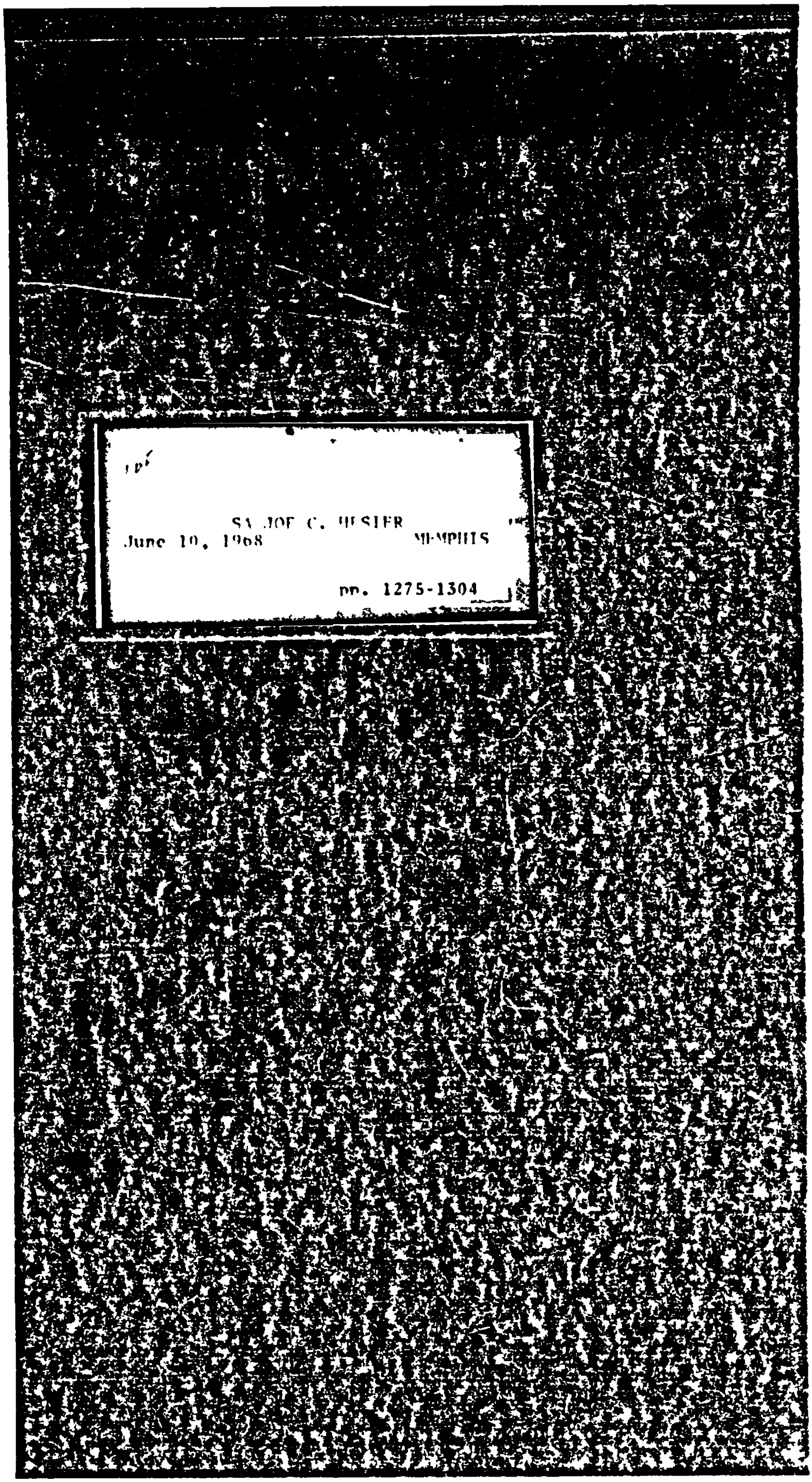
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Mr. Phil M. Canale
District Attorney General
Shelby County
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Canale:

Enclosed herewith is a single copy of a report prepared by Special Agent Joe C. Hester at Memphis, Tennessee, dated June 10, 1968.

This report is being furnished you in view of the murder indictment outstanding against subject James Earl Ray. It should be understood that this report and the contents thereof are not to be disclosed outside your agency except for purposes of prosecution.

Very truly yours,

Robert G. Jensen

ROBERT G. JENSEN
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosure

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

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

Synopsis:

PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY:

I. NARRATIVE OF OFFENSE

At about 6:00 p.m. on April 4, 1968, while standing on the second floor balcony outside Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel, 450 Mulberry Street, Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was struck in the right side of the face by a single bullet believed to have been fired from a 30-06 rifle. While no witnesses actually observed the killer fire the shot that killed Dr. KING, it is believed that this shot came from the bathroom window of a rooming house located at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee. (See Crime Scene Sketch, page 4.) It is a distance of 207 feet from the bathroom to the spot where Dr. KING fell. Persons inside the rooming house report hearing a shot, and one of the rooming house tenants feels certain this shot was fired from the bathroom of the rooming house. Persons in the rooming house then report seeing a white male run down the hall of the rooming house in the direction of the South Main Street entrance. They report that he was carrying a long package wrapped in either cloth or newspaper.

Persons in a store at 424 South Main Street report that minutes after Dr. KING was shot, a white male running south on South Main Street dropped a bundle on the sidewalk in front of 424 South Main Street as he ran past that store. While no one observed this man enter an

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automobile, they reported seeing almost immediately a white Mustang leaving the area at a high rate of speed, going north on South Main Street.

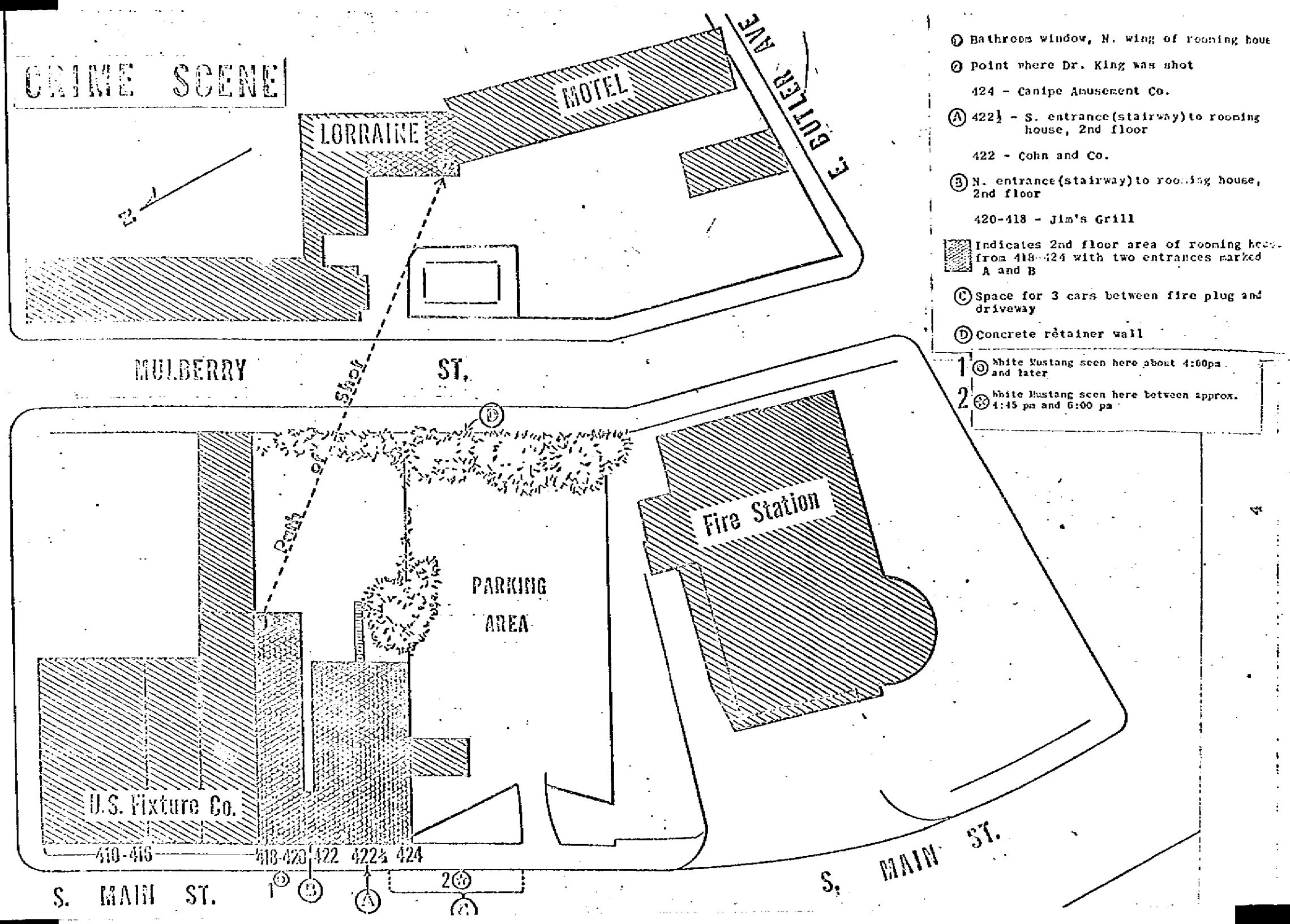
No one in the rooming house has been able to positively identify the individual who fired the shot and fled from the rooming house; however, evidence indicates that the person firing the shot was a man who had that same day at about 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. rented Room 5-B in the name JOHN WILLARD.

