he was unable to locate a credit record for a RICHARD GALT.

On April 16, 1968 BEN JOHNSON, Secretary, National Maritime Union (NMU), 333 7th Street, advised he was unable to locate any record for a RICHARD GALT.

On April 16, 1968 TOMMY GLADWELL, Business Agent, Seafarers International Union, 1348 7th Street, stated he did not have any record for a RICHARD GALT; Mr. GLADWELL advised all records are destroyed after a five year period.

A review of the 1967 City Directory for Beaumont, Port Arthur, Orange and Vidor, Texas, failed to reflect a listing for ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLARD.

A review of the current telephone directories for the following cities also failed to reflect a listing for the above mentioned individuals:

Jasper, Texas
Beaumont, Texas
Orange, Texas
Bridge City, Texas
Port Arthur, Texas
San Augustine, Texas
Woodville, Texas
Spurger, Texas
Hemphill, Texas
Bronson, Texas
Pineland, Texas
Cleveland, Texas
Kirbyville, Texas
Liberty, Texas
Dayton, Texas

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Credit and criminal checks, Port Arthur and Beaumont, Texas negative concerning GALT, LOWMEYER or WILLARD.

On April 11, 1968 Inspector L.G. TURNER, JR., Beaumont, Texas advised a review of all ships departing the Beaumont-Port Arthur, Texas area for foreign ports since April 4, 1968 failed to reflect a passenger or crew member under the name of JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER or ERIC STARVO GALT.

The following investigation was conducted by SA GEORGE P.D. HUDNOR on April 10, 11, and 12, 1968 and listed below are the names of those individuals with their titles, agencies and locales, who were contacted in order to have their records reviewed for the names of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER or any similar name. All record checks were negative.

April 10, 1968 At Orange, Texas

DAN GRAY
Officer, Identification Division
Orange Police Department

GLENDA ROBINSON, Clerk
Identification Division
Orange County Sheriff's Office

ROSEMARY AARON, Clerk
Tax Assessor and Collector's Office

JUDY SMITH, Clerk
Retail Merchants Association

April 11, 1968 At Jasper, Texas

BUTCH NIGER
Dispatcher
Jasper County Sheriff's Office

ALTON WRIGHT
COP, Jasper Police Department

ESTELLE HINSON
Clerk, Jasper Credit Bureau
(Credit bureau covers Jasper and Newton Counties)

MARTIN LINSEY
Tax Assessor and Collector
Jasper County, Texas

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At San Augustine

N.L. TINDALL
Sheriff, San Augustine County
Sheriff's Office

BILL MC CALLUM
Chief of Police, San Augustine Police Dept.

DOYLINE BENNEFIELD, Clerk
Retail Merchants Association

Mrs. JIMMIE ALFORD
Tax Assessor and Collector
San Augustine County, Texas

At Hemphill, Texas

MOTT BARLOW
Deputy, Sabine County Sheriff's Office

VIRGIE SPEIGHTS
Retail Merchants Association
Sabine County, Texas

PAUL SMITH
Tax Assessor and Collector
Sabine County, Texas

At Newton, Texas

CURTIS HUMPHREYS
Sheriff, Newton County Sheriff's Office

BILL DAVIS
Chief of Police, Newton Police Department

ELIZABETH SMITH
Chief Deputy
Tax Assessor and Collector's Office
Newton County, Texas

April 12, 1968 At Woodville, Texas

JOHN GRAMMER
Chief of Police, Woodville Police Department

RICHARD COLE
Deputy, Tyler County Sheriff's Office

PETE THORNTON
Tax Assessor and Collector, Tyler County, Texas

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At Kountze, Texas

CURTIS DAVIS
Dispatcher, Hardin County Sheriff's Office

WILLIE BEAN
Tax Assessor and Collector's Office
Hardin County, Texas

The following investigation was conducted by SA
G.R. SCHWEICKHARDT and SA JOHN H. SCHULTE:

