

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date September 3, 1968

PHYLLIS LEHNING, 925 Schubert, Apartment A, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at her residence. LEHNING advised she formerly resided at 2731 North Sheffield, in the front basement apartment. She stated she and her mother moved from that apartment on approximately May 10, 1967. She stated the apartment at 925 Schubert, was rented from May 1, 1967, to the present.

LEHNING stated she could not recall anyone moving into the rear basement apartment at 2731 North Sheffield, at the approximate time they moved from their front basement apartment. LEHNING was shown photographs of the following individuals:

ROBERT T. KENNEDY, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
(FBI) Number 615590 A

FRANK GRUBZINSKI, FBI Number 959823 A

JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942 G

PHILLIP J. KURTZ, Chicago Police Department IR  
Number 50181

ROBERT I. CHERN, FBI Number 529026 D

WILLIE GENE DEERINGWATER, FBI Number 950024 F

LEHNING stated none of these individuals looked familiar to her.

On 8/24/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 44-1114

SAs JOSEPH M. BURKE

by ROBERT E. HALL

AMS/prk

Date dictated 8/29/68

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The following investigation was conducted  
by SA JOSEPH M. BURKE on August 24, 1968:

A check of the public telephones located  
in the M. SARNATZKY Pharmacy, 1000 West Diversey Parkway,  
determined the numbers of these telephones are 348-9470,  
and 348-9471.

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1Date 9/3/68

Mr. JAMES E. ABBOTT, President of Nelson Chevrolet, 1002 West Diversy, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at his place of employment. Mr. ABBOTT advised an individual named GEORGE WASHINGTON WACHS, Jr. was employed by the Nelson Chevrolet Company from May 1, 1967, to August 9, 1967. He was dismissed for excessive absenteeism.

Mr. ABBOTT checked the employment records for WACHS and determined that at the time he was hired he resided at 3308 West Wellington. Mr. ABBOTT made xerox copies of a sheet entitled Social Security information containing background information on GEORGE WACHS and a copy of an application for position also containing background information on GEORGE WACHS.

Mr. ABBOTT stated he does not know the current location of GEORGE WACHS.

On 8/25/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 44-1114

by SAs WILLIAM J. DOWNEY, Jr. and  
SA JOSEPH H. DUNN/cas

Date dictated 8/30/68

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INVESTIGATION AT 1600 WEST LANE

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/3/68

LOLA BALLARD DESPINS, Day Clerk at the Lincoln Apartment Hotel, 1848 West Lunt, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at her place of employment. DESPINS was shown a xerox copy of Registration Card Number 8075. She advised this card was made out by her and the person registering filled out the name, the street, the city and the state.

DESPINS stated she recalls the individual named on this card, JOHN L. RAYNE; however, she can not recall the individual's facial features. Mrs. DESPINS was shown photographs of the following individuals:

ROBERT T. KENNERY, FBI Number 615590A

FRANK GRUDEINSKI, FBI Number 959323A

JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942G

PHILLIP J. KURTZ, Chicago Police Department IR No. 80181

ROBERT I. CHERN, FBI Number 539026D

WILLIE G. DEERINGWATER, FBI Number 956024F

Mrs. DESPINS stated none of these individuals looked familiar to her.

Mrs. DESPINS made available a ledger sheet for room number 105 for June, 1967. This sheet shows room number 105 was rented on June 18, 1967. The amount for this rental was a total of \$13.61. A notation on June 19, 1967 shows "checked out". Mrs. DESPINS advised this means the person renting the room on June 18, 1967, checked out on June 19, 1967. She stated this person did not come by the desk and did not get back his \$1.00 deposit.

Mrs. DESPINS stated she recalled that the individual who rented the room came to the desk, signed the registration card, then went outside. When he came inside to

On 6/26/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 44-1114

by SA WILLIAM J. DORNEY, Jr. and  
SA JOSEPH H. BONES/cas

Date dictated 6/30/68

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sign the registration card, he had no luggage. However, when he walked around the windows on the outside to go to his apartment, she recalled he was carrying a suitcase.

Mr. DEEPINS did not see anyone with Mr. RAYNE and she did not know him to have any visitors; however, his apartment is entered from the rear of the building and visitors would not come past the desk where she works.

Mrs. DEEPINS advised room 105 is a small room with a small bed, chest of drawers, and table. The occupants of room 105 share a bath with other roomers in the area.

Mrs. DEEPINS reviewed the ledger sheet for room 105 for June, 1967, and determined Mr. RAYNE did not make any long distance phone calls or any phone calls which were reported on this ledger sheet.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 2, 1968

**Mrs. MAYE CAMPA, Manager, Lincoln Apartment Hotel, 1648 West Lunt, Chicago, Illinois, telephone number BG 4-9966, was interviewed at her place of employment. Mrs. CAMPA was shown photographs of the following individuals:**

**ROBERT T. KENNEDY, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Number 415490 A**

**FRANK CHURKINSKI, FBI Number 253025 A**

**JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 439442 A**

**PHILLIP JOSEPH HUNTS, Chicago Police Department IR Number 80181**

**ROBERT I. CHEN, FBI Number 539036 B**

**WILLIE G. WARRINGHAM, FBI Number 930034 F**

**Mrs. CAMPA advised none of these photographs looked familiar to her.**

**Mrs. CAMPA reviewed the registration cards for May, and June, 1967; card number 2075 reflected that a person named JOHN L. RAYNE, address 3731 North Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois, checked into room number 105 on June 18, 1967. This man was checked in by clerk LOLA MILLARD. The registration card is marked "rented for one week".**