Among those articles found abandoned in front of 424 South Main Street was a 30-06 rifle with a telescopic sight, which was determined to have been purchased March 29-30, 1968, at Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, Alabama, by a man claiming to be HARVEY LOWMYER, 1907 South 11th Street, Birmingham, Alabama. Subsequent investigation disclosed that there was no such person as LOWMYER at that address. Also found abandoned with the rifle were undershorts, a T-shirt, binoculars, a newspaper, an after-shave lotion bottle, two unopened beer cans, a six-transistor radio, and a brown and green bedspread in which this bundle was wrapped.

A canvass of motels in the Memphis area for persons driving a white Mustang disclosed that on April 3, 1968, one ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, had registered at the Rebel Motor Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, and had left prior to 1:00 p.m. on April 4, 1968. GALT was driving a white Mustang with an Alabama license. Investigation to further identify GALT disclosed that he had not resided at that address since about October 1967 and his whereabouts was unknown.

Latent fingerprints found on the rifle and other articles abandoned in front of 424 South Main Street were subsequently found to be identical with those of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI No. 405942G, who had escaped on April 23, 1967, from the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, where he was serving a 20-year sentence for Armed Robbery. By means of photographic identification and by handwriting comparison, it was determined that JAMES EARL RAY was identical with the man who had used the name ERIC S. GALT. The white Mustang belonging to GALT was abandoned at Atlanta, Georgia, on the morning of April 5, 1968.

JAMES EARL RAY was arrested June 8, 1968, at London, England, by officers of New Scotland Yard, at which time he was found to be in possession of a Canadian passport in the name of RAMON GEORGE SNEYD.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422 - Cohn and Co.
Ⓑ N. entrance (stairway) to rooming house, 2nd floor
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Ⓒ Space for 3 cars between fire plug and driveway
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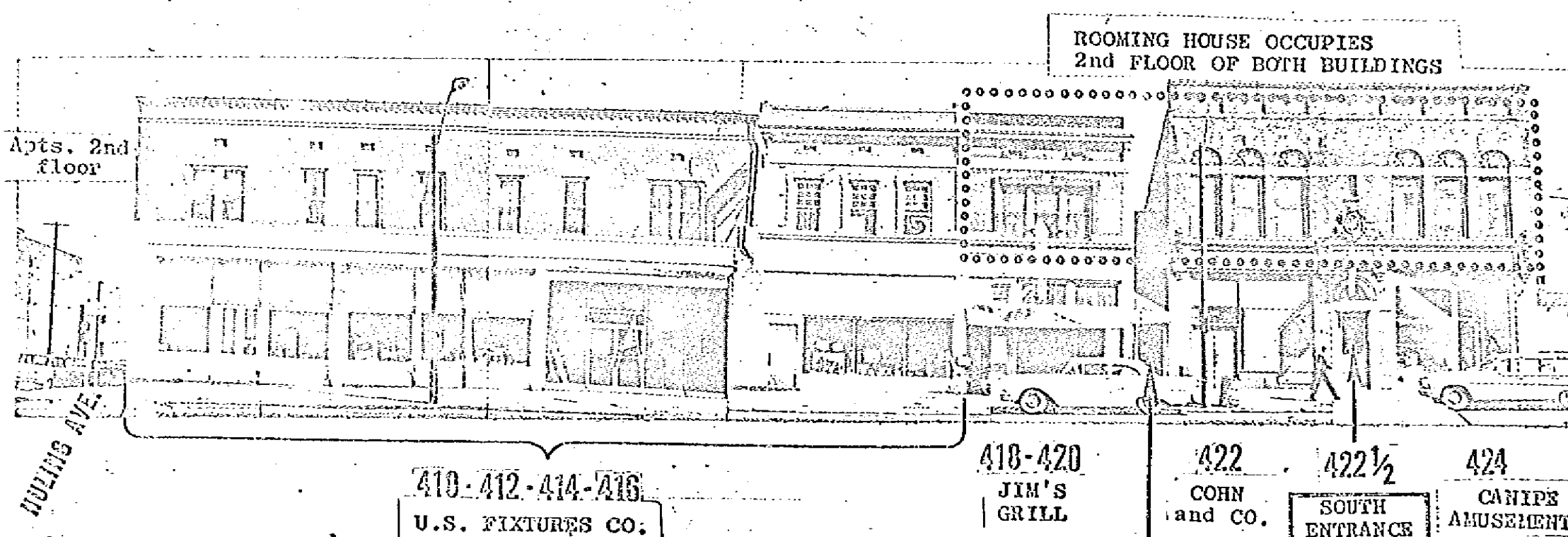

