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STEIN observed a photograph of RAY taken November 1967, in Mexico. She advised it was not a good likeness of RAY.

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MARIE MARTIN, St. Francis Hotel, Room 201, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, advised that she first met individual who introduced himself as ERIC GALT on or about December 14, 1967, in the Sultan Room, a bar at the St. Francis Hotel where she had been employed intermittently as a cocktail waitress. GALT, who had been drinking at the bar, carried on conversation with MARTIN while she was waiting on other customers. MARTIN asked GALT if he would drive her home. GALT asked where she lived, and she replied, New Orleans. GALT was agreeable and asked when MARTIN wanted to leave. MARTIN said she explained to GALT that her cousin, RITA STEIN, has two children in New Orleans and RITA wanted someone to take RITA to New Orleans and bring the children back to Los Angeles. RITA STEIN, who was also present at the bar, joined the conversation. RITA suggested that her brother, CHARLES STEIN, travel with GALT to New Orleans to pick up the children instead of RITA. RITA left the Sultan Room and returned a while later with her brother, CHARLES STEIN. Upon learning that RITA and MARTIN wanted CHARLES to go to New Orleans, GALT said he would make the trip if MARTIN and the two STEINS would register to vote and list the political party sponsoring former governor GEORGE C. WALLACE as their political candidate. MARTIN and the two STEINS agreed to the conditions set down by GALT and made arrangements to register the following day. The two STEINS left and GALT commented to MARTIN words to the effect that if this was a setup, he had a gun and would hurt CHARLES. The following morning GALT, accompanied by the two STEINS, picked up MARTIN at the St. Francis Hotel in GALT's Mustang and they drove together to the Voters Registration Office located on or near Lankershim Boulevard. MARTIN said that RITA came to her room unaccompanied by anyone else to advise her that ERIC GALT, CHARLES STEIN, and herself were ready to go register.

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At the Registration Office, MARTIN and the two STEINS registered and were issued registration receipts, however, GALT did not register. Upon completion of the registration, they drove together back to the St. Francis Hotel, at which time MARTIN went to her room and brought a box of clothing down to the car which she had requested to be delivered to her mother in New Orleans. Her mother, LORRAINE CALLAWAY, resides at 611 Bartholomew Street, New Orleans. The box of clothing was placed in GALT's car and GALT and the two STEINS left.

About a week later, MARTIN said she saw GALT again in front of the St. Francis Hotel for the first time since his return from New Orleans. GALT asked MARTIN if she was short of money and pressed a twenty dollar bill into her hand. Later in the Sultan Room bar, MARTIN said she questioned GALT concerning his activities while in New Orleans. MARTIN asked GALT if he visited any of the "strip joints" while in New Orleans. GALT claimed he did not and that he had visited some friends. Upon further questioning, MARTIN said the friends lived in the Industrial Canal area of New Orleans, on or near the Chef Menteur Highway. MARTIN advised that GALT did not further elaborate on the identity of these friends.

After his return from this trip, GALT was a fairly regular customer at the Sultan Room. MARTIN said she suggested to GALT that he move into the St. Francis Hotel because it was economical and he would not be bothered by neighbors if he engaged in late-hour activity.

MARTIN advised that she was in GALT's room at the St. Francis Hotel on only one occasion. She advised this occurred around February 14, 1968, which she recalls was Valentine's Day. On this occasion, while in the Sultan Room bar, GALT asked MARTIN what type of television set she owned. She said it was a portable and GALT asked if she would like to trade television sets. GALT remarked that he wanted a portable set because it was easier to transport while traveling. They both then went to GALT's room to bring his

television set to MARTIN's room. While moving the television set, she observed a "girlie type" magazine containing a variety of nude and semi-nude female photographs. She advised she observed no photographic equipment in the room nor did she photograph GALT. She said she asked GALT if he had a Polaroid camera because she wanted to send some photographs of herself to her boy friend, RONALD DENINNO, who is currently in prison. GALT said no.

MARTIN advised the only time GALT was ever in her room at the St. Francis Hotel was when he brought his television set into her room and took away her portable set. As part of the exchange of the television set, GALT gave her a twenty dollar bill. GALT commented he was going to be traveling south. MARTIN asked if he would be going through New Orleans, and he said yes. MARTIN asked if he would drop off another package at her mother's home, and he agreed. MARTIN says she gave GALT a box containing phonograph records and clothing. She requested that GALT deliver the box to the home of her mother and in the event her mother was not home, to leave it with a neighbor.

A couple of weeks later, while MARTIN was sleeping, GALT knocked at the door of her room and asked if he could leave a set of weights with her. MARTIN advised she did not bother to get up and she told GALT to leave the weights outside of the door. GALT called her later the same date on the phone and she asked him for some money for taking care of the weights. GALT claimed he was broke but said he would leave her ten dollars for taking care of the weights. MARTIN advised GALT left ten one dollar bills in an envelope at the Registration Desk of the St. Francis Hotel. GALT claimed he was waiting for some money from his brother, whom he did not further identify. MARTIN stated that later in the day, the hotel management called her room and requested that she immediately remove a set of barbells from the hallway in front of her room door.

MARTIN made the following observations concerning GALT which were the result of her contacts mainly in the Sultan Room bar over approximately a three-month period:

MARTIN advised that GALT used Spanish phrases on occasion and she felt he was possibly proficient in the Spanish language. MARTIN advised that she could not speak Spanish. MARTIN said on one occasion GALT commented that she, MARTIN, reminded him of a girl he knew in Guadalajara. Another time during conversation at the Sultan Room bar, GALT said that while in Mexico, he had smoked marijuana but said it did nothing for him. MARTIN said she never saw GALT use any type of drug or narcotic and based on his statement, she felt he was not an addict. She said GALT claimed he lived in Mexico for about six years. He claimed he had been to see the cock fights while in Mexico but did not enjoy them because he felt they were too brutal.

