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Title: JAMES EARL RAY
IO #4182, WF #442-A;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
(Deceased) - VICTIM

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

Synopsis:

Employees of Provincial Motel Cafe, New Orleans, contacted and exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY with negative results. Relatives and acquaintances of CHARLES STEIN and MARIE MARTIN interviewed. Some recall STEIN appearing in New Orleans in December, 1967, as well as observing an individual with STEIN who was introduced to them by STEIN variously as ERIC or GALT. STEIN indicated this person had driven him from Los Angeles to New Orleans. These persons state that GALT was uncommunicative and they had little contact with him. Investigation has determined that a cardboard box for daughter of MARIE STEIN was delivered to relative of STEINS in New Orleans sometime between 3/17 and 24/68, probably on 3/21/68. Relative who accepted box could not identify photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as person delivering box. Relatives and acquaintances of CHARLES STEIN and MARIE MARTIN provided no information which could assist in location of JAMES EARL RAY. Motels and hotels in New Orleans French Quarter as well as other areas of New Orleans for the period of 3/17-24/68 were checked; however, no registration card for RAY under true name or known aliases were located. Investigation at rooming houses New Orleans negative. Manifests of passengers on Delta Airlines flight 106 for 4/5,6/68 examined; however, there was no record of RAY under his true name or known aliases. Members of crews of these flights exhibited photographs of RAY with negative results. Telephone calls to Lake Charles, La., on 12/17/67; to Shreveport, La., on 12/15/67 from Yuma, Arizona; to Greenwood, La., from Alpine, Texas, apparently have no relationship to subject. RAYMOND HENRY

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STARNS stated he is unaware of any alleged assassination plot in Baton Rouge, La., area where businessmen had allegedly taken up a collection of money. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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CITY MAP OF NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, AREA
showing alleged points of contact by
JAMES EARL RAY

1) Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street

2) OLONZO Residence, 1907½ Royal Street

3) Former Residence of MARIE LEE, 1429 Burgundy Street, in December, 1967

4) CALLOWAY Residence, 609 Bartholemew Street

5) RODRIGUEZ Residence, 4019 Royal Street

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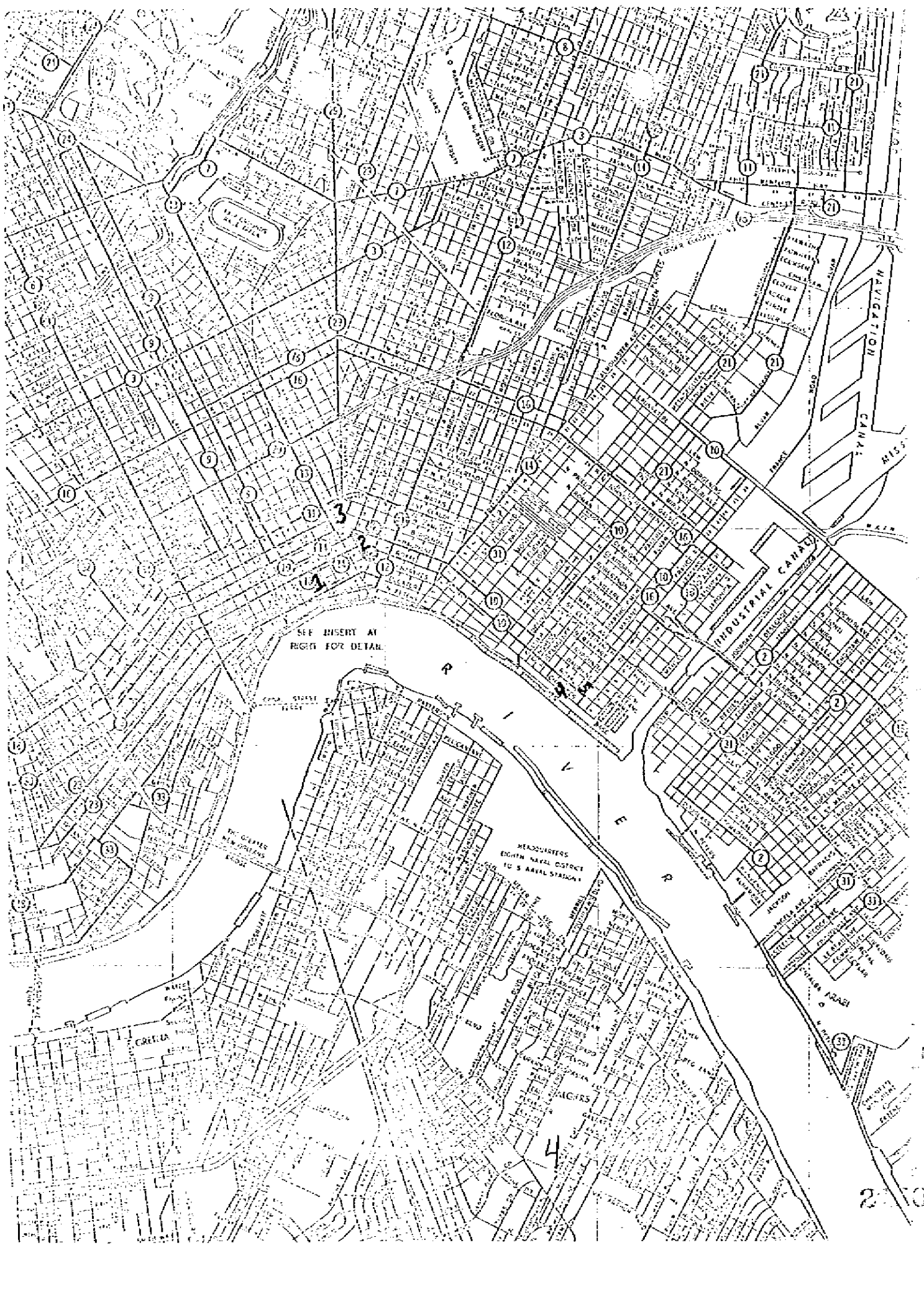
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INVESTIGATION AT PROVINCIAL MOTEL,
1024 CHARTRES STREET, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA,
WHERE ERIC S. GALT STAYED FROM DECEMBER 17-19, 1967