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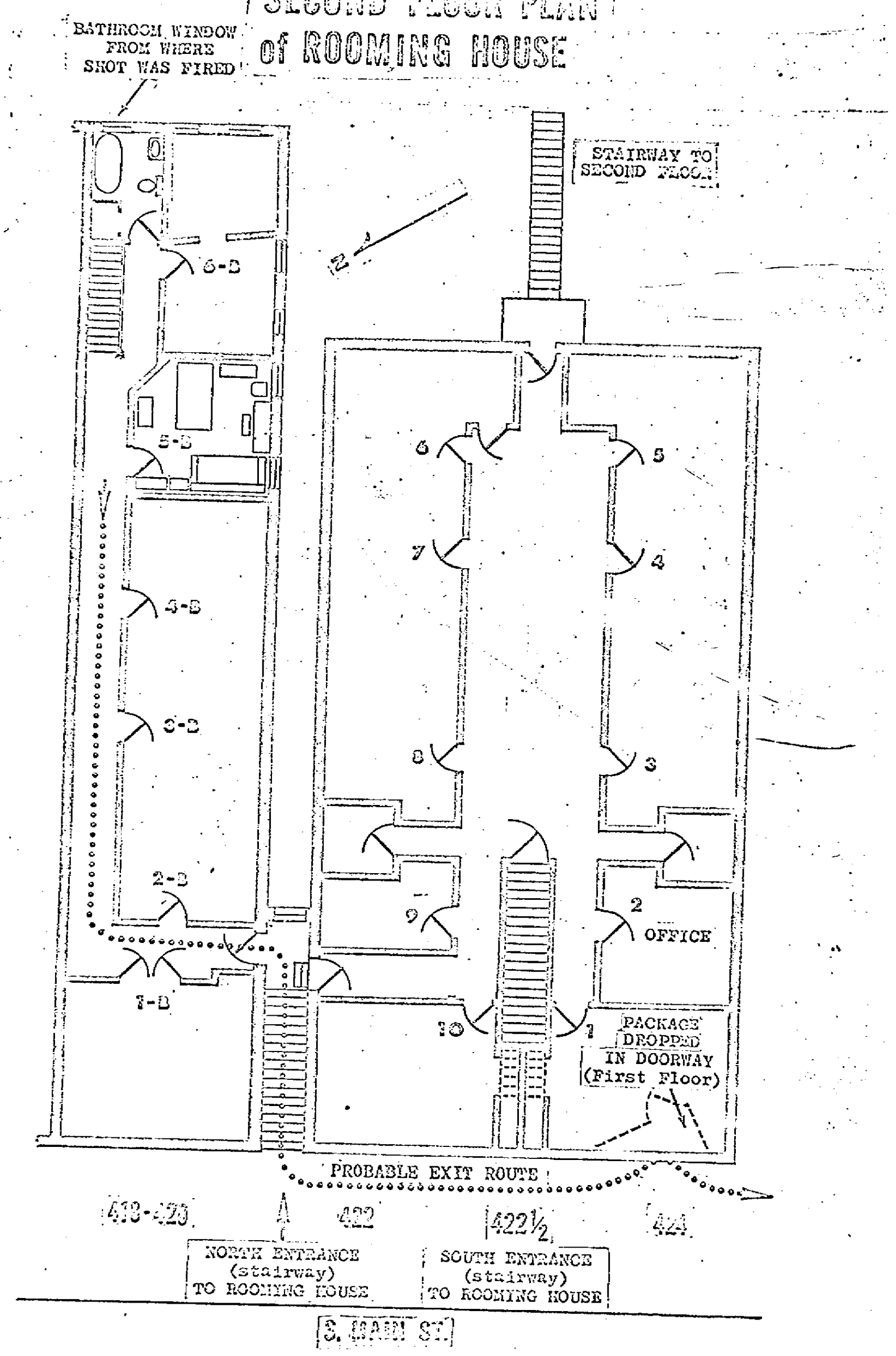

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II. NAMES OF DEFENDANTS

JAMES EARL RAY

III. DATE AND PLACE OF CRIME

April 4, 1968, at Memphis, Tennessee

IV. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

There will be no bar to prosecution as process has been outstanding since April 17, 1968, for the Civil Rights violation and on May 7, 1968, RAY was indicted by a Shelby County, Tennessee, Grand Jury for First Degree Murder.

V. OTHER DATA HELPFUL TO UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

In addition to process outstanding for this offense, it is noted that on July 20, 1967, a complaint was filed before United States Commissioner W. C. SHELEY, Jefferson City, Missouri, charging JAMES EARL RAY with Unlawful Flight to Avoid Confinement in violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073. A warrant was issued that same date. This complaint was in connection with RAY's escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967.

VI. PRELIMINARY PROSECUTIVE ACTION

On April 17, 1968, a complaint was filed by SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE before United States Commissioner MILDRED F. SPRAGUE, Birmingham, Alabama, charging that ERIC STARVO GALT in violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241, did conspire to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in the free exercise and enjoyment of his rights secured by the Constitution of the United States, namely the right to freely travel from state to state. A warrant was issued April 17, 1968, and bond was recommended in the amount of $50,000.

On May 7, 1968, a Shelby County, Tennessee, Grand Jury at Memphis, Tennessee, returned an indictment charging that JAMES EARL RAY did unlawfully, feloniously,

willfully, deliberately, premeditatedly, and of his malice aforethought, kill and murder MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. A capias for his arrest was issued May 7, 1968.

JAMES EARL RAY was arrested June 8, 1968, at London, England, by officers of New Scotland Yard, and is presently in their custody on local charges. He was arrested in possession of a Canadian passport in the name of RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. He was armed at the time of his arrest.

VII. NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF WITNESSES AND WHAT THEY CAN TESTIFY TO

A. The following persons are tenants of the rooming house at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, from where it is believed the fatal shot was fired. These witnesses can testify as follows:

1. Mrs. BESSIE BREWER
422½ South Main Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Between 3:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on April 4, 1968, she rented Room 5-B at 422½ South Main Street for a period of one week to a white male using the name JOHN WILLARD. She did not require that he sign a register, and she did not see him again after renting the room. She is unable to identify RAY from photographs. At about 6:00 p.m. on April 4, 1968, she heard what she thought to be a gunshot coming from the rear of the rooming house; however, she did not see or hear anyone running from the rooming house.

2. Mr. WILLIAM CHARLES ANSCHUTZ
422½ South Main Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Mr. ANSCHUTZ resides in Room 4-B of this rooming house, where on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, he heard what he believed was a gunshot. Immediately after hearing the gunshot, he opened his door onto the hallway and saw a white male running down the hall toward the South Main Street entrance and holding his hand and arm over his face in such a way as to prevent ANSCHUTZ's getting a good look at him. ANSCHUTZ commented to this running man that he thought he had heard a shot. This man answered, "Yeah, it was a shot." ANSCHUTZ observed that this man was

carrying a long package which appeared to be wrapped in a blanket. He can testify that the gunshot which he heard was fired nearby but he is unable to say from exactly where. He is unable to identify photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as being the running man.

3. Mr. CHARLES QUITMAN STEPHENS
422½ South Main Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Mr. STEPHENS occupies Apartment 6-B, consisting of two rooms, one of which has a common wall with the bathroom that is located at the rear of the rooming house. Sometime between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on April 4, 1968, STEPHENS heard a gunshot which he believes was fired from the bathroom. At the time he heard the shot, STEPHENS was in the room of his apartment which has the common wall with the bathroom. When STEPHENS opened his door from his apartment into the hallway, he observed a man running along the hallway toward the South Main Street entrance. This man was carrying a bundle described by STEPHENS as being three or four feet long and as being wrapped in something, possibly a newspaper. STEPHENS had earlier observed the new tenant in Room 5-B but had seen only the left side of his face. STEPHENS now states that the profile photograph of JAMES EARL RAY made in 1960, appearing on FBI Wanted Flyer 442-A, "looks like" the man who rented Room 5-B on April 4, 1968.

STEPHENS recalls that on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, he heard the occupant of Room 5-B on several occasions visit the bathroom at the end of the hall. He recalls that each time this person remained in the bathroom for a considerable period of time and that this individual had been in the bathroom some 20 to 30 minutes prior to the time STEPHENS heard the gunshot.

4. Mrs. GRACE HAYES STEPHENS
422½ South Main Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Mrs. STEPHENS was ill on April 4, 1968, and spent the day in bed in Apartment 6-B at this address. At about 6:00 p.m. on April 4, 1968, she heard a noise that sounded like a firecracker, and she then heard footsteps as someone

left the bathroom and moved rapidly along the hallway toward the South Main Street entrance. She did not leave her room after hearing this loud noise and was not in a position to observe anyone in the hallway.