MARTIN advised on one occasion she recalls showing GALT an ad in the "Los Angeles Free Press" newspaper which read, "Wanted, hot-tempered man, send photo". She said at one time, she lent GALT a bartender's instruction booklet which she had borrowed from the lobby of the hotel and GALT had kept it overnight and returned it the next day. She advised she has since returned the book to the hotel lobby.

MARTIN advised that her cousin, RITA STEIN, formerly resided at 3340 Floyd Terrace, Los Angeles, California, where she, MARTIN, frequently visited. She advised that she never saw GALT or his white Mustang at this address and that RITA STEIN moved from this address around Thanksgiving of 1967. Shortly thereafter, CHARLES STEIN vacated the premises.

Concerning a public coin box telephone booth located in the liquor store parking lot directly behind the Floyd Terrace address, she advised that both she and RITA STEIN utilized this phone on occasion. Concerning the name, MIMI, written on this phone booth wall, she advised she is known by the name of MIMI by some of her close friends and she indicated they used this phone booth because RITA STEIN's telephone service had been discontinued because of non-payment. She advised she may have written her name on the phone booth wall. She said GALT, to her knowledge, never utilized this phone because during this period of time, he knew neither the STEINS or herself.

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MARTIN was questioned concerning the activity of CHARLES STEIN while at the Floyd Terrace address, specifically, what he had buried in the backyard. MARTIN stated that CHARLES STEIN had a "weird" philosophy which included some type of "sensory contact with nature" and on occasions he would spend long periods of time staring at the sky, observing the various celestial bodies. On one occasion when she was in ill health, CHARLES placed his hand on her knee and after spending approximately fifteen minutes in what appeared to be a trance, asked her to remove her pants which he buried in the backyard. Later, he dug them up and returned them to her.

Concerning the mirrors on the bedroom ceiling at 3340 Floyd Terrace, she advised that these were installed by RITA STEIN and her former husband, STANLEY ROSAS, while "freaking out" which she said meant it was just another method to add sexual stimulation while engaged in sexual activity.

MARTIN advised that ANITA KATZWINKEL, SUE HARRIS, and GINGER DAY were unknown to her and she never had contact with any of these individuals. She advised that it was a normal practice for prostitutes working in the area of Hollywood and Western Avenues to leave their names and phone numbers with bartenders, bellboys, and other potential contact joints in the area.

In answer to a direct question, MARTIN replied that the STEINS moved to their Franklin Avenue address in November of 1967.

When asked if she was ever arrested where she utilized the name, MARIE PEREZ, she said she had never utilized the name, MARIE PEREZ.

She said that her physician, Dr. FREDKOFF, maintains an office at 1913 North Western Avenue. She said she had no knowledge of Dr. R. FLEMING JONES, 1546 North Highland, Los Angeles, California.



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She said that she knew NORMAN COX, the occupant of Room 206, St. Francis Hotel, only casually. She said she knew no other person in Room 206. She said that she knew two individuals, CHUCK (LNU) and AL (LNU), who mutually resided in Room 205 of the St. Francis Hotel, but who moved from that room to an unknown address in April, 1968.

She advised that according to her knowledge and her opinion, ERIC GALT had no acquaintanceship of CHARLES STEIN and/or RITA STEIN prior to her meeting GALT at the Sultan Room in early December of 1967.

MARTIN said that she had no intimate relationship with GALT and was not involved with him in the romantic sense in any way. She stated that she did not so much as even kiss him.

MARTIN said that she was not a prostitute and that she had never been a prostitute. She said that she had been employed only as a dancer and cocktail waitress and/or barmaid.

MARTIN provided the following description of herself:

Sex	Female
Race	Caucasian
Date of Birth	
Height	5'6"
Weight	125 pounds
Hair	Black, wears wig
Eyes	Brown
Former Husbands	JULIUS DE GRASSE, married in 1950 JAMES J. HAYDEN, married in 1958 DEWAYNE E. LATIMER, married in 1960

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INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE ASSOCIATES  
OF JAMES EARL RAY NAMED JERI, ALSO KNOWN  
AS DARELL AND HELENA

During interviews of CHARLES J. STEIN during April and May, 1968, it was learned from him that while in the company of LOUIS LOMAX, LOMAX had determined during interviews in the neighborhood of the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, where JAMES EARL RAY as ERIC S. GALT resided from January 21, 1968 to March 17, 1968 that RAY had lived with a woman known as JERI, also known as DARELL. This information, according to STEIN, was developed by he and LOMAX during interviews of people who claimed to have known RAY while he was in Los Angeles, California. It was also determined, according to STEIN, that RAY had also dated a girl named HELENA.

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Date April 26, 1968

In an attempt to determine if DYRELL DENNIS was a legitimate person and possibly identical with a mysterious blond female reported by LOUIS LOMAX to be a friend of JAMES EARL RAY, a photograph of DENNIS was exhibited to JOE PETERS, Bartender, Sultan Room, 5533½ Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

Mr. PETERS advised that the female depicted in the photograph of DYRELL DENNIS was the same person who used to frequent his bar from January, 1968 through March, 1968. He advised that DENNIS was considered to be a "Dike" since she had very small breasts and she often wore men's pants. He further stated that DENNIS was a "lush" who drank to excess. He stated that he tried to keep her from coming into his bar in view of the fact that she did not have any identification. He stated that to the best of his knowledge DENNIS had no association with JAMES EARL RAY. He stated that the only time he ever saw RAY talk to DENNIS was one day when DENNIS was standing next to a juke box and RAY approached her. He stated that he could not hear what RAY was saying to DENNIS but he could observe DENNIS shaking her head in a negative manner. PETERS advised he knows of no other contact between RAY and DENNIS.