Previous investigation has determined that the individuals whose identities are set forth in the following pages of this report were either working at the motel or a guest at the motel during the pertinent period.

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GLORIA YOUNG, waitress, Provincial Motel Cafe, 1024 Chartres Street, was contacted concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

She advised that she was working at the cafe during the period December 17 to 19, 1967 but that she could not recall anyone using the name ERIC GALT.

She was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY at which time she advised that she did not recognize this individual as anyone she had seen at the cafe or anywhere else other than in the newspapers.

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BEVERLY WILLIAMS, waitress, Provincial Motel Cafe, 1024 Chartres Street, was contacted concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

She advised that she was working at the cafe during the period December 17 to 19, 1967 but that she could not recall anyone using the name ERIC GALT.

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YVONNE RILEY, waitress, Provincial Motel Cafe, 1024 Chartres Street, was contacted concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

She advised that she was working at the cafe during the period December 17 to 19, 1967 but that she could not recall anyone using the name ERIC GALT.

She was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY at which time she advised that she did not recognize this individual as anyone she had seen at the cafe or anywhere else other than in the newspapers.

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EVELYN REVERTIGA, owner, Provincial Motel Cafe, 1024 Chartres Street, was contacted concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

She advised that she was working at the cafe during the period December 17 to 19, 1967 but that she could not recall any guests named ERIC GALT. She advised that she does not generally get to know the guests personally.

She was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY at which time she advised that she did not recognize the photograph as resembling anyone she had seen in person or served in the cafe.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA PATRICK J. DENTE at New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 10, 1968:

Mr. ROLAND CHIARA, apartment house owner, 716 Governor Nichols, advised that Mr. ARCHIE A. CASBARIAN no longer resides at this address but can be located at the Royal Orleans Hotel where he is employed as Assistant General Manager.

Mr. ARCHIE A. CASBARIAN, Assistant General Manager, Royal Orleans Hotel, advised that he recalls spending the night of December 19, 1967, at the Provincial Motel on Chartres Street. Mr. CASBARIAN advised that he checked into the motel late at night, spent a few hours, and checked out early the next morning and does not recall talking to anyone during his stay. He advised that he does not recollect observing JAMES EARL RAY at the motel during the night of December 19, 1967. Mr. CASBARIAN further stated that he could furnish no information whatsoever regarding the subject at the Provincial Motel.

