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The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROWEN B. AYERS:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On June 3, 1968, HARRY LAUF, Records Office, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN, MSP #10134, also known as PAUL JAMES BRIDGEMAN, was received from Jackson County, Missouri on April 23, 1965 to serve five years. He was discharged by commutation on January 16, 1968; not paroled.

On June 3, 1968, Mr. HERBERT BUNKER, Classification Office, Missouri State Penitentiary, furnished the institution file for BRIDGEMAN from which the following was noted:

He was transferred to Moberly on March 7, 1966; reassigned to the Missouri State Penitentiary on May 22, 1967 and Renz Farm May 22, 1967 as of May 16, 1967. On June 7, 1967, he received \$10.00 from WAYNE ROTHBERG who was put on his visiting list. The file indicated his parents were deceased and that WAYNE ROTHBERG was the guardian of his child. He resided at 8228 Holmes, Kansas City, Missouri. However, as of March 13, 1967, there was a letter from Mr. ROTHBERG, indicating his address as 8603 Beuregard, Dallas, Texas and he was employed by the RoCo Auto Supply Company.

Also, there was a letter in the file indicating that GREEN and GREEN of West Plains, Missouri (Attorneys) were representing IRENE BRIDGEMAN, mother of inmate. BRIDGEMAN was born at Winchester, Indiana on [REDACTED] He was married when 18 years of age to a CAROLYN BROOKER who apparently took one child and deserted him and he had no contact with her after November of 1963. He had no visitors. Communications were reflected only with ROTHBERG. He attended Salem, Arkansas high school to 10th Grade, and has served time in Illinois.

Warden HAROLD SWENSON, on June 3, 1968, said that

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ROTHBERG was a real problem to him in connection with BRIDGEMAN. He said there was an apparent homosexual relationship existing between the two and he caught ROTHBERG smuggling currency to BRIDGEMAN through another inmate.

A Classification Sheet and photograph of BRIDGEMAN were obtained.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA RAY HOMESLEY at Kansas City, Missouri:

LEE CHAPMAN, Clerk, Records Bureau, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, made available the arrest record concerning PAUL JAMES BRIDGEMAN, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department #104182. This record indicates the following arrests:

On March 13, 1964, BRIDGEMAN was arrested for investigation for larceny but was released by the #1 Detective Unit. On November 6, 1964, a pick-up order was issued for investigation concerning robbery. On December 8, 1964, BRIDGEMAN was arrested for robbery and sentenced to five years, Missouri Department of Corrections, on February 8, 1965.

The record indicates BRIDGEMAN was received at the Missouri State Penitentiary April 23, 1965, from Jackson County, Missouri, and was discharged from the Penitentiary on January 16, 1968. On February 8, 1968, BRIDGEMAN was arrested for disturbing the peace, which charges were dismissed at the request of the complaining witness on February 12, 1968.

A review was made of the file maintained by the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department concerning PAUL JAMES BRIDGEMAN, which indicates the arrest on March 13, 1964, was for investigation in connection with the larceny of a cash register at the Oak Hotel, 414 East 8th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. On this date BRIDGEMAN listed his employment as the Princeton Hotel, 3241 Paseo, Kansas City, Missouri, as clerk. A sister by the name of JANET CAWVEY was listed as nearest relative but no address shown. An associate was shown as CLARENCE ROUNDS, white male, age 40, 414 East 8th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

On December 8, 1964, BRIDGEMAN was arrested for investigation of robbery at Clark Service Station, 4241 Blue Parkway on November 6, 1964, and the Clark Service Station at 7441 Troost also on November 6, 1964. At the time BRIDGEMAN was arrested, he was driving a 1960 Dodge two-door hardtop, Missouri license SW5-897, and was accompanied by

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NICHOLAS E. EDWARDS, white male, born [redacted] residing 1201 East 8th Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri. EDWARDS was released by the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department. An associate in addition to EDWARDS was shown as WAYNE ROTHBERG, 5000 Oak, Kansas City, Missouri.

On February 8, 1968, BRIDGEMAN was arrested at 85th and Troost for disturbing the peace by fighting in the Old Fortress Tavern at that address. The complainants were ROBERT G. NELSON, 524 Benton, and JERRY D. HENDRICKSON, 12811 13th Street, Grandview, Missouri. BRIDGEMAN listed his employment as K. W. Dart Company, 3541 Gardner, North Kansas City, Missouri, and his address as 3653 Skyline Drive, Mission, Kansas. He listed nearest relative as KATHY BRIDGEMAN of 3653 Skyline Drive, Mission, Kansas.

The Missouri Department of Corrections report concerning BRIDGEMAN maintained in the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department files shows BRIDGEMAN's parents moved to Warrensburg, Illinois, when he was six months old and seven years later moved to Salem, Arkansas, where they resided five years. BRIDGEMAN's parents were divorced when he was fifteen years old but were later reunited. BRIDGEMAN's parents, JAMES and IRENE BRIDGEMAN, were involved in a murder - suicide in 1962.

The records show BRIDGEMAN married CAROLYN BROOKER in 1961 and two children were born to this union. The wife, CAROLYN BROOKER, allegedly took one of the children and deserted the home; and BRIDGEMAN's son is reported to be residing with friends in Kansas City, Missouri.

The Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department records reflect the following description:

Name	PAUL JAMES BRIDGEMAN
Alias	PAUL BRIDGEMAN
Birth	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6'1"
Weight	195

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Eyes	Blue
Hair	Blond
Sister	JANET CAWVEY Lanton, Missouri
Former Employments	Clerk, Princeton Hotel, 3241 Paseo, Kansas City, Missouri (1964); Concrete finisher for Flemly Dirckson, Bloomington, Illinois
Associates	NICHOLAS E. EDWARDS 1201 East 8th Terrace Kansas City, Missouri; WAYNE ROTHBERG 8228 Holmes Street Kansas City, Missouri (ROTHBERG is reported to be the guardian of BRIDGEMAN's son.)

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Mr. W. N. DANIELS, Manager, Roe Village Apartments, Roeland Park, Kansas, advised JACQUELINE KLINE and SANDRA LAUGEN moved into this apartment development on January 15, 1968, and moved out May 24, 1968. He advised JACQUELINE KLINE had a boy friend by the name of BRIDGEMAN, who he believes resided with KLINE during the time she rented an apartment at Roe Village. He advised KLINE was arrested on a bad check charge about May 1, 1968, by the Johnson County Sheriff's Office.

DANIELS furnished for review an application which indicates JACQUELINE KLINE was employed as a practical nurse for Mrs. E. TAVERNERO, 6314 Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri. She listed references as FAYE ANTHONY, 305 West 109th Terrace; and EILEEN GOLDMAN, 2512 West 75th Place.

DANIELS also furnished an application for review concerning SANDRA M. LAUGEN, which indicates her parents reside at 3131 Quincy Drive, Kansas City, Missouri. References were listed as Mrs. ALBERT BELL, 1251 West Gregory; and SANDRA Palsky, 4340 Jefferson, Kansas City, Missouri.

DANIELS advised KLINE furnished a forwarding address as 11161 East 43rd, second floor, Kansas City, Missouri. He advised he believes LAUGEN is employed for an insurance company operated by a man by the last name of COHEN in Kansas City, Missouri. He stated LAUGEN has a retarded child and receives child support.

Photographs of PAUL BRIDGEMAN taken March 13, 1964, by the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, and also photograph taken April 23, 1965, by the Missouri Department of Corrections, were displayed to DANIELS and he advised this is the individual who did reside with JACQUELINE KLINE at the Roe Village Apartments. Various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to DANIELS and he advised this individual is not familiar to him, and he does not recall seeing anyone of a similar appearance at Roe Village.

On 6/3/68 at Roeland Park, Kansas File # KC 44-760

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SA WILLIAM G. BROOKHART Date dictated _____

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA RAY HOMESLEY and SA WILLIAM G. BROOKHART on June 4, 1968:

Mrs. OLLIE GRAULICH, 8230 Holmes, Kansas City, Missouri, advised she does not know anyone by the name of WAYNE ROTHBERG residing at 8228 Holmes, Kansas City, Missouri. She advised to her knowledge no one by that name has resided at that address for the last few years.

An effort was made to contact individuals residing at 8228 Holmes Street, but there was no one home on June 3, 1968. The mailbox lists the name of F. R. and C. L. BARTKOSKI.

IDAMAE HARBOLT, Manager, Twin Oak Apartments, 5000 Oak Street, Kansas City, Missouri, advised WAYNE M. ROTHBERG resided at this address for approximately six months and moved in August, 1964. She stated she believes an aunt of ROTHBERG's by the name of FANNY WALKER also resided at the Twin Oak Apartments in 1964. She stated, however, WALKER has also moved from this address and she has no forwarding address for WALKER. She advised ROTHBERG listed employment with the Inland Underground Storage, Kansas City, Kansas.

KAYE HAMMOND, barmaid, Old Fortress Tavern, 85th and Troost, Kansas City, Missouri, advised she recognizes the photograph of PAUL BRIDGEMAN but she does not believe he has been in the tavern for approximately two months. HAMMOND viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised she does not know this individual.

JAMES DUARDI, owner, Old Fortress Tavern, 85th and Troost, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that PAUL BRIDGEMAN frequented this tavern up until about two months ago and apparently left town. He stated he does not know for sure that BRIDGEMAN has left town but he has not seen BRIDGEMAN for about two months and since BRIDGEMAN came to the tavern frequently, he assumes BRIDGEMAN left town. DAUGHERTY advised also that MIKE HEAD frequents this tavern and BRIDGEMAN and HEAD frequently played pool at the tavern. He stated he does not believe HEAD is closely associated with BRIDGEMAN and HEAD still frequents the Old Fortress Tavern.

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FAYE ANTHONY, 305 West 109th Terrace, Overland Park, Kansas, advised she is a friend of JACKIE KLINE and she talked by telephone with KLINE last Sunday morning, June 2, 1968. She stated KLINE did not mention leaving town and she has no idea concerning KLINE's present whereabouts. She stated JACKIE KLINE was dating PAUL BRIDGEMAN and she believes BRIDGEMAN's family is in Bloomington, Illinois. She stated she could furnish no information concerning the whereabouts of BRIDGEMAN but she believes BRIDGEMAN left town one month or six weeks ago.

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Mrs. ROSE LONDON, 2511 West 75th Place, Prairie Village, Kansas, advised JACKIE KLINE has worked as a nurse for a number of years and has been placed in several employments by Mrs. LONDON, who operates a nurses' registry from her home.