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Mr. THOMPSON advised that he recognized the female in the photograph as being identical with a female he has seen come out of the Sultan Room bar in the same building as the hotel and proceed through the hotel lobby to the restrooms. He advised that he has not observed DENNIS on any other occasions. He stated that he has never seen DENNIS in the company of JAMES EARL RAY and knows of no relationship or associations between RAY and DENNIS.

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Mr. MORRISON stated that he recognized the female in the photograph as being a photograph of a female that he has observed in his bar a few times in the past and most likely during the month of March, 1968. He stated that he has never seen DENNIS in the company of any other person that he can identify or recall. He advised that he knew absolutely nothing about DENNIS.

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Date 5/7/68

EDGAR JOHN PENDLETON was interviewed at the Orthopedic Hospital, Room 602, 2400 South Flower Street, Los Angeles, at which time he furnished the following information:

PENDLETON advised he resided in the St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, from March 8, 1968, to April 16, 1968, when he entered the Orthopedic Hospital, Los Angeles, for surgery on his hip. While residing at the St. Francis Hotel he became acquainted with DYRELL DENNIS and RAY SELMA (phonetic). He became acquainted with RAY SELMA approximately ten days after moving into the St. Francis Hotel. PENDLETON met DENNIS after meeting RAY SELMA. When PENDLETON first became acquainted with RAY SELMA, SELMA did not have a room at the hotel.

PENDLETON related he was in receipt of a letter from DENNIS, bearing the return address of 435 West Michigan Street, Apartment 208, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. DENNIS had furnished her telephone number as 271-9720. DENNIS' letter stated in part, "Have you seen Ray? I hope he is okay."

PENDLETON stated LOUIS LOMAX had been in contact with him on two occasions, the second time after he had received the above letter from DYRELL DENNIS. He gave LOMAX DENNIS' address and told LOMAX that DENNIS was well acquainted with RAY SELMA. LOMAX told PENDLETON that he had obtained his name from MARIE (last name unknown) (LNU), a cocktail waitress at the Sultan Room, who had advised him that PENDLETON knew DENNIS and RAY SELMA.

PENDLETON commented the RAY SELMA which he knew is described as a Mexican-American, 37 to 40 years of age, dark complexion, and a wino. PENDLETON advised he had last seen RAY SELMA at the St. Francis Hotel on April 13 or 14, 1968. PENDLETON recalled that on one occasion about the first of April, 1968, RAY SELMA had a seizure similar to epilepsy.

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PENDLETON called the police ambulance for SELMA and by the time they arrived, SELMA had recovered. SELMA refused to be taken to the hospital. SELMA was presumed by PENDLETON to be a narcotic user.

PENDLETON stated that DYRELL DENNIS is a narcotic user as she has asked for some of his pain pills. He related that he is of the opinion that DENNIS is also a prostitute. PENDLETON described DENNIS as 33 years of age, blonde, sandy hair, medium build, and light complexion. He advised that DENNIS had resided at the Hollywood Roxie, Room 202, Los Angeles, for at least one night.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to PENDLETON who stated he could not recognize any of the individuals depicted in the photographs as being identical with the description fitting JAMES EARL RAY or RAY SELMA.

Mr. PENDLETON stated that he used the telephone in the lobby of the St. Francis Hotel to call his son, Sergeant JACK HAROLD PENDLETON, 712 Maxwell Street, Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base, Goldsboro, North Carolina, who has telephone number 735-4209, while he was a resident of the St. Francis Hotel.

The letter from DYRELL DENNIS received by Mr. PENDLETON was postmarked on April 19, 1968, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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1Date 5/10/68

EDGAR JOHN PENDLETON, interviewed at the Orthopedic Hospital, 2400 South Flower, and formerly a resident of the St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, advised that Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) photo taken December 16, 1965, M 59621, of RAY FERNANDEZ SESMA was identical to the person PENDLETON knew as RAY SELMA (phonetic).

PENDLETON advised that SESMA had stayed at his room in the St. Francis Hotel off and on during the first part of 1968. PENDLETON advised that SESMA had poor health and drank very heavily and for this reason PENDLETON had told SESMA not to stay at his room. PENDLETON advised that this was about the first week of April. PENDLETON stated that he had not seen SESMA since that date.

PENDLETON advised that SESMA was a drifter and wino. He also advised that he had never known SESMA to have a room or apartment of his own and usually would congregate with other winos whenever he (SESMA) could find them. PENDLETON advised that SESMA had once suggested that they live in a place on Serrano Street. PENDLETON thought that this place was in the 1600 block of Serrano and got the impression that numerous heavy drinkers stayed there.

PENDLETON advised that SESMA had mentioned about getting a job as a cook but further advised that SESMA had never held a job while he knew him. PENDLETON advised that if he heard from SESMA he would immediately advise the FBI.

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PAUL MC KAY, Night Clerk, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

MC KAY stated that he is not acquainted with anyone by the name of RAY FERNANDELL. He stated that there are no fry cooks employed at the St. Francis Hotel.

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GIL MARTIN, Owner, Sultan Room, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

MARTIN stated that RAY FERNANDELL is unknown to him. He stated that he does not employ anyone by that name at the Sultan Room and that he does not employ any fry cooks. He advised that there were no fry cooks employed at the St. Francis Hotel.

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JAMES E. MORRISON, 1911 Grace Avenue, Los Angeles, California, was asked if he knew of a middle-aged belly dancer of Greek descent named "HELENA". He said that he did. He said this individual had been excluded from the Rabbit's Foot Club. He said that she frequents the Greek Village, a restaurant near Hollywood and Vine, in Hollywood, California. He said that he believes that she used to dance at that location and also the Seventh Veil on Sunset Boulevard.