**Mrs. CAMPA advised she was not familiar with the person named JOHN L. RAYNE, who stayed in room 105 as per the above information. Mrs. CAMPA advised the clerk, LOLA MILLARD, still works at the Lincoln Apartment Hotel and has remarried, her married name being SHUPINE.**

**Mrs. CAMPA made available registration card 2075 to the interviewing Agents.**

On 8/24/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 44-1114

by SAs JOSEPH E. FURIE  
ROBERT E. HALL JEB/pch Date dictated 8/29/68

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LABORATORY REPORTS REGARDING RESTAURANT PAY CHECKS

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

## REPORT

### IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

#### LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 44-1114  
FBI FILE NO. 44-38861  
LATENT CASE NO. 91075

August 30, 1968

TO: SAC, Chicago

RE: MURKIN  
CR

REFERENCE: Airtel 8-23-68  
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Chicago  
SPECIMENS: Eight payroll checks of Indian Trail Restaurant, Inc.,  
Q398 through Q405  
Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate, Q406

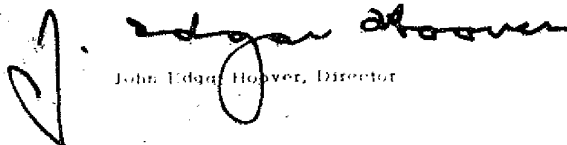
Specimens examined and one latent fingerprint of value developed on check, Q404.

See attached page for result of comparison.

Specimens enclosed.

Laboratory report separate.

Enc. (9)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)

  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Your File No. 44-1114  
FBI File No. 44-38861  
Latent Case No. 91075

August 30, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G

The latent print developed on the check #5283, Q404,  
is identical with the right thumbprint of James Earl Ray.

The check is enclosed.

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**REPORT  
of the**



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Re: **MURKIN  
CR**

Date: **September 4, 1968**  
 FBI File No. **44-38861**  
 Lab. No. **D-680826086 JK  
D-680826161 JK**

Specimens received **8/26/68, from FBI, Chicago**

**Eight payroll checks of Indian Trail Restaurant, Inc., payable to JOHN RAYNS or JOHN L. RAYNS, further described as follows:**

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Q398	4838	5/7/67	\$84.89
Q399	4913	5/14/67	84.89
Q400	4987	5/21/67	84.89
Q401	5058	5/28/67	84.89
Q402	5130	6/4/67	89.63
Q403	5209	6/11/67	89.63
Q404	5283	6/18/67	95.19
Q405	5357	6/25/67	77.53

**Q406 Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate dated May 10, 1967, bearing Social Security Number  and signed "John L. Rayns"**

**Specimens received 8/26/68, from FBI, Chicago**

**Q407 Sheet from rooming house ledger, page 13, bearing on line 24 the signature "John Larry Rayms"**

**Q408 Registration card, No. 8075, dated 6/18/67, bearing the signature "John L. Rayns"**

**Result of examination:**

**It was concluded that JAMES EARL RAY, K171, K211 and K257 prepared the questioned Rayms signature on Q407; the questioned handwriting on Q408 and the questioned handwriting and hand printing on Q406. Although significant similarities were noted in the endorsements on Q398 through Q405, except the**

**Page 1 (continued on next page)**

endorsement on Q403, when compared with the known writings of RAY, the presence of unexplained variations, insufficient comparable material and distortion in some of the questioned endorsements precluded a definite determination as to whether RAY prepared the endorsements on Q398 through Q405.

The endorsement on Q403 is too distorted for comparison purposes. Although some similarities were noted in the date on line 24 on Q407 beside the Rayms signature when compared with the comparable writing of RAY, the limited and over-written nature of this date precluded a definite determination as to whether RAY prepared this date.

Q398 through Q408 have been photographed and will be returned to Chicago separately.

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Date: 10/4/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel to the Bureau dated 9/27/68.

SI 1614-C advised suspects JOHN MC CLINTOCK, HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON, and DELMAR GRINDSTAFF have strong connections with LEON KOHLER, known fence operating, Cottage Hills, Illinois. KOHLER reputed to get 10 per cent of all their take in any criminal activities as repayment for fence merchandise and for providing bond money when needed. Informant states KOHLER will not talk to anyone but he is alleged to have advised suspects not to spend bank robbery loot for at least two years.

SI 1552-C advised his information still indicates MC CLINTOCK and COVINGTON as prime suspects in BR at Bank of Alton, 7/13/68; but JAMES EARL RAY not in area at time of BR.

Bank employees and law enforcement agencies can provide no current or additional information in this matter.

3-Bureau (44-38861)  
②-Memphis (44-1987)  
3-Springfield (2:44-561)  
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KC 44-760

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA WEETER S. POND:

AT LIBERTY, MISSOURI

On October 2, 1968, R. H. WELLS, jailer, Clay County Jail, Liberty, Missouri, advised that FRED ALEXANDER MICHAELSON desired to talk to an FBI Agent. Several prisoners have commented that MICHAELSON has claimed to be psychic in making predictions of such things as aircraft disasters, but such predictions cannot be made without a ball-point pen. Such pens have not been recently available to MICHAELSON.