On the same date the following individuals advised that a search of the files of their respective agencies revealed no record identifiable with one JOE PARISH:

B. T. KAYLOR
New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau

Cadet PATRICK J. HORRIGAN
Record Section
New Orleans Police Department

Mrs. ALICE DORAN
Bureau of Identification
New Orleans Police Department

The following investigation was conducted at Belle Chasse, Louisiana, on May 10, 1968:

Deputy P. AULO, Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office, advised that he knows of no individual residing in the Belle Chasse area with the name of JOE PARISH.

A review of the Southern Bell Telephone Directory for New Orleans, Louisiana, and the 1968 Polks Directory for New Orleans Suburb revealed no listing for a JOE PARISH.

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INTERVIEWS WITH
RELATIVES AND ACQUAINTANCES OF
CHARLES J. STEIN AND MARIE MARTIN
AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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Mrs. LORRAINE ERNESTINA CALLOWAY, 609 Bartholomew Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that she is the wife of LLOYD CALLOWAY, who resides with her at the Bartholomew Street address. Mrs. CALLOWAY stated that she is the mother of MARIE MARTIN, who currently resides in Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. CALLOWAY stated that she is aware that during recent months her daughter, MARIE MARTIN, has sent to New Orleans, on two different occasions, two boxes of clothing belonging to MARIAN de GRASSE, eighteen year old daughter of MARIE MARTIN, and who resides part time with friends - 2529 Cambronne Street, New Orleans, as well as with Mrs. CALLOWAY at the Bartholomew Street residence.

In connection with the delivery of the two boxes of clothing, Mrs. CALLOWAY advised as follows:

Mrs. CALLOWAY received a telephone call from MARIE MARTIN sometime in early February, 1968, advising her that she was sending, with a friend, a box of clothing belonging to MARIAN de GRASSE. On a Sunday afternoon, at approximately 2:00 P.M., about a week or two prior to St. Patrick's Day, Mrs. CALLOWAY was sitting on her front porch when she observed a small white vehicle go past her residence the wrong way on a one-way street. She stated that this car, after it had passed her residence, turned around in a driveway and then parked directly in front of her residence. CALLOWAY recognized the driver of this car to be her nephew, CHARLES STEIN, whom she had not seen for approximately three years, and who, for the past several years, has been a resident of Los Angeles, California. CHARLES STEIN alighted from the car and obtained a cardboard box from either inside the car or the trunk of the car, this point not specifically recalled by CALLOWAY. STEIN carried the box up to the front porch and placed it along side CALLOWAY. CALLOWAY invited STEIN and an individual, whom she observed to have remained in the right front side of the vehicle, into the house for a cup of coffee. STEIN thereupon called to his companion if he cared to come in for a cup of coffee and this individual stated he did not care to come in.

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CALLOWAY is unable to furnish a description of the individual who remained in the car, other than his being a white male with dark hair. CALLOWAY recalled that this individual was sort of hunched up in the seat and looked as though he were somewhat cramped from a long drive. CALLOWAY did not observe this individual to turn his face in her direction.

STEIN advised that his companion was tired after a long trip and wanted to take a bath and that therefore he and his friend would go on, but that he, STEIN, would drop back. CALLOWAY stated that STEIN did not return and she has not seen him since that occasion. CALLOWAY stated that she subsequently made telephonic contact with MARIAN de GRASSE within a day or two after delivery of the box and advised her that the box of clothing which her mother had sent from Los Angeles had arrived at the CALLOWAY residence.

In connection with the second box of clothing, CALLOWAY remembers that MARIE MARTIN telephonically contacted MARIAN de GRASSE and told her that she was sending a second box of clothing with a friend and that it would arrive in New Orleans, in a few days. CALLOWAY stated that she subsequently learned from her daughter-in-law, DELIA RODRIGUEZ, who resides at 4019 Royal Street, New Orleans, and which residence is just around the corner from the CALLOWAY residence, that the second box of clothing had been delivered to 4019 Royal Street. CALLOWAY was unable to recall any date that this second box arrived, but thinks that it was probably sometime around the middle of March, 1968. The second box was delivered to the CALLOWAY residence by DELIA RODRIGUEZ.

DELIA RODRIGUEZ and her husband, HERBERT RODRIGUEZ, son of CALLOWAY, reside at 4019 Royal Street, New Orleans, which is the residence of THERESA STONE, daughter of Mrs. CALLOWAY. CALLOWAY understands from DELIA RODRIGUEZ that THERESA STONE was not at home when the second box was delivered.