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HARRY STREEM, Owner, Vegas Club, 5510 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was asked in reference to JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, if he knew of a middle age belly dancer of Greek descent named "HELENA" and/or a Caucasian female with blond hair named "JERI". STREEM said that he believed he knew of "HELENA". He said if his memory is correct, she used to dance at a night club that specializes in eastern dancing, located on the south side of Sunset Boulevard between La Brea and Fairfax Avenues. He advised that he did not know of any Caucasian female named "JERI", in reference to RAY, also known as, Galt.

He stated that his last bar girl at the Vegas Club was DANA RAVEN, who was recently arrested, approximately two weeks ago. He said prior to arrest she only worked for a few weeks. He described her as a slender, dark Caucasian, female.

STREEM stated that prior to the employment of RAVEN, he employed Barbara (Last Name Unknown), a buxom, blond, Caucasian, female. He said that BARBARA was employed by him for in excess of a year prior to the termination of her employment. STREEM said that subsequent to her employment at the Vegas Club, he thought she was employed at the "Fat Cat" located on Western Avenue.

STREEM stated that LOUIS LOMAX, a Los Angeles television personality, and an unknown Caucasian male with a beard, were in the Vegas Club the same day asking if he knew of "JERI" and "HELENA". He said that he provided to them essentially the same information.

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HARRY WEINER, Owner, The Fat Club, 1516 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California, was asked if he had recently employed a buxom blond, Caucasian, female named BARBARA (Last Name Unknown). He advised that he had employed no such woman. WEINER was asked if he knew of a middle aged belly dancer named "HELENA". He said that he had and that to his knowledge she worked at the Seventh Veil on Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, California. WEINER was asked if he knew a Caucasian female with blond hair named "JERI", that was also a street hustler. He said that he knew of no such woman.

WEINER was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. He advised that this individual is not familiar to him.

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JOE PETERS, Bartender, Sultan Room, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was asked of his knowledge of a middle aged belly dancer of Greek descent named "HELENA", who was allegedly asked for a date by RAY. He stated that he had been asked the same question by LOUIS LOMAX, a Los Angeles television personality, that same day. He thought he knew of such a woman. He said he did not know the location of her residence nor her last name. PETERS stated that she was just an occasional drifter that frequented the bar.

PETERS was asked if he knew of a Caucasian female with blond hair named "JERI". PETERS said he knew of no such woman.

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MIKE BADALIAN, Manager, Seventh Veil, 7180 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised that he has in his employment a HELENA VLAHOS. He said that she is a belly dancer and of Greek descent. He advised that she is presently living at apartment 302, 640 North Kingsley Drive, Los Angeles, California. He stated that her present telephone number is 665-6846. He stated that she is living with her sister.

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HELENA VLAHOS, apartment 302, 640 North Kingsley Drive, Los Angeles, California, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. She advised that these photographs are unfamiliar to her. She stated that she knows of no one by the name of JAMES EARL RAY and/or ERIC STARVO GALT. She said that she has worked at the Seventh Veil steadily since January 1968. She advised that she worked at the Seventh Veil during June, July, and August of 1967. She said that during September, October, November, and December she was working at the "Arabian Nights", a night club in Fresno, California.

VLAHOS said that she does not go to any bars and night clubs east of the Hollywood Freeway, on Hollywood Boulevard. She said to her recollection she has never been to the Sultan Room at the St. Francis Hotel.

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MARIA VLAHOS, apartment 302, 640 North Kingsley Drive, Hollywood, California, stated she was the sister of HELENA VLAHOS. She was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. She said the individual in these photographs is familiar to her. She said that she remembers this individual coming into the Fez, 1508 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California. She said that she works at the Fez as a cocktail waitress and dancer. VLAHOS stated that this individual is familiar to her because of the strange way in which he came into the Fez, walked about and then left. This is unusual for the type of clientele that frequents this night club. She stated that she knows of no other information concerning this individual.

VLAHOS stated that she does not frequent bars east of the Hollywood Freeway, on Hollywood Boulevard. She stated that to the best of her knowledge she has never been to the Sultan Room in the St. Francis Hotel.

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MELODY MARGARET O'BRIEN, was interviewed at her residence, 5545 Carlton Way, apartment 202, Los Angeles, at which time she furnished the following information:

When asked if she was acquainted with ERIC STARVO GALT, JAMES EARL RAY, CHARLES J. or CHARLEY STEIN, RITA STEIN, or MARIE MARTIN, who is also known as Marie Dennino and Marie Martinello, she replied that she was not acquainted with any of these individuals. When asked if she was acquainted with a JERI or HELEN, she replied that she was not acquainted with a JERI, but did know a HELEN, whose last name she could not recall, who was a topless dancer at "The Mouse Trap" on Valley Boulevard, Industry, California, at the same time as O'BRIEN. She added that HELEN had formerly been employed as a topless dancer at "The Stairway", 6274 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, prior to her employment as a topless dancer at "The Mouse Trap". She stated that HELEN resided on Russell Avenue, Los Angeles, exact address unknown, but in the vicinity of Western Avenue and Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles. HELEN was described by O'BRIEN as:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Age	22-23 years
Height	5'3"
Eyes	Blue
Build	Busty, well built, and aspiring to become an actress
Hair	Brunette, wears blonde wig

O'BRIEN advised she knew of no reason why her telephone number, 461-2050, would be written in a telephone booth in the St. Francis Hotel. She related she had never been in the St. Francis Hotel or the Sultan Room, nor did she know anyone residing at the St. Francis Hotel. She related that she was a topless dancer and many of the patrons who come to watch her dance get her name. They thereafter obtained her telephone number from the telephone book or telephone operator as her number is published. She stated she had been told that

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her name and telephone number was even written in the men's restroom at the places where she had danced topless. She commented she had danced topless in various places in the Los Angeles area until she terminated her last place of employment the past Saturday, April 20, 1968. She was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY at which time she advised she could not recognize the individual depicted in the photographs. She further added that she could not recognize JAMES EARL RAY as an individual who patronized the places where she danced. O'BRIEN stated she did not know anyone who drove a white Mustang with Alabama license plates.