Mrs. LONDON advised KLINE knew an individual who was serving time at the Missouri State Penitentiary and KLINE at one time was keeping the son of this individual. She stated at one time KLINE considered adopting the son of the individual who was serving time at the Missouri Penitentiary, but for some reason never did so. Mrs. LONDON stated KLINE told her sometime in the winter of 1968, that the individual was being released from the Missouri State Penitentiary and that KLINE was going to meet him when he was released. She stated KLINE later told her that she had met this individual when he was released from the Penitentiary, and she got the impression that KLINE's relationship with this individual became rather close after he was released from prison.

LONDON stated a few weeks ago KLINE told her she was in trouble because this individual had stolen checks from her car, which checks were drawn on KLINE's bank account. LONDON said KLINE advised her that she was in trouble because of these checks and was being charged by Johnson County authorities for cashing bad checks. She said KLINE advised that this individual had used KLINE's name on the checks. She stated about four days ago KLINE called and asked if LONDON could find a replacement for her because she was leaving town. She stated also KLINE called last Sunday, June 2, 1968, and indicated she was leaving town late that evening, and mentioned Omaha, Nebraska, and Iowa but did not indicate specifically where she was going. Mrs. LONDON stated she asked KLINE whether she was going to meet this individual and KLINE stated she was not going to meet the individual because of all the trouble he had caused her.

Mrs. LONDON stated KLINE also asked whether or not she would recommend her for another position and Mrs. LONDON indicated she would inasmuch as she had had no complaints from employers concerning KLINE. Mrs. LONDON advised if she gets any inquiry concerning KLINE, she will advise the Kansas City FBI Office.

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Mr. R. E. WEBB, Manager, Netherlands Hotel, 39th and Main, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that JACKIE KLINE moved into Room 206 on May 22, 1968, and moved out June 2, 1968. He advised his records show a previous address as 7547 Rainbow, Prairie Village, Kansas, and her business address as 6314 Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri. He stated KLINE was driving a 1968 Chevrolet, Kansas license J/O 93043.

WEBB advised KLINE made two long distance telephone calls to Minneapolis, Minnesota, on May 29 and 31, 1968, which were charged to her hotel bill. WEBB stated inasmuch as these calls were station to station, his records do not reflect the number called. He stated KLINE also called local telephone numbers HE 2-7200, WE 1-5322 and WE 1-8149.

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SANDRA LAUGEN was interviewed at her mother's residence, 3131 Quincy Drive, Kansas City, Missouri. She advised she presently resides at 116 East 43rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri, telephone WE 1-8149, and is employed for the National Central Life Insurance Company, 38th and Summit, Kansas City, Missouri.

LAUGEN advised she resided with JACKIE KLINE at the Roe Village Apartments. During this time KLINE was dating PAUL BRIDGEMAN. She stated Bridgeman stole some blank checks from KLINE's automobile and some of these checks were cashed by BRIDGEMAN. The checks were drawn on the Roeland Park State Bank, Roeland Park, Kansas. She stated, however, KLINE was identified as cashing one of these checks and as a result, was placed on one year probation by the Johnson County, Kansas, authorities. She stated about the time KLINE was charged for the bad check in Johnson County, Kansas, BRIDGEMAN left town. She does not know BRIDGEMAN's whereabouts. She stated, however, JACKIE KLINE kept in touch with BRIDGEMAN by long distance telephone calls. She stated these calls were made on a telephone at the Roe Village Apartments #CO 2-5355. LAUGEN stated this telephone was obtained by KLINE, using the name KAYE ROSENBERG. She stated also BRIDGEMAN traveled while he resided in Kansas City, Missouri, and mentioned Bloomington, Illinois, and Dallas, Texas. She stated she believes an individual in Dallas, Texas, cares for BRIDGEMAN's son and BRIDGEMAN made a number of trips to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to meet this individual.

LAUGEN advised she knew PAUL BRIDGEMAN had served time at the Missouri State Penitentiary and JACKIE KLINE had mentioned that possibly she and LAUGEN would be questioned inasmuch as BRIDGEMAN served time at the penitentiary while JAMES EARL RAY was there. LAUGEN stated she does not recall RAY's name being mentioned by BRIDGEMAN and she does not know whether BRIDGEMAN was ever closely associated with RAY.

LAUGEN advised BRIDGEMAN was arrested March 19, 1968, while driving JACKIE KLINE's car, a 1968 white two-door

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Malibu 307. She stated KLINE purchased this car from Pappas Chevrolet, and it was financed through the Commerce Trust Company, Kansas City, Missouri. She stated BRIDGEMAN posted bond when he was arrested March 19, 1968, and KLINE had to furnish money to recover the car since it was impounded by the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department. She stated BRIDGEMAN was charged with drunk driving and having no driver's license.

LAUGEN advised the only friends BRIDGEMAN had in Kansas City, Missouri, were JACKIE KLINE, JIM DAUGHERTY, Old Fortress Tavern, and MIKE HEAD, an individual who frequented the Old Fortress Tavern.

LAUGEN stated she talked to KLINE on Sunday and KLINE advised she was leaving town and did not want anyone to know where she was going. LAUGEN stated she assumes KLINE drove the 1968 Chevrolet, and she does not know whether KLINE was going to meet BRIDGEMAN.

LAUGEN described JACKIE KLINE as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Age	25
Hair	Red (dyed)
Height	5'4"
Weight	200
Eyes	Brown
Parents	Deceased.