On October 2, 1968, FRED ALEXANDER MICHAELSON was interviewed at the Clay County Jail, Liberty, Missouri, and he related the following information:

He has vital information concerning the assassinations of JOHN F. KENNEDY on November 22, 1963, MARTIN LUTHER KING on April 3, 1968, and the subsequent shocking news of ROBERT KENNEDY. His information "goes to the scale of great national importance." He has realized the information has been held too long, but he refused to discuss it any further while confined to the jail. His health has been impaired while in the jail, and efforts have been made without success to get into a Veterans Hospital. MICHAELSON denied using the aforementioned information as an attempt to bargain for his release from the jail but added that he definitely will not discuss the matter while in jail. He will make a full disclosure if and when he is incarcerated in a Federal penitentiary or hospital where he can obtain treatment for his nervous stomach.

MICHAELSON has been confined in jail for more than fourteen months waiting trial, and his arraignment on local charges was about one year ago. He has been charged with the sales and attempted sales of rented automobiles. Delay of his trial on the local charges has been caused by his change of lawyers, two of whom withdrew because of his uncooperative attitude.

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A Federal Grand Jury in the District of Kansas, on December 13, 1967, returned a three count Indictment charging MICHAELSON with violations of Title 18, Section 2314, U. S. Code, in connection with interstate forged checks. A Federal detainer was filed on December 26, 1967. His photograph was selected and identified by numerous witnesses as the passer of forged checks, and his fingerprints were identified with latent impressions found on two of the checks described in the Indictment. At the time of his arrest by local authorities, he had possession of the identification used when the forged checks were cashed.

Efforts are being made to have the Office of the United States Attorney, District of Kansas, obtain a writ for MICHAELSON's appearance in Federal Court for a guilty plea.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 10/4/68

Enclosed are eight copies of an insert reflecting information regarding FRED ALEXANDER MICHAELSON, also known as MICHAEL MUNSON, FBI #2 914 E.

Kansas City case Agent handling the ITSP investigation will follow this matter and will furnish Memphis with any pertinent information which might be obtained through subsequent interviews with MICHAELSON. Kansas City is taking no immediate action because of MICHAELSON's attitude and inasmuch as he has made claims of being psychic. It will be noted MICHAELSON was incarcerated at Missouri State Penitentiary from about 6/25/65, to about 8/26/66.

2 - Memphis (Encs. 8) *ll*  
3 - Kansas City  
    (2 - 44-760)  
    (1 - 87-21205)  
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

FBI

Date: 10/11/68

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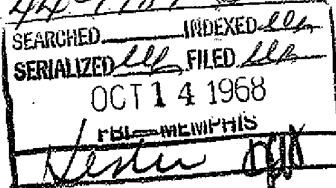
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel dated 10/4/68.

SI 1614-C, who has been devoting a great deal of time to captioned matter, hospitalized for arthritis of the spine and unable to make any inquiry during past week.

ROBERT L. STANTON, previously mentioned by East Alton Police Department as possible suspect in band robbery, recontacted at Madison County Jail, Edwardsville; states he wishes to furnish information he feels will be of assistance as soon as burglary trial completed. Case due to go to jury today. STANTON will be recontacted early next week.

Recontact with bank officials and police agencies during past week unproductive.



3-Bureau (44-38861)  
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10/18/68

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

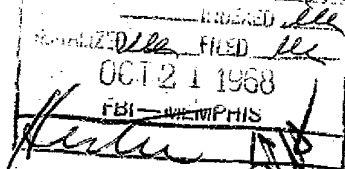
Re Springfield airtel dated 10/11/68.

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ROBERT L. STANTON reinterviewed at Madison County Jail, Edwardsville, Illinois; could provide no information of value in instant matter or in robbery of the Bank of Alton. PCI HELEN GRABLE advised she is close to JOHN MC CLINTOCK, but he has made no statements regarding bank robbery when topic is brought up in conversation.

Continuing investigation including recontact of bank officials and liaison with law enforcement agencies essence negative.

3 - Bureau (44-38861)  
② - Memphis (44-1987)  
3 - Springfield (44-561)  
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10/25/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel to the Bureau 10/18/68.

SUMMARY AIRTEL

Contact with uncle of JAMES EARL RAY, with law enforcement agencies and informants provided no new information relating to robbery of The Bank of Alton on 7/13/67 or possible connection in robbery of RAY. Persons contacted are as follows:

WILLIAM MAHER  
712 Brown Street  
Alton, Illinois

Chief WILLIAM H. PETERSEN (NA)  
Alton PD

Chief Deputy Sheriff  
FRANK SCHMIDT  
Madison County Sheriff's Office  
Edwardsville

WILLIAM BEARDSMORE  
Executive Vice-President  
The Bank of Alton

SI 1614-C  
SI 1552-C  
PCI HELEN GRABLE  
PCI LARRY R. HANNS.

- 3 - Bureau (44-38861)
- ② - Memphis (44-1987)
- 3 - Springfield (2: 44-561)  
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Date: 11/1/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel dated 10/25/68.