B. The following individuals were standing near Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., at the time he was struck by the fatal bullet. Dr. KING was standing on the balcony outside Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel and was talking to a number of persons standing in the motel parking lot just beneath the balcony. These persons observed Dr. KING at the instant he was struck or seconds later, but none of them observed the killer or are in a position to say exactly where the shot was fired from:

1. Mr. MARRELL McCULLOUGH
Apartment 6
270 Gaston
Memphis, Tennessee

2. Mr. SOLOMON JONES, JR.
374 Vance Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee

3. Rev. SAMUEL B. KYLES
2215 South Parkway East
Memphis, Tennessee

4. Mr. CHAUNCEY ESKRIDGE
123 West Madison
Chicago, Illinois

5. Rev. BERNARD SCOTT LEE
334 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

6. Rev. ANDREW J. YOUNG
1033 Veltre Circle Southwest
Atlanta, Georgia

C. The following three individuals were inside Canipe Amusement Company, a store located at 424 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, in front of which was dropped a large bundle which was subsequently determined to be a rifle, binoculars, a transistor radio, and numerous other items, all of which were partially wrapped in a brown and green bedspread. These witnesses can testify as follows:

1. Mr. GUY WARREN CANIPE, JR.
1078 Brower Road
Memphis, Tennessee

Mr. CANIPE is the owner of Canipe Amusement Company located at 424 South Main Street. On the late afternoon of April 4, 1963, at about 6:00 p.m., he heard a "thud" near the front door of his store and looking up he saw a white male walking past his store going south on South Main Street. Mr. CANIPE walked to his front door, observed a bundle lying in front of the door, looked to see what had happened to the man who had dropped the bundle, and at almost that same moment observed a small white car pulling away from the curb on the east side of South Main Street at a point just south of Canipe's store. He was unable to furnish the make of the small white car which he observed. Turning his attention to the bundle left in front of his store, he observed that this consisted of a rifle in a long cardboard box, a suitcase, and a green cloth which he thought might be a curtain. This bundle was not touched by him and was subsequently removed by a police officer. Mr. CANIPE got only a fleeting glimpse of the man he had seen walking past his store.

2. Mr. BERNELL FINLEY
1468 Kyle
Memphis, Tennessee

Mr. FINLEY arrived at Canipe Amusement Company, 424 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, at about 5:30 p.m., April 4, 1963, in the company of a friend, Mr. JULIUS GRAHAM. At about 6:00 p.m., FINLEY heard a noise like a gunshot, and a minute or two later heard a second noise near the front door of Canipe's store. FINLEY, GRAHAM, and CANIPE all went to the front door of the store, where they observed a bundle lying immediately in

front of the door. Mr. FINLEY observed at this time a white male walking rapidly along the sidewalk in a southerly direction on South Main Street. Mr. FINLEY then heard the squeal of automobile tires and observed a white Mustang going north on Main Street. He did not at first associate the man he had seen on foot with the man he subsequently saw in the Mustang, but after considering what happened, he decided they were probably the same person. He can testify that the bundle dropped in front of Canipe's store consisted of a rifle with a telescopic sight, a suitcase, and a cloth folded over both items.

3. Mr. JULIUS GRAHAM
Apartment 5
804 North Fifth Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Mr. GRAHAM, together with a friend, Mr. BERNELL FINLEY, arrived at Canipe Amusement Company, 424 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, at about 5:30 p.m. on April 4, 1968. When he arrived at 424 South Main Street, GRAHAM observed that a white Mustang was parked at the curb just south of Canipe Amusement Company. While inside Canipe Amusement Company, GRAHAM heard no unusual noise except the sound of a package being dropped on the sidewalk in front of Canipe's store. Prior to hearing this noise, he observed a man running along the sidewalk going south on South Main Street, and he observed him drop this bundle in front of Canipe's store. He subsequently heard the squeal of automobile tires and observed a white Mustang speeding north on South Main Street. GRAHAM can testify that the bundle dropped in front of Canipe's store consisted in part of a gun barrel in a large cardboard box which was wrapped with a green cloth.

D. Physical evidence found in front of 424 South Main Street

(The FBI Laboratory and the FBI Identification Division, both at Washington, D. C., will provide expert testimony regarding the examination of physical evidence as set forth below and as set forth elsewhere in this report.)

1. Inspector N. E. ZACHARY
Memphis Police Department
Memphis, Tennessee

Inspector ZACHARY can testify that he took possession of the bundle found on the sidewalk in front of Canipe Amusement Company and that the following items were among the items recovered:

a. A Remington Game Master rifle, Model 760, Serial No. 461476, on which was mounted a Redfield telescopic sight, Serial No. A17350;

b. Binoculars, manufactured by Bushnell, Serial No. DQ408664;

c. First section of the April 4, 1968, issue of the "Commercial Appeal," a daily newspaper published at Memphis, Tennessee;

d. Plastic bottle of Mennen Afta shaving lotion;

e. An unopened can of Schlitz beer;

f. A six-transistor portable radio with the number 00416 scratched on the side of the radio;

g. One pair of undershorts and one T-shirt;

h. A green and brown bedspread.

2. The Latent Fingerprint Section of the FBI Identification Division advised that one latent fingerprint on this rifle, one latent fingerprint on the telescopic sight, one latent fingerprint on the binoculars, one latent fingerprint on the newspaper, one latent fingerprint on the plastic bottle of Afta, and one latent fingerprint on the Schlitz beer can have been identified with the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI No. 405942C.

3. The number 00416 scratched into the side of the portable radio is the inmate number at the Missouri State Penitentiary for JAMES EARL RAY. Mr. JAMES SCHULTE, Manager, Inmate Canteen, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, can testify that when an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary purchases a radio, his inmate number is etched into the radio and that the prison treasurer is notified of the inmate's purchase.

4. Mr. H. J. STEWART, Treasurer, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, can testify that JAMES EARL RAY's Missouri State Penitentiary Inmate Number was 00416, and he can produce a ledger reflecting that on April 21, 1967, JAMES EARL RAY purchased a radio for $9.75.

5. The FBI Laboratory examination revealed that the undershorts and T-shirt each bears a laundry tag on which appears the printed characters "02B-9." Only a portion of the first character is present on each tag.

6. JEROME WALLIS VERNON, 1246 Woodbury Court, Apartment B, Los Angeles, California, operated the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, from about January 16, 1968, to March 23, 1968, and during this period he had a regular customer named ERIC GALT who came in each Saturday afternoon with a bundle of laundry, which usually consisted of undershorts, T-shirts, and dress shirts. VERNON was shown the T-shirt and undershorts found in front of 424 South Main Street, Memphis, and he identified the laundry markings on them as being similar to the mark used at his laundry.

7. Mr. LOUIS PUTERMAN, 340 North Martell, Los Angeles, California, has in his possession Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning laundry list number 3065 with Thermo Seal sticker 02B-6 with the name E. GALT.

8. Samples of the Thermo Seal marking machine Model RH-5K1, Serial Number 31454, in possession of the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, using the numbers and letters 02B-6 on red colored tape were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory. The FBI Laboratory advised that the specimens from this machine are similar in color, construction, and composition to the laundry tapes appearing on the T-shirt and undershorts recovered at Memphis. The tapes submitted by Los Angeles are of varying lengths; however, no significant differences were noted between the T-shirt and undershorts laundry tapes when compared with some of the specimens submitted by Los Angeles, indicating that they may have originated from the same machine.

9. Mr. RALPH MEREDITH CARPENTER, 4844 Durbin Street, Memphis, Tennessee, a salesman at York Arms Company, 162 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, can testify that at about 4:00 p.m. on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, he sold a pair of Bushnell binoculars to an individual whom he later identified from photographs as being identical with JAMES EARL RAY. He sold these binoculars for $39.95 and wrote on the side of the cardboard box in which the binoculars came the price $39.95 and the amount of the tax, which was $1.60, and added the two figures for a total of $41.55. He stated the store does not record the serial number of these binoculars but that he could identify the binoculars from his writing on the box. It is noted that found with the binoculars was a cardboard box in which the binoculars had been originally shipped and on which appeared the figures as described by Mr. CARPENTER. Also found with the binoculars were a sales slip and a paper bag, on the side of which was printed York Arms Company.