LLOYD CALLOWAY is a seaman who is currently employed by the Strachen Steamship Lines in New Orleans, and who is currently aboard the "Overseas Rose" vessel which is on a trip to Hawaii, and Viet Nam.

LLOYD CALLOWAY had been on an ocean trip from November, 1967, to March 2, 1968, and then departed on the current trip on March 5, 1968, from which he has not yet returned.

CALLOWAY, by her own admission, possesses a poor recall as to dates.

CALLOWAY advised that she has the following relatives living in the New Orleans area:

HERBERT RODRIGUEZ, 4019 Royal Street, New Orleans, who is currently unemployed, but is a former boxer and ex-bartender in the French Quarter (son);

DELIA (DALE) RODRIGUEZ, wife of HERBERT RODRIGUEZ, and who lives with her husband at the Royal Street address (daughter-in-law);

Mrs. THERESA STONE, 4019 Royal Street (daughter), who is reportedly employed as a barmaid at the Backstage 500 Lounge in the French Quarter;

KENNETH STONE (son-in-law), currently incarcerated at Angola State Prison on a robbery charge, where he has been confined for approximately the past five months; and

Mrs. CLOVINA OLONZO, 1907½ Royal Street (sister); OLONZO is the mother of CHARLES STEIN.

CALLOWAY advised after a review of photographs of JAMES EARL RAY that to the best of her knowledge she had never seen this individual.

CALLOWAY said she is unable to furnish the names of any friends of CHARLES STEIN who currently reside in New Orleans.

CALLOWAY furnished her telephone number as 949-5150.

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MARIAN de GRASSE, eighteen year old daughter of MARIE MARTIN, ~~and granddaughter~~ of LORRAINE CALLOWAY, was interviewed at the residence and in the presence of LORRAINE CALLOWAY, 609 Bartholomew Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. de GRASSE advised as follows:

de GRASSE lived with her mother on Delongpre Street, Los Angeles, California, from a period of July, 1966, to August, 1966, and again from a period of February 16, 1967, to late April, 1967. During this last period of residence in Los Angeles, she lived with her mother on Fargo Street, Los Angeles. de GRASSE has no recollection of exact addresses, but does recall that she and her mother lived in the first floor of an apartment house on Delongpre Street, located near Fontain Avenue, and that they occupied a house on Fargo Street during the last visit.

de GRASSE, who had intended to attend high school in Los Angeles, and did attend Marshall High School in Los Angeles for one or two days, discovered that she did not like the high school or Los Angeles as a city, and thus the reason for her return to New Orleans.

de GRASSE has, since her last return from Los Angeles received two boxes of clothing and personal effects from her mother and which clothing and personal effects she had left behind when she departed for New Orleans. The first box was received by de GRASSE about two weeks after December 11, 1967, which date MARIAN reentered high school in New Orleans, and thus the reason why she remembers the approximate time that she received the first box of clothing.

On March 16, 1968, de GRASSE received a telephone call from her mother in Los Angeles, at which time her mother advised her that she was sending, with a friend, a second box of clothing and that the name of this friend is ERIC. The mother stated that the box probably would arrive in a couple of days. de GRASSE remembers the exact date of this

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phone call because she recalls mentioning to her mother that her grandmother, LORRAINE CALLOWAY, would be coming to dinner on St. Patrick's Day. de GRASSE, at this time, and also at the present time, is residing with friends at 2529 Cambronne Street, New Orleans, and this is the location where she received the telephone call from her mother.

de GRASSE actually received the second box on March 24, 1968, and further that she received this box from LORRAINE CALLOWAY, and that LORRAINE CALLOWAY had indicated that the box had been delivered to the residence of THERESA STONE and then subsequently brought to the CALLOWAY residence by DALE RODRIGUEZ. de GRASSE remembers the date March 24, 1968, because she made a note in her diary under this date that she had received a box of clothing from her grandmother.

de GRASSE recalls that both boxes had been wrapped in brown wrapping paper which she says has now been thrown away and that she seems to recall that the second box had been open, with the brown wrapping paper torn when she received it. The boxes were both cardboard and have since been disposed of.

de GRASSE recalls that the first box contained a picture album of photographs that she had taken of scenic views and of friends in the Los Angeles area, as well as dresses, shoes, and perfumes.

de GRASSE recalls that the second box, which she thinks was perhaps a box originally utilized for cartons of Kent cigarettes, contained some of her phonograph records, skirts, blouses, shoes, boots, and some old hair dressing which she said she threw away because it was not sufficiently fresh.

de GRASSE, while residing with her mother in Los Angeles, never heard the name ERIC GALT mentioned and upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY stated that she had never before seen this individual.

de GRASSE recalls seeing CHARLES STEIN on occasion in Los Angeles, but has not seen him since her last departure from California.