On April 19, 1968, Sergeant JERRY FOWLER and
Court Dispatcher JINNY GILLASPIE of the Webster Police
Department, advised that they checked their records under
the names GALT, WILLARD and LOWMYER and could find no
one having been arrested by the Webster Police Department.
FOWLER advised there are no restaurants or bars off the
main highway passing through Webster.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
CARLOS L. KIRBY, JR.:

On the dates indicated the following advised they
have recovered no vehicles which were stolen in the State
of Georgia subsequent to March 23, 1968:

MAURICE HARR
Captain, Galveston Police Department
Galveston, Texas on May 2, 1968

LEO ADAMS
Identification Officer, Galveston County
Sheriff's Office, Galveston, Texas
May 2, 1968

RANKIN DE WALT
Chief of Police
Texas City, Texas Police Department
May 2, 1968

RICHARD DUROUX
Acting Chief of Police
LaMarque, Texas Police Department
May 2, 1968

They further advised they maintain no latent finger-
print file.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: May 20, 1968

for
FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: MURKIN
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

Each Special Agent in Charge and Legal Attache is instructed to promptly remind their established cooperative news sources, in a discreet and tactful manner, of the existence of substantial reward money for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King. This money now totals at least \$100,000. The FBI should not, however, be publicized as the source of this reminder.

While the Bureau's continuing policy is to encourage the public to furnish information to law enforcement authorities as a matter of good citizenship, without expectation of financial reward, it is fully recognized that monetary rewards are often necessary to motivate some individuals. The knowledge of the existence of the substantial rewards available in the Murkin case could possibly prove of value in the solution of this major investigation.

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REPORTING OFFICE BIRMINGHAM	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 5/20/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/17/68 - 5/17/68
TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE IO #4182 WF #442-A TOP TEN FUGITIVE; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA HENRY A. SNOW	TYPED BY cap
		CHARACTER OF CASE CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY	

REFERENCES: Report of SA HENRY A. SNOW at Birmingham, dated 4/17/68, and numerous communications and reports.

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LEAD:BIRMINGHAM:AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA:

Will continue efforts to locate fugitive RAY.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

No leads are being set forth in this report as all have been handled by telephone or teletype during the period covered in this report.

One extra copy is being furnished to the Memphis Office marked "Hold" for the U. S. Attorney, Memphis, which may be released only upon Bureau authority.

The voluminous negative information is not being reported herein as it would serve no useful purpose. However, in separate volumes of the Birmingham file related to this matter, all such investigation is recorded including elimination of numerous "look-alikes" and suspects.

In accordance with Bureau instructions each informant including CI's and PCI's as well as logical racial informants and sources of information have all been contacted personally during the period covered herein and each such individual has been supplied a copy of the Identification Order for RAY together with exhibition of several views of his photographs. This has resulted negatively to date.

The confidential source whose interview is set forth in this report at length who was a former inmate of subject RAY at the Missouri State Penitentiary is THOMAS BRITTON who resides at 1710 Alabama Avenue, Jasper, Alabama, and is presently employed at Foster's Cabinet Shop, Haleyville, Alabama. He is being contacted on a regular basis and it is believed that should he receive a call from subject RAY that he will notify the Birmingham Office immediately. It was deemed advisable not to

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disclose his identity in this report since he is apprehensive of possible retaliation by former inmates should it become known that he is being contacted by FBI Agents. Contacts with him have been had after his regular work-day hours in order that he not be compromised.

In connection with the information furnished in the body of this report by the above-mentioned confidential source regarding the possibility that subject RAY may have known that Walker County, Alabama was dry but that there were "beer joints" just over the neighboring county line of Jefferson near Birmingham, the following is noted:

The location of the "beer joints" described by the confidential source is in close proximity to the terminus of the navigable Warrior River upon which large tow barges operate to port Birmingham and Cordova, Alabama. The Warrior River is navigable from those locations through the length of Alabama to Mobile thence by inter-coastal canal to New Orleans and from there up the Mississippi River. Birmingham contemplates additional investigation on the possibility that RAY during the period 1958 to 1960 may have, in fact, been employed as a deck hand or cook on one of the barge lines operated on the Mississippi-Warrior system.