E. Investigation disclosed that one ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, registered at the Rebel Motor Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, on April 3, 1968, and departed April 4, 1968. He was driving a Mustang bearing an Alabama License. Subsequent investigation to identify GALT disclosed that he had not resided at 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, since October 1967. Witnesses at the Rebel Motor Hotel can testify as follows:

1. Mrs. HENRIETTA HAGEMASTER
Desk Clerk, Rebel Motor Hotel
3466 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee

Mrs. HAGEMASTER was on duty April 3, 1968, from 3:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. At 7:15 p.m. on April 3, 1968, she registered ERIC S. GALT into Room 34. He indicated on his registration card that he was driving a Mustang automobile with Alabama License 1-38993. Mrs. HAGEMASTER is unable to identify photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as being identical with ERIC GALT.

2. Miss ANNA CHRISTINE KELLY
Manager, Rebel Motor Hotel
3466 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee

Miss KELLY advised that the records of that motel indicate ERIC S. GALT must have checked out of Room 34 sometime prior to 1:00 p.m., April 4, 1968, otherwise the records would indicate he was charged with two days lodging instead of one day. Miss KELLY is unable to identify photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as being identical with ERIC S. GALT.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature of ERIC S. GALT appearing on the Rebel Motor Hotel registration card was prepared by the same individual who prepared other specimens submitted under the name ERIC S. GALT. The FBI Laboratory has also concluded that the handwriting specimens submitted under the name ERIC S. GALT are identical with the handwriting and printed material known to be the handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY.

F. Investigation determined that ERIC S. GALT resided at the Economy Rooming House, Birmingham, Alabama, from August 26, 1967, through October 7, 1967.

1. PETER CHERPES,
Owner, Economy Rooming House
2003 Highland Avenue,
Birmingham, Alabama

Mr. CHERPES can testify to the fact that ERIC S. GALT resided at the Economy Rooming House from August 26, 1967, through approximately October 7, 1967. CHERPES can testify to the fact that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken at the graduation of the bartenders school in Los Angeles, California, on March 2, 1968, reflecting RAY's eyes open was the best likeness of the man known to him as ERIC S. GALT.

2. HERBERT KELLY
2008 Highland Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

Mr. KELLY, who is employed as a cook at the Economy Rooming House, can testify that an individual occupying Room 14 of the Economy Rooming House under the name of ERIC GALT resided at that rooming house from approximately the latter part of August 1967 to early October 1967. KELLY can testify that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken at the graduation of the bartenders school on March 2, 1968, in Los Angeles, California, showing the eyes in an open position was definitely identical with the individual known to him as ERIC S. GALT who resided at the Economy Rooming House in Birmingham in 1967.

G. Purchase of 1966 Mustang by ERIC S. GALT at Birmingham, Alabama.

1. WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, SR.
701 42th Street South
Birmingham, Alabama

Mr. PAISLEY can testify to the fact that an individual known to him by the name of ERIC GALT answered PAISLEY's ad appearing in a local newspaper in Birmingham

regarding PAISLEY's offer to sell a 1966 white Mustang. He can testify that on August 30, 1967, GALT met PAISLEY at the First National Bank building, Birmingham, where GALT paid PAISLEY $1995 cash. PAISLEY prepared a bill of sale indicating that the car was sold to ERIC GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama.

This vehicle is described as a 1966 Mustang, Vehicle Identification Number 6T07C190647. PAISLEY advised that the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT depicting his eyes closed which was taken in the bartenders school graduation in Los Angeles, California, on March 2, 1968, resembles the man known to him as ERIC GALT; however, he could not make a positive identification and added that the man in the photograph has a fatter face than the ERIC GALT who bought the Mustang.

2. WILLIAM DAVID PAISLEY, JR.
701 South 48th Street
Birmingham, Alabama

PAISLEY, JR., can testify to the fact that an individual by the name of ERIC GALT purchased a 1966 Mustang, Vehicle Identification Number 6T07C190647, from WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, SR., in the latter part of August 1967, and paid the sum of $1995 in cash. PAISLEY, JR., advised that the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT showing his eyes closed which was taken at the bartending school graduation in Los Angeles, California, on March 2, 1968, resembles the person known to him by the name of ERIC GALT who purchased the 1966 white Mustang from PAISLEY's father in August 1967. PAISLEY commented that it appeared GALT had put on some weight since PAISLEY had last seen him in August 1967, as GALT's face in the photograph appears fatter than what PAISLEY recalls. PAISLEY can testify to the fact that the more he studied the photograph of GALT the more he believed that the photograph was identical with ERIC GALT.

An appropriate witness from the Jefferson County Department of Revenue, Birmingham, Alabama, can testify to the fact that 1968 Alabama License 1-38993 was issued on October 2, 1967, to ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, for a 1966 Mustang two-door, Vehicle Identification Number 6T07C190647.

An appropriate witness at the Drivers License Division, Department of Public Safety, State of Alabama, Montgomery, Alabama, can testify to the fact that Alabama Drivers License 2318947 was issued to ERIC STARVO GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama, on September 6, 1967.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature of ERIC STARVO GALT appearing on his application for Alabama Drivers License and the signature of ERIC S. GALT appearing on the application for the Alabama automobile license were prepared by the same individual who prepared other items under the same name attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

H. Investigation revealed that ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland, Birmingham, Alabama, rented a safe deposit box, number 5517, at the Main office of Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama, on August 28, 1967. GALT terminated use of this safe deposit box by an undated letter advising bank officials that he was moving to Louisiana and would have no further need for the box.

The following described documents were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory:

Record of access to safe deposit Box #5517 for ERIC S. GALT;

Contract for safe deposit box with ERIC S. GALT;

Ledger card (rental record) for safe deposit box #5517 in name ERIC S. GALT;

Undated letter from ERIC S. GALT to the Birmingham Trust National Bank.

In the event the above described documents are needed as evidence they may be obtained by execution of a subpoena duces tecum to Mr. C. E. KIRKPATRICK, Vice President, Birmingham Trust National Bank.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signatures of ERIC S. GALT appearing on the above described documents were prepared by the same individual who prepared the writing in the same name appearing on other items attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

I. Purchase of a Remington Model 760, caliber 30-06 rifle and Redfield telescopic sight at Birmingham, Alabama.

On March 29, 1968, an individual who gave his name as HARVEY LOWMEYER, 1907 South 11th Street, Birmingham, Alabama, went to the Aeromarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, Alabama, where he purchased a Remington Model 700, caliber .243 rifle with a 2X - 7X Redfield telescopic sight mounted thereon. He also bought a box of 20 rounds of .243 Norma ammunition. He left the store carrying this rifle in a cardboard box which had originally been a box for a rifle from the Browning Manufacturing Company. He was given the Browning box because the rifle with the mounted sight would not fit in the Remington box in which the rifle had originally been shipped. LOWMEYER paid for this weapon in cash.

On March 30, 1968, the individual calling himself LOWMEYER telephoned first and then later that day returned with the newly purchased .243 rifle to Aeromarine Supply Company and explained that following a conversation with his brother he decided to exchange this rifle for a Remington Model 760, 30-06 caliber. This exchange was accomplished on the afternoon of March 30, 1968, with LOWMEYER leaving the store with a Remington Game Master rifle, Model 760, Serial Number 461476, on which was mounted the Redfield telescopic sight, Serial Number A17350.

1. DONALD F. WOOD
5701 Airport Highway
Birmingham, Alabama

WOOD can testify to the fact that on March 30, 1968, HARVEY LOWMEYER, furnishing an address of 1907 South 11th Street, Birmingham, Alabama, purchased a Remington Model 760, caliber 30-06 rifle, Serial Number 461476, with a 2X - 7X Redfield telescopic sight, Serial

Number A17350 mounted thereon and a box of 20 rounds of 30-06 ammunition from the Aeromarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, Alabama.

WOOD can also testify to the fact that the individual known by the name of HARVEY LOWMEYER was at the Aeromarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, on March 29, 1968, at which time he purchased a Remington Model 700, caliber .243 rifle with a 2X - 7X Redfield telescopic sight mounted thereon.