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Mrs. KATHERINE TAVERNARO, 6314 Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri, advised JACQUELINE KLINE was employed for her as a nurse for eleven months at the salary of \$102 per week. She stated KLINE last worked on Sunday, June 2, 1968, at which time she had her car packed and stated she was leaving town. TAVERNARO stated KLINE did not indicate where she was going but indicated possibly Omaha, Nebraska, or Des Moines, Iowa. She advised KLINE told her that she had gotten into trouble because of a bad check and was going to a new town to start over. She stated KLINE advised her that PAUL BRIDGEMAN had stolen some of her checks from the glove compartment of her car and had cashed these checks, and for that reason she was in trouble with the police.

TAVERNARO advised KLINE was not questioned concerning her association with PAUL BRIDGEMAN but she got the idea that BRIDGEMAN had left town four to six weeks ago but KLINE was still in touch with BRIDGEMAN. She stated KLINE had remarked some time ago that it was thirty degrees where BRIDGEMAN was now located and TAVERNARO got the idea that possibly BRIDGEMAN was in Minnesota. TAVERNARO stated BRIDGEMAN did not work while he was in Kansas City, Missouri, and KLINE supported BRIDGEMAN.

TAVERNARO advised KLINE left her house about 7:30 p.m., June 2, 1968, and she has had no information from her since that time. She advised KLINE is registered with a nurses' registry operated by ROSE LONDON, 2511 West 75th Place, Prairie Village, Kansas.

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SA RAY HOMESLEY and SA WILLIAM G. BROOKHART:

On June 3, 1968, Miss LOUISE DRAKE, Personnel Office, K. W. Dart Company, 3541 Gardner, North Kansas City, Missouri, advised she could locate no record concerning PAUL OSBORNE BRIDGEMAN or PAUL JAMES BRIDGEMAN being employed for the company at any time.

On June 3, 1968, Mr. J. L. BUCHANAN, Superintendent, Shawnee Mission Post Office, Shawnee Mission, Kansas, advised he has no record of PAUL BRIDGEMAN or KATHY BRIDGEMAN residing at 3653 Skyline Drive. BUCHANAN advised Skyline Drive is in the Roe Village Apartment Development and the numbers run from 4700 to 5300, and there is no 3653 Skyline Drive.

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SA RAY HOMESLEY and SA WILLIAM G. BROOKHART on June 4, 1968:

R. L. STIRTON, Patrolman, Roeland Park Police Department, Roeland Park, Kansas, advised he has no record in his files concerning PAUL BRIDGEMAN or JACQUELINE KLINE.

STIRTON caused a check to be made with the Johnson County Sheriff's Office and determined that JACQUELINE KLINE, alias JACQUELINE GOLDSTEIN, was arrested May 3, 1968, on a felony check charge. He determined KLINE was sentenced to one year probation and is under the supervision of WILLIAM HECK, Probation Officer, Johnson County, Kansas.

WILLIAM HECK, Probation Officer, Johnson County, Olathe, Kansas, advised JACQUELINE KLINE is residing at the Netherlands Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, and is employed for a Mrs. TAVERNS, telephone number EM 1-2118.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA THOMAS J. CONNOLLY on May 10, 1968:

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Mrs. MARJORIE GORDON, Secretary to the President and Personnel Manager of the Gordon Johnson Industries, Inc., 2519 Madison, advised that MARVIN W. HEEREN is an international salesman for the Gordon and Johnson International Company and has been since June 1958. She advised that his territories include Mexico and South America as well as territory overseas. He does no selling in the United States.

Mr. MARVIN W. HEEREN, 10606 Westbrooke Drive, Shawnee Mission, Kansas, advised he is salesman for Gordon Johnson International Company, made numerous trips out of the country, many of which were in Mexico. He stated that during the week April 1 through 7, 1968, he was in Kansas City at work during the work days and at home on the weekend and that on April 8, he flew to Jacksonville, Florida, where he met a customer in the poultry processing business by the name of MIKE PENYADO from Jamaica, who had come to this country to study some poultry processing plants in Gainesville, Georgia. He stated that he and PENYADO flew from Jacksonville to Atlanta on April 9 and arrived at approximately 5:00 pm and he placed PENYADO on a Greyhound Bus for Gainesville, Georgia, and then he himself checked into the Downtown Motel in Atlanta, where he stayed April 9 and 10 and checked out on the morning of April 11. He stated that Wednesday night, the tenth, PENYADO stayed in the motel with him. He stated that he was unable to conduct any business on the ninth, due to the fact all business establishments were closed because of the funeral of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. While in Atlanta he visited a friend of his, Vice President of the Trust Company of Georgia in Atlanta, Mr. GEORGE T. BROWN.

The following is a description of MARVIN W. HEEREN; white male, born [redacted] Luverne, Minnesota, 5'10½", 150-55 lbs., hazel eyes, black hair, U.S. Navy 1944-46, U.S. Navy # 9731684, occupation poultry processing equipment salesman, June 1958, Gordon Johnson Company.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROY L. HUMPHREYS, JR.:

At Wathena, Kansas:

Re Telephone Number 913-989-4468

On May 7, 1968, it was ascertained that the above telephone number was the number of Mrs. FLOYD HONTZ, Route 1, Wathena, Kansas.