In connection with the information furnished by BRITTON, it was thought advisable to check the long distance telephone calls made from his home telephone to determine whether there might be any possibility of his having been contacted by such means by subject RAY.

On May 8, 1968, SA JOHN H. KRESEK secured from Mrs. ELAINE DOWNEY, Assistant Manager, Southern

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Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Jasper, Alabama, whose identity should be protected, a list of all such toll calls made to BRITTON's home telephone 387-7988 beginning on September 18, 1967, through April 4, 1968. The identity of the individuals called have been established and reflect no possibility of RAY being the recipient of any call. A record of this is maintained in the Birmingham file.

Information copies of this report are being furnished the auxiliary offices indicated due to their investigation conducted in this matter and possible future requests for additional investigation.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date May 15, 1968

Mrs. BEATRICE BRITTON, 1710 Alabama Avenue, Jasper, Alabama, furnished the following:

She is married to THOMAS BRITTON, a former inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. Mrs. BRITTON stated her husband never identified JAMES EARL RAY as a person known to him after or during the time when RAY's photograph and name were appearing frequently on TV and in newspapers and also stated her husband had never commented anything about RAY until about May 3, 1968, when Mrs. BRITTON was first contacted by the FBI in an effort to locate her husband. Her husband then told her that the FBI was seeking him concerning a man he had known in the penitentiary who had carried hot water to the prisoners' cells.

Mrs. BRITTON stated that neither she nor her husband, to her knowledge, has ever received any telephone calls from any unknown men who were attempting to contact her husband and who could be identical with JAMES EARL RAY. She stated she has never been contacted at her residence by anyone resembling RAY who was looking for her husband. She was unable to identify any photograph of RAY as a person ever seen by her at any time.

She stated that from June, 1967, until January, 1968, she and her family had not resided at 1710 Alabama Avenue, Jasper, but had resided in a rural area outside of Jasper. During the same time, however, they had kept the same telephone number they had had prior to moving from 1710 Alabama Avenue. In January, 1968, they moved back into the house at 1710 Alabama Avenue.

On 5/8/68 at Jasper, Alabama File # BH 44-1740
by SA ROBERT M. BARRETT and
SA WILLIAM A. SAUCIER / RMB:hss Date dictated 5/14/68

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In connection with the information received from THOMAS BRITTON that JAMES EARL RAY had identified to BRITTON several bars and night clubs in Northwest Jefferson County, Alabama, the following investigation was conducted on May 8, 1968, by Special Agents ROBERT M. BARRETT and WILLIAM A. SAUCIER:

GLADYS KEY, who was formerly known as GLADYS HAYWOOD, wife of C. C. HAYWOOD, and also known as "MAMA HAYWOOD", stated she operated, along with her former husband, C. C. HAYWOOD, the Riverview Night Club from July, 1958, until 1964. This place is located on the Warrior River in northwest Jefferson County. Mrs. KEY stated she could not recall any former customer during the period 1958 - 1960 who was identical with JAMES EARL RAY. She further advised that the photographs of RAY were not identical with any person she recalls seeing at the Riverview Night Club from 1958 to 1960 or at her present bar from April, 1967, to the present time.

Mrs. KEY is presently operating the "Little Warrior River Cafe," which is located one-half mile from the Riverview. Mrs. KEY's employee, MARLENE KILGORE, also was unable to identify the photograph of RAY as a customer she has ever seen in the Little Warrior River Cafe.

Mr. C. C. HAYWOOD, owner of the Riverview Night Club since 1958, advised he was unable to identify photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as a customer who came to his place either in 1958 to 1960 or since April, 1967. The photographs of RAY were also shown to HAYWOOD's barmaid, Mrs. ELLEN SICKLES, and to Mrs. C. C. (PHYLLIS) HAYWOOD, who were unable to identify photographs of RAY as anyone they had seen in the Riverview.

MAMIE MITCHELL, Manager of Rose's Place on Old U. S. Highway 78, Route One, Dora, Alabama, advised she has operated this "beer joint" since 1963. In 1958 it was known as "Johnny's Place" and in 1960 it was known as "Parker's Place." When MITCHELL took over in 1963, she named it "Mamie's Place" and changed the name to "Rose's" in 1964. Mrs. MITCHELL was unable to identify a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as a person she has ever seen in her bar.