WOOD can testify to the fact that the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT taken at the bartenders school graduation in Los Angeles, California, on March 2, 1968, which shows the eyes of GALT closed is a photograph of the man to whom he sold the Remington Model 700, caliber 30-06, rifle, Serial Number 461476, on March 30, 1968, and is identical to the man that he observed at the Aeromarine Supply Company on March 29, 1968, at which time he purchased a Remington Model 700, caliber .243 rifle with a 2X - 7X Redfield telescopic sight mounted thereon. WOOD stated "I can't say exactly at this time, but I think that this is the man. To the best of my memory I believe that this is the man that bought the gun."

2. JOHN WEBSTER DESHAZO
17 Montevallo Lane
Mountain Brook, Alabama

DESHAZO can testify that he is a regular and frequent customer at Aeromarine Supply Company, Airport Highway, Birmingham, and was in the Supply Company approximately 3:00 p.m., March 29, 1968, at which time he observed an individual purchasing a Remington Model 700, .243 rifle from a salesman known to DESHAZO by the last name of BAKER. DESHAZO can testify that he had conversation with this individual. DESHAZO can testify to the fact that he believes that the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT with his eyes closed taken at the bartenders school graduation on March 2, 1968, is a photograph of the man that he observed on March 29, 1968, purchasing a Remington Model 700, .243 rifle from the Aeromarine Supply Company, Airport Highway, Birmingham, Alabama.

The bullet removed from the body of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was examined by the FBI Laboratory. It was determined that the bullet is a .30 caliber metal jacketed "soft point" sporting type bullet of Remington-Peters manufacture which could have been fired from the recovered Remington 30-06 rifle. The bullet was distorted due to mutilation and insufficient marks of value for identification remain on this bullet. Therefore, it was not possible to determine whether or not the bullet removed from the body of KING had been fired from the recovered Remington rifle bearing the fingerprint of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405 942 G.

J. Recovery of 1966 white Mustang in Atlanta, Georgia, registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, Birmingham, Alabama.

On April 11, 1968, the Atlanta, Georgia, Police Department received a complaint that a white Mustang automobile, bearing an Alabama license, was parked in a parking area of Capitol Homes, and in view of the publicity concerning the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., the complainant wanted this vehicle investigated.

The following individuals can provide the indicated testimony:

1. Detective R. L. DAVIS
Auto Theft Squad
Atlanta, Georgia, Police Department

Detective DAVIS can testify that he and Detective P. S. MC CRAVY proceeded to the parking area of the Capitol Homes where they located a 1966 Ford Mustang. The car was a two-door model, white in color, bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-38993. The vehicle was locked, and in order to further determine ownership they unlocked the left front door and from the serial plate determined it bore VIN 6T07C190647. By sending the information concerning the license plate and the vehicle identification number to the National Crime Information Center through the Alabama State Police he determined that this vehicle was registered to one ERIC STARVO GALT, Birmingham, Alabama.

2. Mrs. MARY L. BRIDGES
Apartment 550
Capitol Homes
Atlanta, Georgia

Mrs. BRIDGES can testify that at about 8:30 A.M. on Friday, April 5, 1968, she had just gotten her children off to school and observed through the window a white automobile pulling up in the parking lot directly across from the door to her apartment. She recalled the

car had an Alabama license plate. The lone male occupant got out of the vehicle and began to walk across the parking lot away from her apartment and toward Memorial Drive. She never saw this individual's face but could describe him as a white male, 5'10" to 6' tall, 165 pounds, medium build, wearing a navy blue suit and a white shirt. He had dark hair, and she estimated him to be about 30 to 35 years of age.

She is unable to identify him but is able to affix the time of arrival of the vehicle at the Capitol Homes parking area.

3. Mrs. LUCY CAYTON
Apartment 490
Capitol Homes
Atlanta, Georgia

Mrs. CAYTON can testify that on April 5, 1968, sometime after 8:15 A.M. when her children had left for school and while she was sweeping her front stoop, she noticed a white male approaching her apartment from the parking lot to the left of her front door. He came to the back yard area of the apartment buildings to her left and after stopping at the beginning of the lane as if to gain his bearings, he proceeded toward Memorial Drive through the back yard area after which time she lost sight of him. This would have occurred prior to 9:30 A.M.

She viewed 7 photographs including 2 of JAMES EARL RAY and selected a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as appearing identical to the individual whom she had observed.

4. JACK B. SIMPSON
RICHARD H. DAVIS
CARL E. CLAIBORNE
ALDEN F. MILLER
JACK T. BEVERSTEIN
Atlanta Division

On April 11, 1968, the above Agents examined the 1966 Ford Mustang at the FBI Garage,

Atlanta, Georgia. This vehicle is a two-door 289, 8 cylinder, 2 barrel carburetor, white hardtop, bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-38993. The mileage was noted to be 39,100.8 and the SN 6T07C190647. The right rear window bore a sticker "Direccion General de Registro Federal de Automoviles, 1967 Octbre Turista, Aduana de Nuevo, Laredo, Tamps."

K. FBI Laboratory examination of items removed from the 1966 Mustang.

FBI Laboratory examination of items removed from the 1966 Mustang which were submitted by the Atlanta Office determined that brown cotton fibers, green cotton fibers, and green rayon fibers which could have come from the bedspread recovered near the scene of the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., were found on a dark blue, short sleeve sweat shirt, a white fitted sheet, a black and white shirt jacket, a pillow-case, a fitted sheet with yellow thread, a black sports shirt, a pair of size 34 walking shorts, a rug, and a pillow as well as a pair of men's brown socks and were also contained in the vacuum sweepings from the trunk of the vehicle.

The Laboratory also determined through examination that Caucasian head hairs like the hairs previously found on the bedspread described above, in the zipper bag, on the yellow and white towel, on the pair of black socks, and the hair brush recovered in the vicinity of the scene of the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., were found on the dark blue, short sleeve sweat shirt, a white fitted sheet, a pillow case, a fitted sheet with yellow thread, and a rug all recovered from the Mustang. These hairs could have come from the same person and the Laboratory points out that hairs do not possess enough individual microscopic characteristics to be positively identified as originating from a particular person.

Some Caucasian head hairs found in the vacuum sweepings from the Mustang were like the hairs found on the bedspread, in the zipper bag, on the yellow and white towel, on the pair of black socks, and on the hair brush.

L. ERIC S. GALT's residence at Atlanta, Georgia

The operator of the residence located at 107 14th Street, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia, also operates the rooming house at 113 14th Street, N. E., Atlanta, and is identified as JAMES D. GARNER.

1. JAMES D. GARNER
107 14th Street, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

GARNER can testify that on March 24, 1968, an individual identifying himself as ERIC GALT introduced himself to GARNER at his rooming house, 107 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, and requested a single room. He was placed in room #2, 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, and was offered an adjoining storage room in which to place his surplus belongings in view of the small size of the room. On March 31, 1968, ERIC GALT paid him another week's rent, and on April 5, 1968, when GARNER entered room #2 to change the linens found a note on the bed stating in effect, "I've had to go to Birmingham. I've left my TV set here and will try to return for it in about a week."

GARNER selected from a group of 9 photographs displayed, the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as being identical to the individual whom he knew as the resident of room #2 under the name of ERIC GALT.

M. Examination of items recovered from the rooming house located at 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

Among items located in the rooms utilized by ERIC GALT at 113 14th Street, N.E., was a map of Mexico. Of the 6 latent fingerprints and one latent impression, which may be a fingerprint, impression of lower joint of a finger, or a partial palm print developed on the map of Mexico, one of the latent fingerprints is identical with the latent fingerprint previously

located on the Remington .30-06 "Game Master," slide action, rifle, Model 760, SN 461476.