On May 7, 1968, Mrs. FLOYD HONTZ, Route 1, Wathena, Kansas, advised she resides at this address with her children, the oldest of whom is a senior in high school. She said she has had telephone number 989-4468 since May, 1967, and this is currently her number.

Mrs. HONTZ stated she does not recall receiving a telephone call from Beaumont, Texas, in December, 1967, or at any time since she has had this number. She stated she has no relatives in Texas and can recall no one calling at her residence from the Texas area in December, 1967. She said her children were not on a trip away from home at that time and no one called them to her knowledge or recollection.

Mrs. HONTZ viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, and stated she did not recall ever meeting anyone who resembled him and said she knew no one who used any of the known aliases of RAY.

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The following investigation was conducted at Kansas City, Missouri by IC WILLIAM F. ROHR on May 15, 1968:

A review of Kansas City, Missouri Police Department file #94249 disclosed JAMES WILSON BROWN, described white, male, born [redacted] Alabama, 5'6½", 176 lbs., FBI # 504 977 3, was arrested by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department on November 23, 1959 for investigation - hold for homicide. This arrest disclosed BROWN shot and killed a man in Kansas City in what was termed a "lover's quarrel." The victim had been dating BROWN's girlfriend and thereafter BROWN shot and killed victim. BROWN gave a signed statement admitting this murder and on March 6, 1960, this charge was reduced to murder second at which time BROWN entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to a period of 20 years to be served at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. It was noted that from the date of arrest, November 23, 1959, until date of sentencing, March 6, 1960, BROWN was incarcerated in the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri.

Upon arrest BROWN furnished the following list of relatives:

Mother	ANNIE BROWN, Gordo, Alabama, Route #3
Brother	SAM BROWN, residence same
Brother	ALFRED A. BROWN, Birmingham, Alabama
Brother	TILLMAN BROWN, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

No other arrests for BROWN in the Kansas City area.

A review of Kansas City, Missouri Police Department file 92747, disclosed JOHNNY VELANTI, also known as RAYMOND DUTTON JACKSON, MELODY RENO LA VALLE, ROY DOUGLAS TAYLOR, CARL DUTCHIN VON DEMERON, MILES SWIFTWATER, "RENO". VELANTI described white male, born [redacted] Virginia, 5'8", 175 lbs., FBI # 416 361 2.

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VELANTI was arrested by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department on February 10, 1959 for investigation - recent activities. It was determined that VELANTI held up a hotel clerk in Kansas City and he furnished a signed statement admitting same. VELANTI was tried by a jury for this holdup and tried under the habitual criminal statute and was found guilty by the jury, sentenced to 20 years to the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, date not given. This file disclosed that after the jury returned the guilty verdict and the Judge sentenced him to 20 years, he walked in front of the jury box and cried out "Twenty years is a hell of a long time" and slashed his wrists with a razor blade.

File also contained a newspaper article which disclosed VELANTI, while incarcerated in the Jackson County Jail, Kansas City, Missouri awaiting trial, had fashioned a gun from a bar of soap and covered it with black shoe polish which made this gun look real. The gun was located during a routine search of VELANTI's cell.

At the time of arrest by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, VELANTI advised the arresting officers that he had no father and that he did not know his mother's name.

A copy of the FBI identification record of BROWN and VELANTI were obtained as were photographs of these two individuals.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA RAYMOND B. HOWE:

AT INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

On May 21, 1968, Attorney PHILLIP LEE BAKER, 214 South Springfield Street, Independence, Missouri, advised that in January, 1963, he was appointed by Judge GIBSON, U. S. District Court, to represent JAMES EARL RAY at the Missouri State Penitentiary in his application for Writ of Habeas Corpus. He stated that previous to this, RAY had filed application for appointment of counsel as an indigent pauper. This Writ of Habeas Corpus was to bring the warden into court to show why he was being detained. The hearing was unsuccessful.

BAKER advised that prior to the hearing and sometime during 1963, he talked to RAY at the Penitentiary and he believes this is the only time he spoke with him at the Penitentiary and the only other time he saw him was at the hearing which was held in Jefferson City, Missouri. After the hearing, RAY indicated to him he was going to appeal. BAKER stated he did not wish to represent RAY any further and his records show that on September 23, 1963, he wrote RAY at the Penitentiary to confirm his understanding to appeal and advising him that he should handle it himself.

BAKER stated he remembers nothing unusual in his conversations with RAY. They mainly talked of the hearing. He has not been in contact with RAY since September, 1963, and could furnish no information as to his whereabouts. He did advise that in about August, 1963, RAY sent him a \$50.00 fee for representing him in this matter. Also, he received a letter dated July 24, 1963, from another inmate, Missouri State Penitentiary, JOHN W. MYERS, Registry #03848J, Hall F, Cell 90. This inmate advised that BAKER had been recommended to him by RAY and he requested BAKER to handle his case in the same manner he handled RAY's case.

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BAKER said he sent MYERS a letter in August, 1963, advising him he would be unable to handle his case. BAKER also produced a letter dated July 10, 1963, that he received from JERRY RAY, 1713 Lafayette, St. Louis, Missouri. This letter states as follows:

"I visited my brother James Ray this past Sunday and he said you represent him. Also, he said he was going to mail you \$49.75 plus later on send you some money and you are supposed to send it to me.

"He will let you know when he sends it. He will also let me know.