Informants, bank officials, and police agencies advise no information has come to their attention in past week pertaining to bank robbery at The Bank of Alton July 13, 1967, or with regard to JAMES EARL RAY.

Considerable speculation expressed concerning validity of up coming Look magazine articles which have been publicized in local newspapers in past week.

RALPH PAGE and DONALD JOHN RAIN, arrested St. Louis County, Missouri, on armed robbery charges; believed possible bank robbery suspects by officers Alton Police Department.

Separate communication being submitted St. Louis by Springfield to have suspects interviewed.

- 3 - Bureau (44-38861)(RM)  
② - Memphis (44-1987)(RM)  
3 - Springfield (44-561)  
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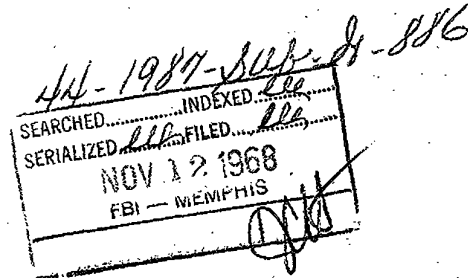
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel to Bureau dated 11/1/68.

Contacts with bank officials, law enforcement agencies, and informants during past week unproductive.

Photographs of RALPH PAGE and DONALD JOHN RAIN displayed to witnesses at Bank of Alton; however, no positive identification made.

3-Bureau (44-38861)  
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Date: 11/15/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel to the Bureau dated 11/8/68.

Investigation at Alton and vicinity during past week has produced no new information concerning JAMES EARL RAY or his alleged complicity in robbery The Bank of Alton, 7/13/67.

Independent investigation being conducted to verify statements attributed to RAY appearing in Look magazine articles.

Since all logical investigation conducted on continuing basis in effort to resolve possible complicity of RAY in Robbery The Bank of Alton and since investigation failed to establish nexus between the two, weekly airtel summaries are being discontinued by the Springfield Division UACB.

3 - Bureau (44-38861)  
② - Memphis (44-1987)  
3 - Springfield (2: 44-561)  
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RE: BU AIRTEL DTD 11/3/86

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Special Agent in Charge

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MEMPHIS</b>	DATE <b>NOV 27 1968</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>11/20-21/68</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>JAMES EARL RAY, aka; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.- VICTIM</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA ALBERT B. MILLER</b>	TYPED BY <b>bab</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>CR - CONSPIRACY UFAC - ROBBERY</b>	

REFERENCE:

Bureau airtel, 11/14/68.

- RUC -

ENCLOSURES:TO MEMPHIS

Provincial Motel, New Orleans, Louisiana, original data as follows:

1. Complete telephone bills, 3 pages of which have been xeroxed in this report, dated 12/19/67 (7 pages)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			
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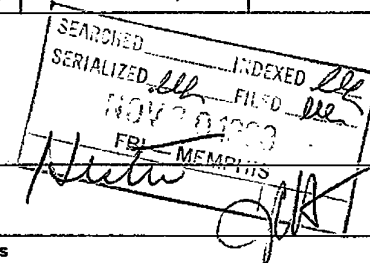
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SPECIAL AGENT  
IN CHARGE

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COPIES MADE:

- 4 - Bureau (44-38861)  
 3 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc-153) (RM)  
 2 - Mobile  
 2 - Omaha (Enc-2)  
 2 - San Diego (Enc-1)  
 2 - New Orleans (157-10673)



## Dissemination Record of Attached Report

## Notations

Agency					
Request Recd.	1 cc fwd to Phil M Canale Jr, State atty Gen, Shelby Co. 7m				
Date Fwd.	1-21-69				
How Fwd.	ind. from progress conf. ind.				
By					

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NO 157-10673

and 1/19/68 (11 pages).

2. Nine (9) work sheets. (Xeroxed in this report.)
3. 142 registration cards. (Xeroxed in this report.)

As indicated in instant report this material is to be returned to Mr. BRYAN DUPEPE, owner manager of the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, La., when it has served its purpose. On 11/30/68 SA ALBERT B. MILLER, FBI, New Orleans, La., gave Mr. DUPEPE a receipt to that effect, a copy of which is NO 157-10673-1A68

TO OMAHA

One copy of Buairtel dated 11/14/68 .(NO 157-10673-1198)  
One copy of New Orleans airtel, 5/7/68. (NO 157-10673-851)

TO SAN DIEGO

One copy of Buairtel 11/14/68. (NO 157-10673-1198)

LEADS:

MOBILE

AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. Will locate and interview H. R. QUINN and JOE LACEY, JR., 1211 Westmoreland, Montgomery, Ala., make of car S.W. (probably station wagon), Alabama license 3-2146, 2 in party.

OMAHA

AT SIOUX CITY, IOWA. Will locate and interview Mr. and Mrs. DONALD C. (illegible) SMITH, 3319 Dodge Ave., Sioux City, Iowa, no car or license indicated, 2 in party.

SAN DIEGO

AT LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA. Will locate and interview Mr. and Mrs. VIRGIL L. LARSON, 5646 Taft Avenue, LaJolla, California, arrived by taxi, 2 in party.