N. Identification of JAMES EARL RAY at Piedmont Laundry, Atlanta, Georgia

1. Mrs. ESTELLE PETERS
Manager
Piedmont Laundry
1168 Peachtree, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

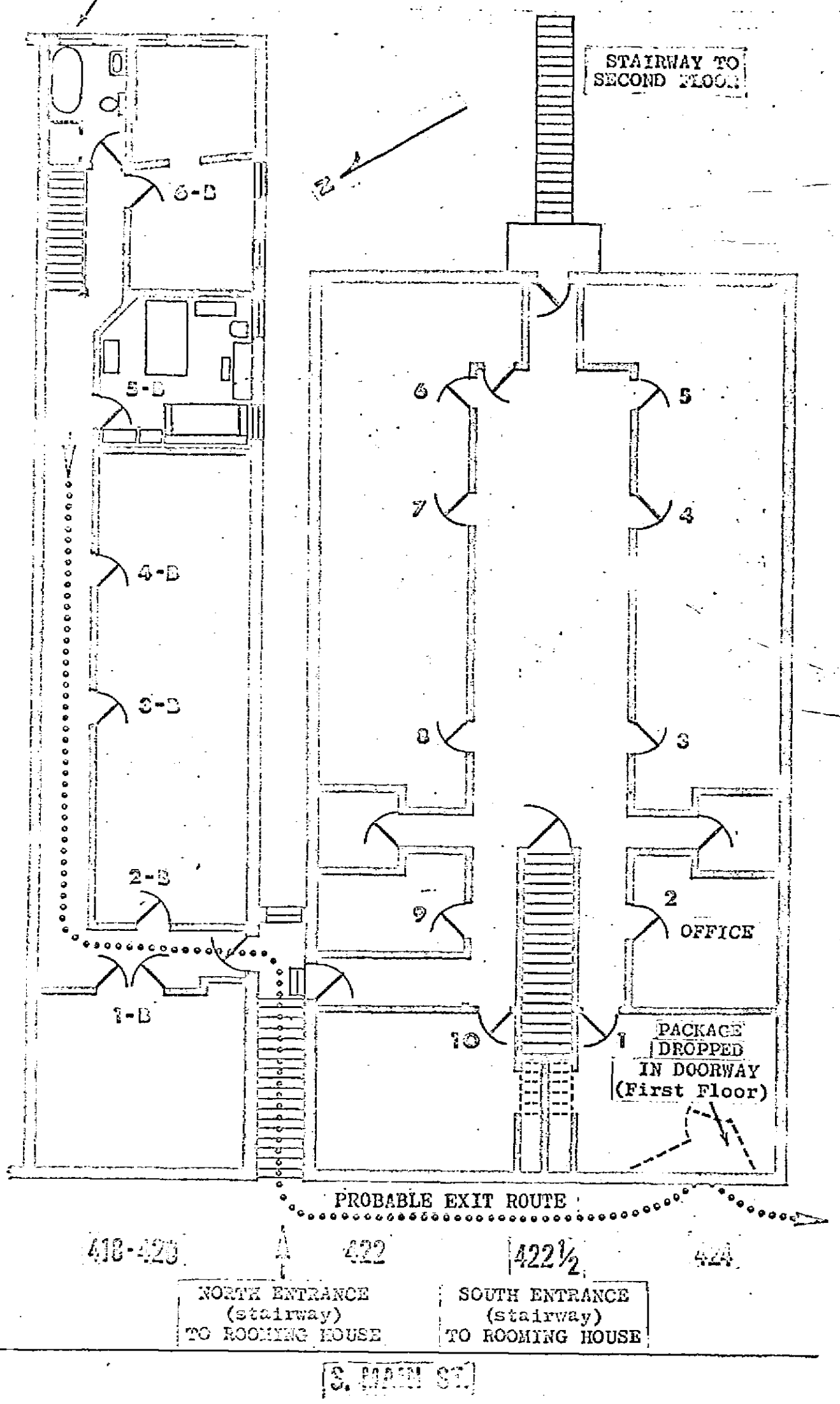
Mrs. PETERS, home address 1033 Milam Terrace Apartments, Clarkston, Georgia, can testify that a white male came into the laundry on April 1, 1968, and placed laundry as well as dry cleaning for treatment using the name *ERIC GALT*. The dry cleaning consisted of a black checked coat with small check marks and gray trousers. The laundry and dry cleaning were subsequently picked up between 9:00 and 10:00 A.M. on April 5, 1968, by the same individual.

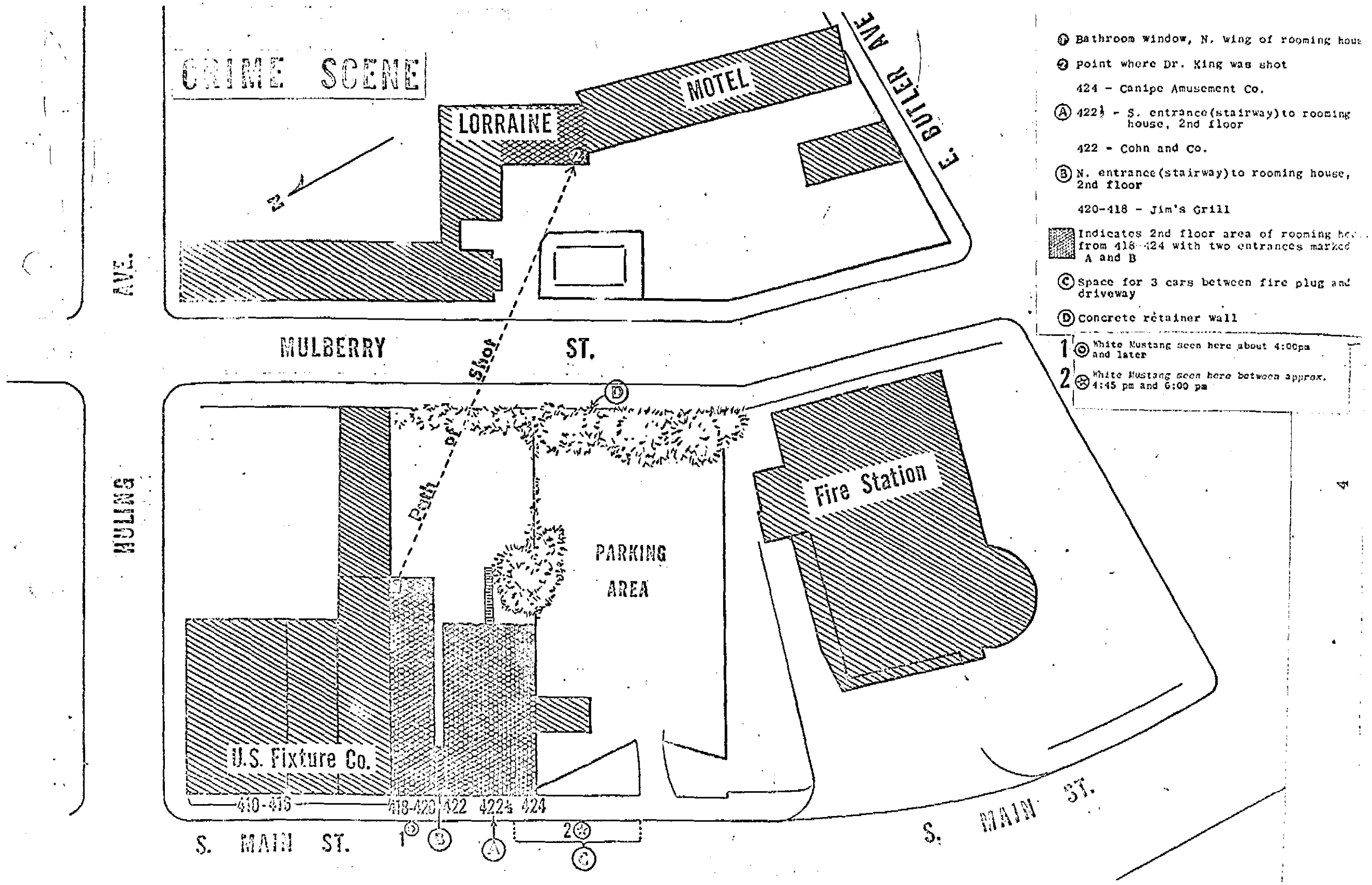
She identified the customer as being JAMES EARL RAY through a review of photographs.