O'BRIEN advised that for a period of about four months ending February 1967, she received a series of telephone calls at her residence which is the number listed above. Each call was placed at approximately 2 a.m. She advised the caller was a male, who she believed to be in his twenties. The caller would ask to meet her. She refused on every occasion and, therefore, did not learn the caller's name or the location from which he was calling. O'BRIEN stated she had notified the Hollywood Division of the Los Angeles Police Department, but telephone calls ceased before any action could be taken.

O'BRIEN advised she had been living with a roommate, MARTIN VILLAIRE, during the past two years and he may have had an acquaintance at the St. Francis Hotel, who placed her telephone number on the wall.

The following description of O'BRIEN was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	MELODY MARGARET O'BRIEN
Race	White
Sex	Female
Hair	Dark brown, worn long
Eyes	Brown
Height	5'2"
Weight	120 pounds
Age	24 years
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Los Angeles, California
Education	Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital 9th, 10th, and 11th grade - The Old Mission of San Gabriel 12th grade - graduated Azusa High School, 1960
Relatives	HARRY VICTOR O'BRIEN, deceased 1962

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Prior admitted  
Arrests

Mother, MARGARET ROSE O'HALLERN  
deceased at MELODY O'BRIEN's birth  
Sister, SHARON O'BRIEN deceased  
at City of Hope, Duarte, California  
from Leukemia

"Runaway" from San Gabriel Orphanage,  
Arrested for indecent exposure and  
lewd dancing - Norwalk, California,  
and placed on probation-one year  
summary, drunk driving.

Scars

$\frac{1}{2}$ " scar on lip  
1" traceotomy scar, center of throat  
result of auto accident, teeth also  
had to be removed as result of  
accident.

Employments

Monrovia Nursery - while in high  
school, R. A. Rowan Insurance Company,  
Los Angeles, California  
Subsequent employment was as  
topless dancer.  
South Forty  
Inglewood, California  
April 1966, worked one night  
Plaid Rabbit  
Norwalk, California  
March 1966 to August 1966  
Cherry Patch  
Los Angeles and Wilmington, California  
August 1966 to October 1966  
The Mouse Trap  
October 1966 to February 1967  
Satin Doll  
February 1967 to April 20, 1968

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MARTIN EDWARD VILLARE, 5545 Carlton Way, apartment 202, Hollywood, was interviewed at his residence at which time he furnished the following information:

MARTIN EDWARD VILLARE, advised that he did not know CHARLES J. STEIN, CHARLEY STEIN, RITA STEIN, MARIE MARTIN, also known as Marie Deninno or a girl by the name of JERI. VILLARE advised that he did not know JAMES EARL RAY or ERIC STARVO GALT nor did he recognize a photo of RAY as an associate of his.

VILLARE stated he did know a HELEN that had worked at a bar with MELODY O'BRIEN about one year ago. He advised that HELEN was a topless "Go-Go" dancer, who he described as:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Age	20
Height	5'3"
Hair	Brunette
Build	Well proportioned and attractive

VILLARE stated that he had seen a picture of HELEN in a "Nudie" magazine. VILLARE did not know HELEN's last name.

VILLARE advised that he did not know why MELODY O'BRIEN and his phone number was written in the phone booth at the St. Francis Hotel. VILLARE advised that the only person he had known who ever resided at the hotel was DOUG EMBRY. VILLARE advised that EMBRY had come from Ohio about two weeks ago and had stayed at the St. Francis Hotel till he moved to downtown Los Angeles.

VILLARE advised that he had received some phone calls from an unknown male, beginning about the first of December 1967, and continuing until mid January 1968. He

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advised that the caller would ask for MELODY and try to get her to meet him. VILLAIRES advised that the calls were received about 2 a.m. and were so frequent that he contacted the Hollywood Division of the Los Angeles Police Department. VILLAIRES advised that the calls ceased before anything was done to identify the caller.

VILLAIRES advised he had been in California for about two and one-half years and had resided in his current address with MELODY O'BRIEN for about two years. VILLAIRES advised that he was an actor but had not yet been employed.

The following description was obtained through interview and observation:

Name	MARTIN EDWARD VILLAIRES
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Detroit, Michigan
Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	6'
Weight	155-160 pounds
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Brown
Scars of Marks	None observed
Parents	FRANCIS VILLAIRES YVONNE RAYMOND VILLAIRES
Occupation	Actor
Employer	None
Military Service	None
Education	High School St. Mary of Redford Detroit, Michigan
Driver's License	California SO 82793

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING LETTER SENT  
TO PATRICIA SCHUBERT THROUGH "THE  
LOCAL SWINGER" AND ADVERTISEMENT PLACED  
IN THE "LOS ANGELES FREE PRESS" BY ERIC S.  
GALT

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT  
POSTAL INSPECTOR IN CHARGE  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. 94101

IN REPLY REFER TO

April 30, 1968

Mr. Wesley G. Grapp  
Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
1340 West 6th St.  
Los Angeles, Calif. 90017

Dear Mr. Grapp:

As of interest in connection with the investigation of ERIC S. GALT, I am attaching the following documents from our investigative file on "The Local Swinger", a correspondence club operating from P. O. Box 3802, Downey, Calif. 90242:

- (a) Copy of typewritten letter dated February 17, 1968, signed "Eric S. Galt" and directed via "The Local Swinger" to one Patricia K. Anderson, 2800 Glenview Avenue, Los Angeles.
- (b) Copy of Polaroid photograph of a subject purporting to be Eric S. Galt which was transmitted with the original of the letter cited in (a).