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NO 157-10673

Will locate and interview Mrs. LOUISE LARSON, 5231 LaJolla Boulevard, LaJolla, California, arrived by taxi, 1 in party.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The Bureau and Memphis will recall that New Orleans report of SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER, 4/29/68, (NO 157-10673-802) sets forth investigation at the Provincial Motel and information regarding motel records as furnished by owner manager, DUPEPE at that time.

New Orleans airtel 5/7/68 (NO 157-10673-851) to Memphis and other offices, including Mobile and San Diego, set forth leads to have the motel registrants interviewed.

As indicated in instant report Mr. DUPEPE has located additional motel registrants.

In view of the instructions set forth in re Buairtel 11/14/68 (NO 157-10673-1198) New Orleans is not setting forth leads to interview all the registrants not previously interviewed. However, because of the proximity of certain registrants, i.e., the LARSONs, the SMITHs and QUINN and LACEY, New Orleans has set forth leads to interview them. These interviews should be conducted along the lines set forth in New Orleans airtel 5/7/68. To possibly identify some of the long distance calls shown in this report they should be asked whether they made calls or know anyone who did. Also during the interviews they should be questioned for possible identification of "RAOUL".

Mobile, Omaha and San Diego will submit results of investigation by report rather than insert.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

## Copy to:

Report of: SA ALBERT B. MILLER                      Office: NEW ORLEANS  
Date: NOV 27 1968  
Field Office File #: NO 157-10673                      Bureau File #: 44-38861  
Title: JAMES EARL RAY;  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: Records of Provincial Motel, New Orleans, La., indicate RAY using alias of GALT, stayed at the motel December 17-19, 1967. Data concerning occupants of motel December 14-22, 1967, obtained. It shows RAY as GALT was in Room 126. Prior to RAY occupying Room 126 it was occupied by H. R. QUINN and JOE LACEY, JR., 1211 Westmoreland, Montgomery, Ala., make of car S.W. (probably station wagon), Alabama license 3-2146, 2 in party. While RAY was in Room 126 Mr. and Mrs. DONALD C. (illegible) SMITH, 3319 Dodge Avenue, Sioux City, Iowa, 2 in party, occupied Room 125 which is next to Room 126. Mrs. LOUISE LARSON, 5231 LaJolla Blvd., LaJolla, Calif., 1 in party, registered in Room 126, 12/19/67, after RAY checked out of Room 126. Probably with Mrs. LARSON, occupying a nearby room, were Mr. and Mrs. VIRGIL L. LARSON, 5646 Taft Ave., LaJolla, Calif., 2 in party. It would appear the three LARSONs arrived by taxi rather than personal car. Toll cards December 14-22, 1967, from public phone at Provincial Motel not available. Clerk who registered RAY and owner-operator of laundry and dry cleaning which does work for Provincial Motel interviewed and no additional info obtained.

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DETAILS: AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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Date 11/21/68

Mr. BRYAN DUPEPE, Owner Manager, Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, French Quarter, New Orleans, Louisiana, was contacted concerning guests residing at the motel during the period December 17-19, 1967, which was when JAMES EARL RAY was reportedly registered at the Provincial Motel as ERIC S. GALT, and for guests residing at the motel three days before, i.e., December 14-16, and three days after, i.e., December 20-22, 1967.

After an exhaustive search of motel records, Mr. DUPEPE made available the following work sheets and motel registration cards and long distance phone bills which have been xeroxed and are attached. The originals are being retained in the files of the Memphis Office of the FBI and are to be returned to Mr. DUPEPE after they have served their purpose.

In explanation of the records Mr. DUPEPE furnished the following information:

Each workday has a work sheet. The date is shown at the top, e.g., Thursday, December 14, 1967. The entries on the sheet are made by the morning desk clerk and the afternoon desk clerk. The numbers on top of the sheet, e.g., 36967-36975, are ledger numbers and are used for internal bookkeeping purposes. The other numbers, e.g., X 12, S/O 17, R 8, T 25, mean 12 rooms are ready because the occupants have paid and checked out, 17 persons are staying over, 8 rooms were rented the day in question, and a total of 25 rooms were occupied the day in question.

In further explanation, using the Thursday, December 14, 1967, work sheet as an example, Mr. DUPEPE explained, Room 101 was not rented although as indicated by the circle it was ready for renting. S/O, staying over in Room 102 was TAGLAVORE. Further down in the rooms, room 109 was rented for the first time on December 14, 1967 to JOHNSON. The number 36968, under JOHNSON, means that was his ledger card number. Each guest is assigned a

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by SA ALBERT B. MILLER /bab Date dictated 11/20/68

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ledger card whereon are recorded charges for room, food, beverage, valet and phone calls. All the ledger cards for December, 1967, have been destroyed and whatever charges each guest had are unavailable at the motel. All these services are rendered by the motel except valet which is handled by Lee Laundry and Cleaners, 830 Chartres Street. Every two weeks or so this company sends the motel individual slips showing valet work done for the applicable room. These slips are checked against valet slips in the motel and are then destroyed at the motel. Mr. DUPEPE advised he does not know what records Lee Laundry and Cleaners maintain.