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ED HOLLIS, operator of the Allstate Cafe, U. S. Highway 78, advised he and his brother, HAROLD HOLLIS, had been operating the Allstate Night Club and Allstate Cafe as two separate businesses since 1957. HOLLIS stated he could not identify any of the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as a person he had ever seen at the Allstate Cafe either during the period 1958-1960 or since April, 1967. HAROLD HOLLIS was also unable to identify subject RAY after viewing the photographs.

ELEANOR HOLLIS, wife of ED HOLLIS and who works as a waitress at the Allstate Cafe, identified the 1967 and 1968 photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as a person she has seen at the Allstate Cafe. She stated that quite frankly she is unable to furnish any other information whatsoever about the person she identified as RAY, as to description, time seen at the cafe, automobile used, or anything else. She was quite definite in that she had seen RAY at the cafe.

MYRTLE NELSON, cook at the Allstate Cafe, identified the 1967 and 1968 photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as a person she had seen in the Allstate Cafe as a customer. She stated, however, she could not furnish any other information whatsoever concerning this person.

Both Mrs. HOLLIS and MYRTLE NELSON stated they would give the matter considerable thought in an effort to recall any other information concerning the individual they identified.

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Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY; UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID
CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis: Proprietor of the "Gun Rack", Birmingham, a store dealing in the sale of firearms, is of opinion that subject spent considerable time examining high power rifles in his place on 3/27/68, which was two days prior to his appearance at the Aeromarine Supply Company where murder weapon was purchased. Record located of bank draft purchased by subject, as GALT, on 9/28/67, in amount \$337.24, payable to Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, for photographic equipment. Son of seller of Mustang to subject believed photograph of subject identical to purchaser. Same opinion of photograph expressed by operator and cook at the Economy Rooming House, Highland Avenue, Birmingham, where subject resided from 8/26/67 to 10/7/67. JAMES W. BROWN, Reform, Alabama, who was well acquainted with subject RAY while both confined in Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, recalled that RAY was considerably upset during demonstrations led by KING and about the Fall of 1963 RAY made the statement that he was going to kill KING when he got out and was under the impression that some organization would pay \$10,000.00 for KING's murder. BROWN also identified several former and present inmates who knew subject. Similar information secured from another former inmate, who is now a parolee from Missouri State Penitentiary, residing near Birmingham, but who desired his identity not be made known. RAY eliminated as possible suspect in any bank robbery committed in Birmingham Office territory. Since

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submission of last report and since issuance of Identification Order and wanted flyer for RAY's apprehension, extensive investigation has continued in Birmingham territory without securing any additional information as to his whereabouts, although numerous "look-a-likes" and suspects eliminated. This investigation included personal contacts and delivery of Identification Orders to all employees in the following business categories: outlets of salacious books, rooming houses, hotels and motels, bus stations, railroads, airline facilities, car rental agencies, public luggage lockers, laundries and dry cleaners, "lonely heart" type organizations, and bank safe deposit box departments. Classified ads of used cars for sale which appeared in Birmingham newspapers during pertinent period, 3/21-4/2/68, were reviewed and 486 cars advertised eliminated as having been sold to subject. Subject's photographs published in periodical distributed to all service stations in state. No record located of subject having applied for employment at any country club. No record of any unidentified deceased male who might be subject located. Check of marriage and divorce records of all counties in Birmingham territory negative. SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date 5/2/68

The following signed statement was furnished by CLYDE R. MANASCO, Route 9, Box 602, Birmingham, Alabama, clerk at the Gun Rack located at 1507 S.W. 31st Street, Birmingham, Alabama:

"Birmingham, Alabama
April 18, 1968

"I, CLYDE MANASCO, having viewed seven photographs exhibited to me by Special Agent J. T. ARNETT of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, have selected the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT as appearing similar to the man who came to The Gun Rack Store, Birmingham, Alabama, where I am employed, and made inquiry regarding high-powered rifles and scopes. I believe the date the man appeared at The Gun Rack was March 27, 1968. The photograph of a man identified as ERIC STARVO GALT appears identical to this man with the exception in the photograph ERIC STARVO GALT's face appears slightly broader than I recall the man who was in The Gun Rack.