"/s/ Jerry Ray"

BAKER advised that this was the extent of his contact with RAY and can furnish no further information regarding him. However, if such information comes to his attention, he will immediately contact the FBI.

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After interview with attorney PHILLIP LEE BAKER at Independence, Missouri, SA RAYMOND B. HOWE returned to the office and checked subject's file to determine if there was a recording of subject's sending \$50 to attorney PHILLIP LEE BAKER. Prison records failed to substantiate this. In fact, they show that on June 19, 1963, PHILLIP LEE BAKER, 516 Guitar Building, Columbia, Missouri, sent a money order of \$50 to JAMES EARL RAY. Because of this, SA HOWE recontacted attorney PHILLIP LEE BAKER the same date.

BAKER advised that his file reveals that he received a letter from JAMES EARL RAY dated May 19, 1963, from the Missouri State Penitentiary stating he was going to sign over \$50 to BAKER and the money would be sent to him when money orders can be sent out. He advised that he got a letter dated June 11, 1963, postmarked June 11, 1963, from JAMES EARL RAY indicating that a relative was sending him \$100. He stated he received another letter dated June 7, 1963, postmarked June 12, 1963, from the Missouri State Penitentiary enclosing a check or money order (BAKER could not tell from this letter) for legal fees. This letter was unsigned, however, the return address listed NATHAN J. MURPHY, Missouri State Penitentiary #04725, Hall K, Cell 91. BAKER advised that his records revealed that on June 17, 1963, he sent RAY a check for \$50 which was the excess over his legal fees.

BAKER stated he could not remember any further details of these transactions, however, he would continue to review his files and check records and see if he could furnish any information which would be more helpful in this matter. BAKER supposed that maybe he was supposed to send the \$50 to JERRY RAY instead of back to the subject in view of the letter he received from JERRY RAY on July 10, 1963, however, he could not elaborate on this.

KC 44-760

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
JAMES P. HORTON:

AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

On May 16, 1968, JOHN T. THOMASON, Greene County Parole Officer, Greene County Court House, advised that on September 26, 1967, IVAN DALE UNDERWOOD, appeared before Judge BARBOUR, Springfield, Missouri in connection with insufficient fund check and was released. THOMASON advised the record shows a money order was received from UNDERWOOD making restitution on the insufficient funds check on February 28, 1968 and a return address is 5105 Minnesota Avenue, Apartment B, St. Louis, Missouri and this is the most recent information in the file.

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The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent ROWEN B. AYERS:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On May 22, 1968, Mr. DAVID BRYDON, Attorney, to whom a phone call was made by J. D. DAILEY from St. Louis, Missouri, on November 30, 1967, said this call related to his attempting to obtain a parole for THOMAS BEECHER CREWS, MSP #71845, doing life for murder and robbery. He said DAILEY said he was motivated by humanitarian reasons, but he also believed CREWS had stashed some money from a robbery and DAILEY may have hoped to share in that. He said CREWS is still in the penitentiary and is suffering from tuberculosis.

KC 44-760

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA THOMAS H. WEAVER:

AT COLUMBIA, MISSOURI:

On May 3, 1968, Chief of Police PAUL CHEAVENS (NA), Columbia Police Department, was telephonically advised by SA WEAVER of the statement from a witness in St. Louis, Missouri, that one individual driving a 1964 Chevrolet bearing a license issued to RICHARD L. BREY, 1505 West Worley, Columbia, resembled the subject. Chief CHEAVENS said that he would cause investigation to be conducted to determine if the person driving the above-described car could be identical with subject.

On May 3, 1968, Chief CHEAVENS advised SA ROWEN B. AYERS that RICHARD L. BREY, 1505 West Worley, Apartment 2, taught school at Hickman High School in Columbia until about March 1968. He said that he thought BREY was fired, and indications were that he had gone to Mexico, Missouri. He stated it was thought that BREY was single and had come from around Springfield, Missouri, and apparently not much was known about him among teachers at the high school, but there was no indication of any remote possibility that he would be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

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The following investigation was conducted by
IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD:

At Jefferson City, Missouri:

On May 6, 1968, 1967 Columbia, Missouri, City Directory was checked for RICHARD L. BRAY. There was no record. However, RICHARD L. BREY, 1505 West Worley, Columbia, Missouri, was located and his occupation was listed as a teacher.

On May 6, 1968, Missouri Motor Vehicle Department, Driver's License Section records were checked for operator's license issued in the name of RICHARD LEE BREY. The following information was obtained:

RICHARD LEE BREY, 408 South Glennwood, Columbia, Missouri, was issued Missouri operator's license SN 3919619, on September 19, 1964. He is described on his application as a white male, born [redacted] in Greene County, Missouri; height 5' 8"; weight 145 pounds; black hair, brown eyes, occupation - teacher.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 1, 19681

Mr. DONALD BUNKER, Director, Classification and Assignments, Missouri State Penitentiary, who maintains personnel files on inmates of the Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that a visitor's card is issued to a person desiring to visit inmates by the Warden. This contains the signature of the visitor. When this person makes a visit, the card of the inmate is "pulled" by the matron in the visiting room, who checks the card upon presentation. The person visiting signs the register of visitors. This is a sheet of paper in columns. This is checked on the inmate's file, according to date, and when such entries are made on the inmate's card for all visitors each day, the sheet signed by the visitor is destroyed.