The letter and photograph were furnished to this Service by Patricia K. Anderson, who considered the letter objectionable, for our use in investigating "The Local Swinger" as a suspected medium through which obscene materials are transmitted and exchanged.

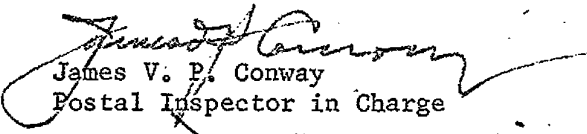
The address shown on (a) is the address of the St. Francis Hotel, which has been mentioned in press releases concerning Eric S. Galt. The telephone number shown on (a) is the desk telephone of the St. Francis Hotel. The Polaroid code number on the reverse of the photograph, of which (b) is a copy, indicates that the film was manufactured in August 1967.

Post Office Box 3802, Downey, was rented on January 31, 1968, by James O'Dowd, who supplied the business address 8115 East Imperial Highway and the telephone number 861-1926.

Our investigation of "The Local Swinger" is assigned to Inspector L. O. Poindexter, of our Los Angeles office, and it will be satisfactory to consult with him directly should any additional information concerning the enclosures be desired. Inspector Poindexter can be reached at 688-2161.

Sincerely yours,

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James V. P. Conway  
Postal Inspector in Charge



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DEAR MISS:

I AM ANSWERING YOUR LISTING IN THE LOCAL SWINGER  
SINCE I THINK I SHARE MOST<sup>of</sup> YOUR INTEREST, WITH  
EMPHASIS ON FRENCH CULT. AND SWING SESSIONS.

I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM MEXICO AFTER FIVE YRS.  
AND THE FEW FEMALES I HAVE MET DON'T GO FOR THE  
SWING PARTIES AND IT TAKES TWO TO SWING.

THE SAME ROUTINE GETS BORING, DON'T YOU THINK.

WILL CLOSE UNTIL I HERE FROM YOU.

5-11-1701 B. 36 YRS.

*Eric S. Galt*

SINCERELY

ERIC S. GALT

5533-HOLLYWOOD BLVD.

HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.

90028.

PH. 4641131.

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Date May 4, 1968

ANN L. MEYERS, 8115 East Imperial Highway, Downey, California, co-owner of The Local Swinger, along with JAMES E. O'DOWD, advised that the two began the operation in February 1968 for the purpose of mailing list of local swingers to those who desired such a list. She stated that they placed an advertisement in the Los Angeles Free Press, offering to send a list of local swingers to anyone who paid the price of \$1.00. In addition it was understood that for each letter sent to The Local Swinger, the sender would have to pay \$1.00.

MEYERS stated that about the middle of February 1968 they received a note from ERIC S. GALT, and also a dollar, and a request for a list of swingers. Shortly after they received what she believed were five letters being sent to five individuals who coded names appeared in their list. MEYERS stated that no record was kept of those who received these letters. She did recall that one PATRICIA SCHUBERT was the recipient of one such letter, but she did not know the other four. The \$5.00 for the five letters was in cash.

MEYERS viewed pictures of JAMES EARL RAY but stated that she had never seen RAY, or had never met the man who wrote under the name of ERIC S. GALT.

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Date May 4, 1968

JAMES E. O'DOWD, 8115 East Imperial Highway, Downey, California, one of the co-owners of The Local Swinger, a correspondence club, stated that this club used Postoffice Box 3802, Downey, California for receipt of their mail.

O'DOWD stated that in about February 1968 he and ANN L. MEYERS started The Local Swinger by inserting an advertisement in the Los Angeles Free Press, offering to send a list of local swingers to anyone who sent in the amount of \$1.00. About the middle of February they received a note from ERIC S. GALT, along with \$1.00, asking for the list. Shortly thereafter they received five letters, along with \$5.00, these letters to be sent to individuals whose coded names appeared in The Local Swinger list. O'DOWD explained that each time a letter is sent on to another individual they charge \$1.00, and in this case he believed that five letters were sent. O'DOWD stated that they kept no records of the individuals who were to receive these letters, but he did recall that one was sent to PATRICIA SCHUBERT, and the other four to four other unknown individuals.

O'DOWD viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY but stated that he had never seen RAY, or had never met the man who wrote under the name of ERIC S. GALT.

O'DOWD reviewed his records and stated that he did not keep the note requesting that a list of swingers be sent to ERIC S. GALT, and he had no idea who GALT had contacted.

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PATRICIA ANDERSON, 2800 Glenview Avenue, Los Angeles, California, advised that she first became aware of "The Local Swinger" when she received a letter dated February 17, 1968 from ERIC S. GALT which she considered obscene in content. She immediately turned this over to the Postoffice, as well as two others which she received from other persons.

PATRICIA ANDERSON stated that all communications to her came in her maiden name, PATRICIA SCHUBERT. She believes that her name might have been bought from a mailing list as she subscribes to magazines using this name. She has never subscribed to "The Local Swinger", has never written to pen pal clubs, or subscribed to "Los Angeles Free Press".

MRS. ANDERSON viewed a group of pictures of JAMES EARL RAY, but she stated that she never saw the man, nor did she ever try to communicate with GALT despite the fact that she received his phone number and address on the letter sent to her by GALT.

PATRICIA KATHLEEN ANDERSON stated that she was a secretary in the Claims Department, U.S. Fidelity & Casualty Company, Los Angeles, California, and resides with her aged mother and ill 54 year old brother at the residence. At the present time she is separated from her husband, LEE T. ANDERSON, 7942 East Hayne Place, Tuscon, Arizona.

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In connection with the investigation of "The Local Swinger", Post Office Box 3802, Downey, California, a correspondence club, JAMES E. O'DOWD and ANN L. MEYERS, sponsors of the club advised on May 2, 1968 that they recall having sent a list of local swingers to ERIC S. GALT in February, 1968. They advised they had taken many of these names from the "Los Angeles Free Press", an avant garde newspaper. O'DOWD and MEYERS stated it has been their experience that many of these addresses are not accurate and some persons either send inaccurate addresses or send addresses of other individuals as a joke.