As far as telephone calls are concerned local calls are dialed through the switchboard at the motel and the phone company has no record of them. Collect long distance calls going out are not recorded at the motel. Other long distance calls going out and collect calls coming in are paid by the motel and recorded. These are recorded by the switchboard operator at the motel and then checked against the monthly bill submitted by the phone company. The calls for December, 1967, recorded by the motel switchboard operator have been destroyed. Mr. DUPEPE made available the phone bill dated December 19, 1967 which shows long distance calls from November 9, 1967 to December 18, 1967. Page 7 a copy of which is attached shows calls from December 11, 1967 to December 18, 1967 and one for December 3, 1967. Pages 1 and 2 of the following month's bill, dated January 19, 1968, shows calls from December 19, 1967 to part of December 25, 1967 and one for December 8, 1967. Mr. DUPEPE explained occasionally, such as December 8, 1967 in this instance, a call is not recorded in the period of the bill. The check marks against the amounts shows these have been checked against the individual ledgers. Mr. DUPEPE stated from the phone bill he has no way to determine from which rooms the calls were made. The ledger cards, which have been destroyed, would have shown that information.

Further in regard to phone calls, Mr. DUPEPE advised the motel has only one public pay phone. This is located in the motel's outdoor alcove between the office and the swimming pool. The phone number is 523-8802.

The procedure for registering at the motel is as follows, Mr. DUPEPE explained: If a guest has a reservation



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notice of the reservation is kept at the registration desk. At the time the guest comes in the work sheet is consulted and the guest assigned the appropriate room. The guest then normally fills out a registration card. In a rare instance the card is filled out by the clerk. After the card is filled out the reservation notification is generally stapled to the registration card. After it has served its purpose and prior to filing, the reservation notification is taken from the registration card and destroyed. The registration card, copies of which have been xeroxed and are attached, are filed. If the registration card bears the imprint of a staple in all probability that person had a reservation. Generally speaking if the card bears no such imprint chances are the person had no reservation. Mr. DUPEPE explained this is no hard and fast rule because the reservation notification could have been fastened to the registration card by paper clip. Generally written on the bottom of the card is the time or, at least tentative time the registrant will check out.

Concerning the work sheet, taking December 14 again as an example, Mr. DUPEPE stated Rooms 116 and 220 are not rented and the "H" means hold and as indicated they required plumbing work.

Xeroxed and attached are work sheets for December 14, 1967, through December 22, 1967. Motel registration cards which are xeroxed and attached were located for everyone on the work sheets except Room 115 HIGGINS on December 14, 1967, Room 112 FISHER and Room 234 MADDEN on December 21, 1967, and no registration card was found for CRISSEY, Room 212, on December 22, 1967. Information regarding BRANCH and PRUET is set forth herein. Mr. DUPEPE advised in all probability data are misfiled among the various records of the motel.

It is observed there is a registration card for Mr. and Mrs. BARNEY BRANCH, 4334 Stern Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California, 1968 Chevrolet, license US 6320, California; (not too legible), on December 14, 1967, Room 108, but the work sheet shows that room vacant. Written in but erased appears to be BRANT (not too legible) and in all probability they registered and then decided they did not want the room.

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Further in connection with registrations, the work sheet for December 15, 1967 shows one PRUET in Room 217. There is no registration card for him however, which indicates the room was reserved for him but he did not show. Mr. DUPEPE advised there are two PRUETS who occasionally stay at the Provincial Motel. One of them is JIM PRUET, 3130 SW Freeway, Houston, Texas, believed to be in the electronics business. The other PRUET is from Dallas, Texas, and is known as JAMES PRUET. Off hand the address and business connection of JAMES PRUET of Dallas are not available to Mr. DUPEPE.

Specifically in regard to GALT, Mr. DUPEPE advised as follows:

The work sheet for Sunday, December 17, 1967, is where GALT first appears. This is indicated by Room 126. The R, as previously explained, means December 17 is the first day he rented the room. The 2 by his name means either he said he wanted the room for 2 days or that a reservation had come in and that because of the reservation the room would be available only for 2 days. The number under GALT, i.e., 37263, means GALT had a ledger card with that number on it. The ledger card which has been previously explained has been destroyed. Mr. DUPEPE stated from the writing GALT on the work sheet it appears to him that Mr. B. C. DUKE, a clerk at the motel, registered GALT.

In connection with the 2 days as above, the registration card of Mr. and Mrs. VIRGIL L. LARSON, 5646 Taft Avenue, LaJolla, California, 92037, bears the imprint of a staple indicating, according to DUPEPE, they had a reservation for December 19, 1967 as shown on the card. With them was probably Mrs. LOUISE LARSON, 5231 LaJolla Boulevard, LaJolla, California, 92037, who registered in Room 126, December 19, 1967, after GALT checked out of Room 126. The cards indicate the LARSONS arrived by taxi rather than personal car. Mr. and Mrs. LARSON as indicated by the card and work sheets were moved from Room 124 to Room 125 on December 20, 1967, apparently to be next to Mrs. LOUISE LARSON who was in Room 126. Rooms 124 and 125 have a connecting door. Rather than the 3 LARSONS occupying Rooms 124 and 125 it would be \$6 cheaper for Mr. and Mrs. VIRGIL L. LARSON to move into Room 125 instead of Mrs. LOUISE LARSON moving from 126 into 125.