Mr. BUNKER said, therefore, the only signature of a visitor is that contained on the inmate's official visitor's card. He said, if it did not agree, in the opinion of the checking matron, no visit would be allowed, and trouble might result both to the inmate and the visitor.

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The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent GEORGE C. SCRUGGS, JR.:

MAMIE HOOKER was located at the residence of her son, JAMES HOOKER, in a remote area of Laclede County, Missouri, on May 16, 1968. She advised that JAMES DAVID DAILEY was the son of her half-brother and something over 20 years ago he had been sentenced to the Missouri State Penitentiary. Mrs. HOOKER advised since his release from the penitentiary, he has lived in the St. Louis area and she has lived at Pascola, Missouri; therefore, she has had no contact or association with DAILEY and does not know any of his friends or associates or have any information concerning his activities. She stated it has been approximately nine years since she has seen DAILEY.

KC 44-760

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA RAY HOMESLEY:

Re: Employment of EARL EVERETT RAY,
subject's uncle, prior to 1944
at Sunset Amusement Company,
Excelsior Springs, Missouri

Chief PATTERSON, Police Department, Excelsior Springs, Missouri, advised on May 1, 1968, that the Sunset Amusement Company, was owned and operated by KENNETH GARMAN and had winter quarters at Excelsior Springs, Missouri. He said GARMAN sold the business and he does not know whether any employment records were retained. He said JOHN LODWIK, SR., Attorney, formally did some of the legal work for GARMAN.

JOHN LODWIK, SR., Attorney, Excelsior Springs, Missouri, stated GARMAN sold the Sunset Amusement Company a number of years ago and retired to Florida. He stated to his knowledge there were no old employment records retained and he does not know the whereabouts of GARMAN.

KC 44-788

VI. CHANNEL MASTER TRANSISTOR RADIO, MODEL Q302

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 6/4/68

Mr. M. J. STEWART, Treasurer, Missouri State Penitentiary, said the ledger of JAMES EARL RAY, MSP #00416, reflected he bought a radio from the inmate canteen of the Missouri State Penitentiary on April 21, 1967. This is reflected by a sales slip for that date. He said he can tell a radio was purchased because this is a coded item. He paid \$9.75 for this radio. He said there was no means, from his books, to establish the make or the serial number of the radio purchased. RAY's balance, after the purchase, was \$4.16.

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Ray
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/4/681

Mr. HARRY F. LUECKENHOFF, Acting Manager, GORDON SOUND SYSTEM, Jefferson City, Missouri, said no serial numbers were maintained on items sold to the Missouri State Penitentiary, including 34 Channel Master Model 6502. He said the serial number is located in back of the knob on a piece of paper and is actually the final inspection number and is easily removed.

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Date 6/4/681

Mr. PAUL STUEDER, Manager, SHOW-ME ELECTRONICS, INC., 609 Jefferson, Jefferson City, Missouri, advised he supplies items to GORDON SOUND SYSTEM. He said no serial numbers are maintained on items supplied to the retailer, including Model 6502 Channel Master transistor radios.

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Mr. HUGH DALLAS, Business Manager, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised his office handles the purchase of radios for the inmates' canteen. He said no serial numbers are maintained by his office, but on occasion, are furnished by the supplier. He examined his books and said the penitentiary purchased 48 Model 6502 Channel Master radios on September 7, 1968, from Central Missouri Distributing Company, Jefferson City, Missouri, for \$350.40, and the serial numbers are reflected thereon. He said ten of this same model and make were purchased from Gordon Sound System on August 16, 1966, for \$73.00, and no serial numbers are given. The last purchase of this radio was on October 29, 1968, from Gordon Sound System, Jefferson City, Missouri, of 24 radios with a sale price of \$175.20, and no serial numbers are indicated. He said there was no means, through his records, of establishing the serial numbers.

Mr. DALLAS said the inmates have never been furnished with Pepsodent tooth brushes, but could purchase same at the canteen. He said they are not allowed to have such items as "Right Guard."

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DATE 9/7/66

SOLD TO Mo. State Prison
STREET Inmates Canteen
CITY city

SHIPPED TO

TERMS ☐ 10 NET 30 ☐ NET 30 ☒ pickup SHIPPED FROM

BACK ORDERED	Quantity Ordered	Shipped	Delivered	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT BROUGHT FWD
	48	48		6502 C.M. Radios	7.30	350.40
				Sn # 186968 Sn # 186943 Sn # 386373		
				186947 187078 386353		
				187080 186945 386372		
				187002 186941 386375		
				186944 187077 386372		
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				186966 386321 386356		

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PAST DUE ACCOUNTS SUBJECT TO SERVICE CHARGE

Postage & Ins.

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SALES TAX

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INVOICE
GORDON SOUND SYSTEM
113 W. HIGH ST. — TELEPHONE 636-7221
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI 65101

SOLD TO Missouri State Penitentiary
Prison Canteen Fund
Jefferson City, Missouri

DATE OF ORDER _____
DATE SHIPPED 8/16/66
INVOICE NO. 57696
YOUR ORDER NO. _____
TERMS _____

COMMERCIAL PRINTING CO.

QUANTITY		DESCRIPTION	PRICE	EXTENSION	TOTAL
SHIPPED	ORDERED				
	10	#6502 Channel Master Radios	7.30		73.00

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INVOICE
GORDON SOUND SYSTEM113 W. HIGH ST. — TELEPHONE 636-7251
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI 65101

DATE OF ORDER 10/29/66

DATE SHIPPED

INVOICE NO. 58133

YOUR ORDER NO. 3809

TERMS

SOLD TO Prison Canteen

Jefferson City, Mo.