"I have read this statement and it is true to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ CLYDE R. MANASCO

"Witnessed:

Special Agent J. T. ARNETT (/s/), FBI, Birmingham, Ala.
April 18, 1968"

In addition to information furnished in the signed statement, Mr. MANASCO advised that as he had previously stated, the man who was in The Gun Rack making inquiry regarding high-powered rifles had light brown hair.

Photographs exhibited to Mr. MANASCO were as follows:

JOHN OSCAR LUCK, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office

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by SA J. T. ARNETT:scb/epg Date dictated 4/25/68

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#102955, Birmingham, Alabama, photograph taken April 21, 1962;

ROBERT CROSS, Birmingham FBI #91-1803;

CHARLES NEWMANT GAULT, Birmingham FBI #26-22408;

ERIC STARVO GALT, true name JAMES EARL RAY;

THOMAS FRANKLIN BRADY, Birmingham FBI #26-22408;

ERNEST GEORGE BLAND, Birmingham FBI #44-1740;

JAMES ROBERT LUKE, Atlanta Police Department
#251309, photograph taken October 20, 1967.

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QUINTON E. DAVIS, 912 Ann Street, Birmingham, Alabama, owner of The Gun Rack, 1507 31st Street, S.W., Birmingham, Alabama, viewed the following photographs:

JOHN OSCAR LUCK, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office #102955, Birmingham, Alabama, photograph taken April 21, 1962;

ROBERT CROSS, Birmingham FBI #91-1803;

CHARLES NEWMANT GAULT, Birmingham FBI #26-22408;

ERIC STARVO GALT, true name JAMES EARL RAY;

THOMAS FRANKLIN BRADY, Birmingham FBI #26-22408;

ERNEST GEORGE BLAND, Birmingham FBI #44-1740;

JAMES ROBERT LUKE, Atlanta Police Department #251309, photograph taken October 20, 1967.

Mr. DAVIS advised, after viewing the above photographs on April 18, 1968, that he could not make a positive statement as to whether the photograph of any of the above individuals was identical to the photograph of the individual who had been in The Gun Rack making inquiry regarding the high-powered rifle and had specifically made inquiry regarding a Model 264 Browning automatic rifle.

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~~JOHN MICHAEL KOPP~~, 1420 35th Street, Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama, employed as the manager of the Firearms Department, Long Lewis Hardware Store, Bessemer, Alabama, viewed photographs of the following individuals on April 18, 1968:

JOHN OSCAR LUCK, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, #102955, Birmingham, Alabama, photograph taken April 21, 1962;

ROBERT CROSS, Birmingham FBI #91-1803;

CHARLES NEWMANT GAULT, Birmingham FBI #26-22408;

ERIC STARVO GALT, true name JAMES EARL RAY;

THOMAS FRANKLIN BRADY, Birmingham FBI #26-22408;

ERNEST GEORGE BLAND, Birmingham FBI #44-1740;

JAMES ROBERT LUKE, Atlanta Police Department #251309, photograph taken October 20, 1967.

After viewing photographs of the above individuals, Mr. KOPP advised that he could not identify photograph of either of the above individuals as being the photograph of the customer who was in Long Lewis Hardware on March 29, 1968 making inquiry concerning purchasing a high-powered rifle.

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Date April 17, 19681

A review of records of the Exchange Security Bank, Birmingham, disclosed that on September 28, 1967, ERIC S. GALT purchased a bank draft #04012FPS, from the Exchange Security Bank's Five Points South Branch Office.

This draft was dated September 28, 1967, made payable to Superior Bulk Film Company, in the amount of \$337.24, and was drawn on the City National Bank of New York, New York, and authorized signature contained thereon was BOB SELLERS. This draft did not contain any endorsement.

In the event the above document is to be introduced in court, a subpoena duces tecum should be addressed to BOB CRADDOCK, Exchange Security Bank, Birmingham, Alabama.

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