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In connection with the physical layout of the rooms it was observed Room 126 is in the back of the motel and on the first floor. It fronts on the parking area. Room 126 is a two level room 10 feet by 10 feet and has a spiral stairway to an upper bedroom. In other words, it has two beds, one on the first floor and one up the spiral stairway. Next to Room 126 on the first floor is Room 125. Room 125 has one level only and is the only room next to the lower level of Room 126. Next to the upper level of Room 126 is Room 234.

The work sheet for Sunday, December 17, 1967, which indicates GALT checked in that day, shows SMITH was in Room 125 as a stay over. The work sheet for Friday, December 15, 1967 shows SMITH first checked in Room 125 on December 15, 1967. SMITH is last shown on the work sheets on December 19, 1967 which according to DUPEPE means in all probability SMITH checked out on December 20, 1967. It would therefore appear SMITH was next to GALT all the time GALT was in the Provincial Motel, i.e., December 17 - 19, 1967. The registration cards shown SMITH to be Mr. and Mrs. DONALD C. (illegible) SMITH, 3319 Dodge Avenue, Sioux City, Iowa, no car or license indicated.

It is observed that none of the registration cards have anything written on the back of them such as check out time. In connection with times, Mr. DUPEPE explained, the time of registration is not recorded nor is the time of check out. Check out time is 1:00 PM, but occasionally people stay over the check out time so he cannot say exactly when anyone checked out. Mr. DUPEPE advised he previously furnished the FBI the registration card of GALT. From the work sheets, however, particularly since GALT is shown on two days, i.e., December 17 and 18, 1968, and not on December 19, 1968, it would appear he checked out of the motel on December 19 prior to 1:00 PM. The next occupant of this room, Room 126, was Mrs. LOUISE LARSON on December 19, 1967.

As to who was in Room 126 immediately prior to GALT, it is noted this would be nobody as indicated by the work sheet for Saturday, December 16, 1967. QUINN and LACEY and stay over were written on the work sheet for that day for Room 126 but erased. It is observed from the work sheet of Thursday, December 14, 1967, that QUINN and LACEY first

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rented Room 126 that day. The registration card indicates they, however, checked out Saturday, December 16, the day before GALT was assigned Room 126. The registration card shows QUINN and LACEY to be H. R. QUINN and JOE LACEY, JR., 1211 Westmoreland, Montgomery, Alabama, make of car S. W. (probably stationwagon), Alabama license 3-2146.

In regard to Room 234, immediately above GALT's room 126, it is observed from the work sheets that this room was unoccupied Sunday, December 17, 1967, the day GALT checked into Room 126. Work sheets from December 14, 1967 which are attached indicate it was unoccupied from that day on until December 21, 1967 when it was occupied by MADDEN for the first time. No registration card could be located for MADDEN, it apparently having been misfiled according to DUPEPE. Work sheets prior to December 14, 1967, available in Provincial Motel records, i.e., December 13, 1967 back to December 8, 1967 show Room 234 to be unoccupied. Mr. DUPEPE explained from Thanksgiving roughly to the Christmas weekend business is generally slack and for that reason Room 234 was unoccupied as indicated.

In regard to auto parking, the motel has a parking area, which is all open, and which Room 126 fronts. This parking area is free to all guests and guests use it particularly because it is available and parking in the French Quarter, where the Provincial Motel is located, is very limited. Other motels in the immediate area have parking that entails attendants handling the cars.

Mr. DUPEPE advised the name "RAOUL" meant nothing to him.

# LIST OF CALLS

SEE REVERSE FOR EXPLANATION

DATE	PLACE CALLED	LC	AMOUNT	YOUR NUMBER
1211	LANCASTER OHIO 614 653 0032	1K	245	224 6446
1211	SLOUX FLS SDAK 605 338 4995	1S	175	
1212	BATONROUGE LA 355 6706	1S	155	
1212	EM BATONRU LA	1S	05	
1213	MORRISTOWN NJ 201 539 0804	1S	595	
1213	NIAGARA FLS NY 716 282 0367	1S	110	
1213	LACKLAND TEX 512 674 2916	1S	85	
1215	CHARLESTON W VA 304 346 6538	1S	250	
1215	CINCINNATI OHIO 513 922 8857	1S	270	
1216	MONTGOMERY ALA 205 262 5180	1S	168	
1216	OCEAN SPRGS MISS 601 875 5493	1S	50	
1218	BATTLESBG MISS 601 583 4094	1S	165	
1218	PATTERSON LA 395 5296	1S	98	
1203	NEW ALBANY OHIO 614 855 1101	1S	130	224 6447

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TOTAL EXCISE TAX

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DATE	PLACE CALLED	TIME	AMOUNT	YOUR NUMBER
12-06	NEW ORLEANS LA	522 9512	20	12
12-06	CHICAGO ILL			
12-19	DOWNERS GRY ILL	312 964 1519	11	
12-19	CHARLESTON VA	804 246 6528	11	
12-19	MOBILE ALA	205 473 3425	11	
12-19	KANSAS CITY MO	816 278 2731	11	
12-19	BLUE ASH OHIO	513 793 1250	11	
12-20	PEORIA ILL	309 685 6541	11	
12-20	MINNEAPOLIS MINN	612 884 3726	11	
12-21	WASHINGTON DC	202 387 2094	11	
12-21	ATLANTA GA	404 768 5337	11	
12-21	HARTFORD CT	603 569 4074	11	
12-21	DAYTON OHIO	904 767 5705	11	
12-21	MEMPHIS TENN	901 275 8436	11	
12-22	DENVER COLO	303 368 2522	11	