COMMERCIAL PRINTING CO.

QUANTITY		DESCRIPTION	PRICE	EXTENSION	TOTAL
SHIPPED	ORDERED				
	24	#6502 ChannelMaster Radios	7.50	175.20	175.20
DIVISION _____					
ORDER NO. _____					
DIST. _____					
NOV 9 1966					
REC. TICKET NO. _____					
ENTER OK _____					

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/4/681

Mr. JAMES SCHULTE, Manager, Inmate's Canteen, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised when a radio is purchased by an inmate, his number is etched on the radio and a slip is given the Treasurer's office to code in the purchase on his account, so that he will not buy any more radios. He said he was not employed at the canteen in April of 1967. He said C. R. LUCKE has been there since July of 1966, and TOM ROBERTS has been employed for about eight years. He said PAT BACKERS was in charge in April of 1967. He said that normally one of the civilians does the etching; however, on occasion the inmates have done this. He said the inmates who were employed were GUS LYONS and AL PHASON.

He said the canteen has had only one etching device since the sale of radios was permitted about 1966. He said this is a VIBRO-GRAVER, Burgess Vibro-Crafters, Grayslake, Illinois, Model V-73. He said it has no serial number.

He said no serial numbers are maintained on radios sold by the canteen. He said the canteen still has ten or eleven Channel Master Model 6502s. He said this is the only radio which has ever been sold to inmates for \$9.75 each. He said no new orders for this radio have been made since about 1966 or the first of 1967.

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Date 6/3/681

Mr. TOM ROBERTS, Schott Road, a patient at the Memorial Community Hospital, furnished the following information:

He is employed in the Inmate Canteen at the Missouri State Penitentiary. Sometimes he engraves an inmate's number on transistor radio purchased by the inmate. He was so employed during April 1967.

Mr. ROBERTS used a "Vibro-Graver" identified as the one in use at the Inmate Canteen during 1967 to engrave the number "00416" on the top of a "Channel Master" transistor radio case in an area marked #4 and with the initials "TR."

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Date 6/3/681

AL PHASON, Register #10499, Missouri State Penitentiary, furnished the following information:

He has in the past worked in the Inmate Canteen at the Penitentiary where he sometimes engraved inmate's numbers on transistor radios purchased by the inmates. He was so employed during 1967.

PHASON used a new electric engraver furnished him to engrave the number "00416" on the back of a "Channel Master" transistor radio case in an area marked #2 and marked with the initials "AP."

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Mr. CLARENCE R. LUCKE, Storekeeper, Inmate Canteen, Missouri State Penitentiary, furnished the following information:

He was working in this canteen in April 1967. He often engraved inmates' register numbers on transistor radios purchased in the canteen by the inmates. He used a Model V-73 "Vibro-Graver" of the Burgess Vibrocrafter, Inc., to do the engraving.

Mr. LUCKE furnished for the use of the Federal Bureau of Investigation the "Vibro-Graver" used in the inmate canteen. He initialed the "Vibro-Graver" as the one which has been in use here since he came to the inmate canteen in July 1966. He is positive that the bit on the engraver now is the same bit which was on the engraver when he came here in 1966.

Mr. LUCKE used another engraver furnished him to engrave the number "00416" on the back of a "Channel Master" transistor radio case in an area marked #1, and marked with the initials "CRL."

The only persons he knows of who might have placed an inmate's number on a transistor radio purchased in the canteen in about April 1967, would have been himself, Mr. PAT RACKERS, since resigned, Mr. TOM ROBERTS, civilian employee presently confined in Memorial Community Hospital in Jefferson City, and two inmates who worked then in the canteen, AL PHASON and GUS LYONS.

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GUS LYONS, Register #01696, Missouri State Penitentiary, furnished the following information:

He has in the past used the electric engraver in the Inmate Canteen at the Penitentiary to engrave an inmate's number on a transistor radio purchased by the inmate. He could have made some number engravings on radios in 1967.

LYONS used a new electric engraver furnished him to engrave the number "00416" on the back side of a "Channel Master" transistor radio case in an area marked #3 and marked with the initials "GL."

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Date 6-3-681

Mr. PATRICK D. RACKERS, P.O. Box 2019, who is employed as an auditor for the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, from the Auditing Department, Kelly Springfield Tire Company, Box 300, Cumberland, Maryland, furnished the following information:

He was in charge of the Inmate Canteen at the Missouri State Penitentiary in April 1967. When inmates purchased radios at the canteen, the inmate's register number was engraved on the radio, usually by the civilian personnel employed at the canteen, with an electric engraving device known as a "Vibro-Graver." The employee who usually handled the engraving operation was Mr. CLARENCE R. LUCKE; however, it is possible that inmates employed in the canteen at that time, AL PHASON and GUS LYONS, or himself, or another civilian employee, TOM ROBERTS, would have done engraving on radios purchased by inmates. He knows of no other persons who would have done any engraving.

Mr. RACKERS used the "Vibro-Graver" obtained from the Missouri State Penitentiary Inmate Canteen on May 29, 1968, to engrave the number "00416" on the top of a "Channel Master" transistor radio case in an area designated #5 with the initials "P.R."

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