The following persons, identities supplied by O'DOWD and MEYERS, were contacted in an effort to determine if they had received any correspondence from ERIC S. GALT or JAMES EARL RAY. None of the following listed individuals recalled having received mail or contact through any media from ERIC S. GALT or JAMES EARL RAY. They all advised that he is unknown to them:

EVELYN RODRIGUEZ  
1649 South Berendo Street  
Los Angeles, California

SELMA MAHOOD  
255 North Cordova Street  
Burbank, California

PAUL LEVY  
1400 Purdue Street  
West Los Angeles, California

ROXANNE KENNERLY  
Apartment 9,  
213 North Alexandria Street  
Los Angeles, California

DOROTHY MEACHAM  
Manager, Carolina Hollywood Motel  
1520 North La Brea Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

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BETTY WISHARD  
BARBARA SNELL  
1625 North Martel Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

AUGUSTA L. CADE  
1429 $\frac{1}{2}$  South Cloverdale Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

MARIA G. URIADO  
820 North Eastern Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

LINDA WAPATO  
Apartment 2  
4259 Verdugo Road  
Los Angeles, California

BETTY KRAKER  
1336 North Edgemont Street  
Los Angeles, California

Mrs. MICHAEL VAN TEEFLIN  
15050 Parthenia Street  
Sepulveda, California

BRYAN GRANT, also known as  
Bryan Pearson  
13469 Rand Drive  
Sherman Oaks, California

MARIA MONTES  
11954 East 168th Street  
Artesia, California

HAROLD L. CONRAD  
7901 Hesperia Street  
Canoga Park, California

SANDY TERRY  
2543 West 225th Place  
Torrance, California

MELODY MC CARTHY  
420 Irving Street  
Glendale, California

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NETTIE COHEN  
15729 Eucalyptus Avenue  
Apartment 3  
Bellflower, California

SHARON NORBERG, nee Mitchell  
32548 Crescent Avenue  
Elsinore, California

CAROLYN BROOKS  
1200 North Orange Grove Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

MARY GALVAN  
818 Oak Street  
Duarte, California

Mrs. HAROLD YAZELL, nee Pablita L. Scott  
304 South Oakland Avenue  
Pasadena, California

Mrs. J. YOUNG, also known as Ann,  
Mrs. Brown, Liz Wood  
3711 Mc Clintock Street  
Los Angeles, California

ROBERT LEE HOFFMAN  
229 South Ardmere Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

CHARLES ANDERSON  
6402 Haas Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

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1Date 5/3/68

GENE TURNER, Accountant, employed by the Los Angeles "Free Press" at 938 North Fairfax, was interviewed at that address. He stated that the records of the "Free Press" indicate that a want ad was received in the "Free Press" office on January 30, 1968, from an individual identifying himself as ERIC S. GALT. Accompanying this advertisement was the sum of \$4.25. The records do not indicate in what form this money was received. The advertisement was made available by TURNER. It is typewritten, using red type in capital letters. It reads as follows:

"Single male Cauc. 36 yrs, 5-11, 170 lbs Digs Fr. Cult. desire's discreet meeting with passionate married female for mutual enjoyment, and/or female for swing session apt. furn. will ex. photo. Write ERIC S. 406 So. 2nd St. Alhambra, 91802."

Also in red typing below the above advertisement was a notation as follows:

"Return name and address, ERIC S. GALT. Same as above. Inclosed is M. O. for \$4.25, Run ad under 31 unit system. Thanks."

TURNER stated that this advertisement ran in the February 2-8, 1968, issue of the "Free Press." He stated that the address listed in the advertisement of 406 South Second Street, Alhambra, California, is an address of a mail forwarding service which is used quite frequently by persons placing advertisements in the "Free Press." TURNER made available copies of the February 2-8, 1968, issue of the "Free Press."

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Mr. C. M. HEDGPETH, 406 South Second Street, Alhambra, California, advised on April 14, 1968 that ERIC GALT, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, subscribed to his Mail Forwarding Service from February 1, 1968 to March 1, 1968 and paid \$3.00 in cash for this service. GALT requested mail received for him through HEDGPETH be forwarded to him at the St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. HEDGPETH stated he had no record showing GALT ever having utilized this service.

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NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION IN THE  
VICINITY OF THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL,  
5533 HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD, LOS  
ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The following investigation, in addition to that previously reported in this report, was conducted in the vicinity of the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, in an effort to determine information regarding the associates of JAMES EARL RAY and his present whereabouts.

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1Date 4/29/68

ALLAN O. THOMPSON, Manager, St. Francis Hotel 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was asked if there was a male Caucasian fitting the description of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, in room 507. THOMPSON advised that there was no male occupant in that room. He said that this room has been occupied for several years, at least ten, by NAOMI MILNE, who is a Caucasian female employed as a nurse.

He said that this woman is allegedly from Australia. He said that she has few visitors. She stated that he is well aware of the appearance of RAY, also known as Galt, and would notice him if he came into the hotel. He stated that no individual appearing like RAY has come into the hotel since RAY's departure on March 17, 1968.