O. At about 6:13 p.m. on April 4, 1968, the wounded Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was taken to St. Joseph Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, where he was pronounced dead at 7:05 p.m. Records concerning the emergency room treatment of the victim will be made available only upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to Mr. J. [illegible]UTON, Assistant Administrator, St. Joseph Hospit[illegible], Memphis, Tennessee.

Dr. J. T. FRANCISCO, Shelby County Medical Examiner, 858 Madison Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, can testify to the findings contained in his autopsy report dated April 11, 1968, which reports the cause of death as gunshot wound to spinal column, lower cervical, upper thoracic.

SECOND FLOOR PLAN of ROOMING HOUSE

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418-420
422
422½
424
S. MAIN ST.
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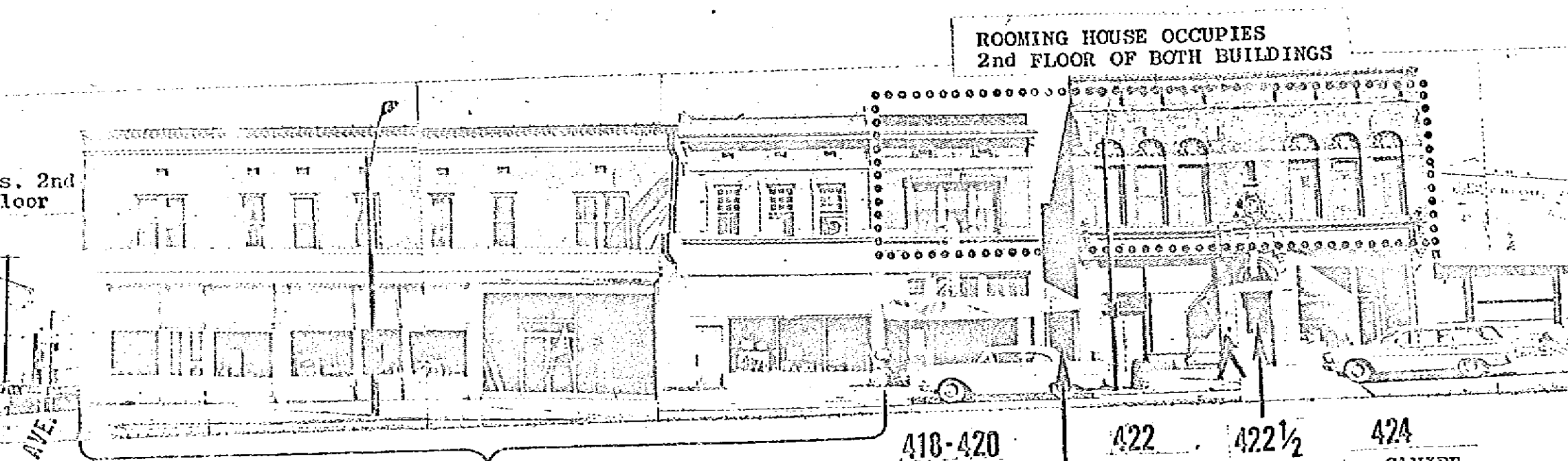
HULING AVE.
Ⓓ Bathroom window, N. wing of rooming house
② Point where Dr. King was shot
424 - Canipe Amusement Co.
Ⓐ 422½ - S. entrance(stairway)to rooming house, 2nd floor
422 - Cohn and Co.
Ⓑ N. entrance(stairway)to rooming house, 2nd floor
420-418 - Jim's Grill
Indicates 2nd floor area of rooming house from 418-424 with two entrances marked A and B
Ⓒ Space for 3 cars between fire plug and driveway
Ⓓ Concrete retainer wall
1 ◎ White Mustang seen here about 4:00pm and later
2 ⊗ White Mustang seen here between approx. 4:45 pm and 6:00 pm



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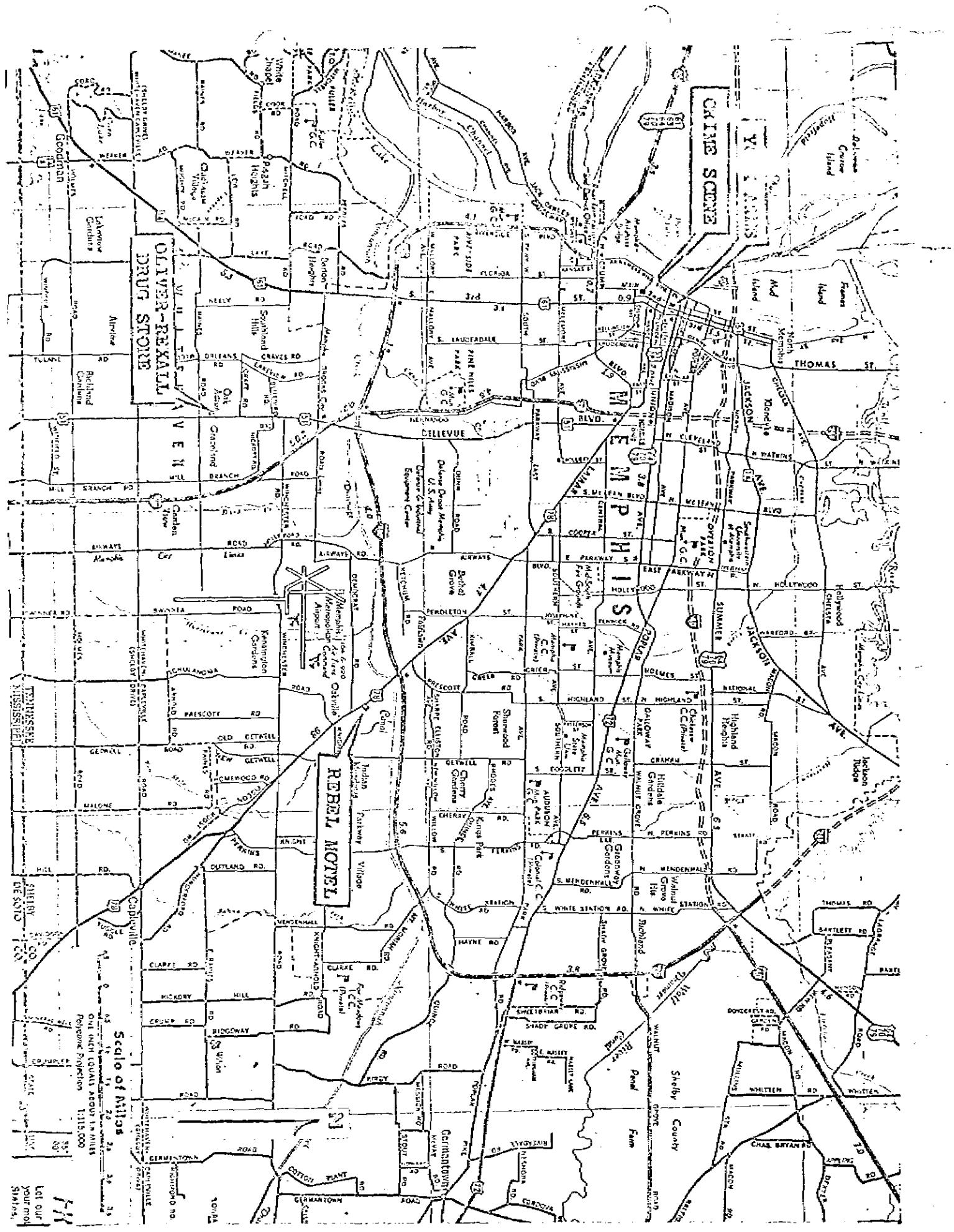
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