TOTAL EXCL. TAX

**FREE TAX**

STORAGE:



# LIST OF CALLS

T & C - SEE REVERSE FOR EXPLANATION

DATE	PLACE CALLED	T	C	AMOUNT	YOUR NUMBER
1222	ENTERPRISE ALA 205 347 6885	1B		90	524 6446
1222	GREENFIELD IOWA 515 743 2015	1S		90	✓
1222	MINNEAPOLIS MINN 612 823 5774	1B		75	✓
1223	ENGLEWOOD NJ 201 568 5749	1B		85	✓
1223	ENGLEWOOD NJ 201 568 5749	1B		75	✓
1223	MIAMI FLA 305 866 5488	1B		105	✓
1224	GROVEPORT OHIO 614 836 5933	1B		90	✓
1224	OSAGE BEACH MO 314 348 2223	1C		330	✓
1224	DEBARY FLA 305 668 6788	1C		285	✓
1224	ROME IT	1K		900	✓
1225	NATCHEZ MISS 601 442 6221	1B		65	✓
1225	FARMINGTON MICH 313 476 3409	1C		205	✓
1225	SHREVEPORT LA 318 686 6244	1S		82	✓
1225	MANHATTAN KANS 913 778 3674	1B		110	✓
1225	KANSAS CITY MO 816 363 6217	1B		70	✓

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TOTAL EXCL. TAX

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X 12 SIO 17 R 8 T 20 36967-3

101		112	X R HARTMAN 36975	204
102	SIO TAGLAVORE FROM 112	113	SIO FAGER	205
103		114	X R TIDE BACK 36369	206
104	9/0 BIZER	115	9/0 HIGGINS	207
105	8	116	X H-PLUMBER	208
106	8	117	9/0 EASTERWOOD	209
107	9/0 RAWSON	118	R WALSH 36967	210
108	<del>3</del> 3	124		211
109	R JOHNSON 36968-	125		212
110	9/0 SCANTON CLINE	126	X R QUINN LACY 36971	213
111	5/0 REED	201	9/0 EASTERWOOD	214
		202	9/0 MOLAUSKI	215
		203	9/0 WATTERS	216



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112	<del>X</del> R <sup>3</sup> HARTMAN 36975	204	S/O PETHOUSEK	<del>X</del> 217
113	S/O FAGER	205		218
114	<del>X</del> R <sup>2</sup> TIDEBACK 36369	<del>X</del> 206	3	S/O <sup>3</sup> KRAMER
115	S/O HIGGINS	207		<del>X</del> 220 H PLUMBER
116	<del>X</del> H-PLUMBER	208		S/O DIETZ
117	S/O <sup>2</sup> EASTERWOOD	209	R <sup>1</sup> Davis 36974	221 3
118	R WALSH 36967	210	8	222
124		211	8	223
125		212	3	224
126	<del>X</del> R <sup>2</sup> Quinn LACY 36971	213	S/O <sup>2</sup> MURRAY	225
201	S/O EASTERWOOD	214	S/O <sup>2</sup> SALTZMAN	231
202	S/O <sup>4</sup> MOLAUSKI	215	<del>X</del> R <sup>4</sup> PELHAM 36972	232
203	S/O <sup>2</sup> WATTERS	216	<del>X</del> R <sup>2</sup> RECTOR 36973	233
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# PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Address

City

# Representing

Make of Car

License No

State

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

# PROVINCIAL MOTEL

1259

Presenting

### Make of Car

License No

State

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## REGISTER

## PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Michael ROLOSON  
Address 539 DUMAINE ST  
City NEW ORLEANS State LA  
Representing \_\_\_\_\_  
Make of Car Ford License No. \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12/3/67	2	107	16.00	.88	16.88	—

TVE

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

[illegible]

10/11 (SARAFI)

12-10-67 2 710 1/1 83 113

Date Party No. Room Rate

Make of Car License No. State

Representing

City

Address

Name JACK CLINE

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

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CLINE

CLINE





# PROVINCIAL MOTEL

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# PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Address

City

## Representing

Make of Car

License No

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Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-12-67	2	112	1500	83	1583	15.83
			(FRI)			

# PROVINCIAL MOTEL

R. J. Tidbrack

TIDE BACK

B. Emerald

State Y orca

Car Buick

License No. 996603

State Idaho

[illegible]

# PROVINCIAL MOTEL

[illegible]



## REGISTER

## PROVINCIAL MOTEL

WATSH

Name Dr & Mrs C M WASH  
Address 2201 No. Lehigh Dr  
City North State Colorado  
Representing 2-8233  
Make of Car Lincoln License No. 2-8233 State Colo

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid in Advance
12-14-67	2	118	17	94	17.94	

## REGISTER

## PROVINCIAL MOTEL

H.R. Quinn  
Name JOE LACEY, JR -  
Address 1211 Westmoreland  
City Montgomery State Ala -  
Representing \_\_\_\_\_  
Make of Car SW License No. 3-2146 State Ala -

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-14-67	2	126	15.00	.83	15.83	—

X SUN

# PROVINCIAL MOTEL

[illegible]