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1Date 4/30/68

JAMES E. MORRISON, Bartender, Rabbit's Foot Club, 5623 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised that he resides at 1911 Grace Avenue, Los Angeles, California. He was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, and he advised this individual is identical with a customer who frequented the Rabbit's Foot Bar. He said that he recalled this individual because of his frequency as a customer at the bar. MORRISON stated that he became engaged in a political discussion with RAY concerning ROBERT F. KENNEDY and GEORGE WALLACE. He said that RAY became rather incensed and vehemently supported WALLACE. On one other occasion, MORRISON said that RAY had a discussion with a frequent female customer of the bar whose name was PAT GOODSELL. This discussion concerned Negroes and civil rights movement. MORRISON said that RAY became very involved in the argument and began dragging her towards the door saying, "I'll drop you off in Watts and we'll see how you like it there". MORRISON said that another customer who knew the girl, separated them. MORRISON said that subsequent to this event GOODSELL died through an overdose of some type of medicine. He said that she formerly resided at the Carlton Towers, an apartment complex, in the neighborhood. He described her as:

Race	Caucasian
Sex	Female
Age	Approximately 27

MORRISON said that RAY habitually drank vodka or screwdrivers. He said that he was a very quiet customer and it was unusual for him to become involved in an argument. MORRISON said that he believes he used the name "DOUG" while at the bar.

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BO DEL MONTE, Bartender, Rabbit's Foot Club, 5623 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised that his home address is 1229 North Bronson, Los Angeles, California. He advised after observing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, that RAY was identical to a customer who frequented the Rabbit's Foot Club, from approximately January until the middle of March 1968. He described RAY as wearing usually a dark suit, with a bow tie. He said that his appearance was that of a rural person from Alabama, who has just recently come to the "big city". He said that RAY wore his crew cut to long, or he was allowing his hair to grow.

DEL MONTE recalled the incident in which RAY became involved in a heated discussion with a Caucasian female and began dragging her towards the door of the bar saying, "I'll drop you off in Watts and we'll see how you like it there". DEL MONTE recalled that shortly after this incident a Negro patron of the Rabbit's Foot Club, and his date, were struck on the head by a rock or brick while in a nearby parking lot.

DEL MONTE acknowledge that RAY often spoke support for Governor WALLACE.

DEL MONTE said that RAY drank vodka straight or in screwdrivers. DEL MONTE said that RAY purchased a key for the key club, which is operated by the Rabbit's Foot Club. He stated that he believes RAY gave him the name "DOUG COLLINS", when he purchased his key. DEL MONTE said that the writing of this name was by himself, and RAY furnished no other information as to residence.

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DONALD M. MURPHY, 1729 Huntley Drive, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at "The Frolic Room", a cocktail lounge, owned and operated by him. He advised that he also owned both "Pampered Pup" walk-up eating stands located on North Western Avenue and Vine Street, Los Angeles, California, respectively. He advised that he leased this operation to CECIL PAYNE. He advised that this leasing operation is not a formalized agreement.

MURPHY was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. He said that the individual portrayed is identical to a caucasian male that frequented the "Rabbit's Foot" bar and the "Sultan Room" at the St. Francis Hotel, a few months ago. MURPHY advised that he also saw this same individual at the "Pampered Pup" located at 1715 North Western Avenue. MURPHY said that he may have conversed with this individual on occasion during casual "bar chatter". He advised that if he did, he does not recall the nature of the conversation. MURPHY stated he does not recall the individual's name or any of his associates. He said that usually this individual was alone.

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GAYLE DRUM, occupant, room 401, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. She said the individual portrayed is identical to a former occupant of the St. Francis Hotel. She stated that she collided with this individual a few months ago, when delivering a plate of biscuits to FLORENCE THOMPSON, who resides in room 424. She said that this individual appeared very concerned that he had injured her. DRUM said that she has no other knowledge of this individual or of his associates.

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ALAN O. THOMPSON, Manager, St. Francis Hotel, advised that HARRY ELWOOD LUNSFORD, aka Woody, is known to him as a painter, who lived at the hotel for approximately one year. He advised that LUNSFORD worked intermittently at the St. Francis Hotel. THOMPSON said that LUNSFORD drinks alcoholic beverages excessively and frequently. He said in his opinion LUNSFORD has difficulty in recalling past events accurately. He advised "if LUNSFORD wasn't in a mental fog from turpentine fumes, he was from drinking". He said that LUNSFORD is sickly with a chronic stomach illness.

THOMPSON said the assistant manager at the St. Francis, who was fired in December, 1967, is, in fact, MARTIN GETZ. He advised that GETZ was hired by the hotel management on a temporary basis to administer the hotel operation during the absence of THOMPSON who was going to Oakland, California. He stated that GETZ's employment was terminated because of the return of THOMPSON to the St. Francis.

DAVID (LNU), as referred to by LUNSFORD, was identified by THOMPSON as DAVID P. BAILEY, Social Security Number [redacted] who formerly lived at 508 West Vines, Stowe, Pennsylvania and who provided a forwarding address as c/o R. N. BECK, 22 Belden Place, San Francisco, California, 94104. THOMPSON said that he does not recall the reason for the termination of BAILEY's employment at the St. Francis Hotel. BOB (LNU), as referred to by LUNSFORD, was identified by THOMPSON as being BOB EVANS. THOMPSON advised that EVANS resided at the hotel on an intermittent basis for approximately two years. He said that EVANS lived at the hotel during the time of LUNSFORD's residence but not during the time period of the residence of JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric Starvo Galt.

The individual described by LUNSFORD as "a crippled old man who has lived at the hotel for approximately 15 years", could not be determined, in fact, by THOMPSON. He said there

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are several elderly males residing at the hotel who are incapacitated for some reason or other. He advised that the individual best fitting this description is MURRY ROSENMAN. THOMPSON said ROSENMAN utilizes a cane and has lived at the hotel for approximately 15 years. He advised that any association between ROSENMAN and JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric Starvo Galt, is unlikely.

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ALAN O. THOMPSON, manager, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised that in his opinion, JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, frequently, perhaps generally, cooked his meals in his room at the St. Francis Hotel. He stated that this opinion is based upon the amount of food and the type of food left in the refrigerator at RAY's room in the St. Francis upon his departure and the residue left in and on the stove in his room.

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