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DELIA RODRIGUEZ, 4019 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that she is the wife of HERBERT RODRIGUEZ and that she is normally called DALE RODRIGUEZ. RODRIGUEZ further stated that she resides at 4019 Royal Street, with her husband, but that this residence is the home of her sister-in-law, THERESA STONE.

At the time of interview, RODRIGUEZ stated that she was home alone with her seven months old daughter and that her husband and THERESA STONE had gone out for the evening.

RODRIGUEZ acknowledged that just before the arrival of the interviewing Agents, she had received a telephone call from her mother-in-law, LORRAINE CALLOWAY, advising her that the interviewing Agents would contact her within a few moments.

Mrs. RODRIGUEZ advised as follows:

Some time in February, or March, 1968, during the early evening hours, her husband accepted a telephone call from a male individual who stated that he would deliver that evening a box of clothing from MARIE MARTIN in Los Angeles, California. RODRIGUEZ and her husband waited until about 10:00 P.M., and when the clothing did not arrive they went to bed. At approximately 10:30 P.M., a knock was heard at the front door and DALE RODRIGUEZ answered the door. A white male, small in stature and "shaggy looking" was standing in front of the door with a box which he handed to RODRIGUEZ with the comment that "Here is the box of clothing." RODRIGUEZ accepted the box, expressed her thanks, and closed the front door.

RODRIGUEZ recalled that at the time this individual appeared it was raining and quite windy out. She did not see anyone with the individual at the door and did not observe any vehicle. She had not ever seen this individual before. RODRIGUEZ subsequently recalled that the individual was not very tall, that he possessed "springy dark hair" and was possibly wearing a dark colored coat. She does not recall a hat.

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RODRIGUEZ viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that the individual who appeared at the door was older, possibly in his late forties or early fifties, and that she did not recognize the photographs of RAY at all as any person she had ever seen previously.

RODRIGUEZ denied that she possessed any information concerning the telephone call that her husband had taken earlier in the evening concerning the delivery of the box of clothing.

RODRIGUEZ stated her husband, HERBERT, is currently unemployed, but had previously been a carnival worker. She denied that she had any idea where her husband or THERESA STONE could be located and stated she did not know if they would return to the residence that evening or even if they would return the following day. RODRIGUEZ steadfastly maintained that she did not possess any specific recall as to the month or date that the box of clothing was delivered by the male individual.

RODRIGUEZ further maintained that she does not recall who picked the box of clothing up from the residence for delivery to MARIAN de GRASSE, daughter of MARIE MARTIN. RODRIGUEZ advised that THERESA STONE is currently employed as a bartender at the Backstage 500 Bar in the French Quarter.

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Mr. HERBERT RODRIGUEZ, 4019 Royal Street, stated that he recalls receiving a telephone call sometime in the evening within the last two months from an unknown male. In explanation RODRIGUEZ stated he had just recently returned to New Orleans that day from a two-day hard driving road trip and that normally it took him a day or two to relax from such a trip and stated he was at the time of the phone call still "punchy." It is noted that RODRIGUEZ is a former professional boxer.

In further recollection concerning the telephone call RODRIGUEZ stated he could only recall the individual asking him for his address and that he was bringing a box. RODRIGUEZ was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated he could not recall ever seeing such an individual.

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Mrs. DALE RODRIGUEZ, wife of HERBERT RODRIGUEZ, 4019 Royal Street, stated that upon further recollection from her previous interview the night before, stated that both she and her husband, after receiving a telephone call from an unknown male, who advised he was bringing a box, stayed up until approximately 10:00 or 10:30 p.m. that evening and thereafter went to bed. Approximately one-half hour later she recalls someone knocking at the door and that her husband stated he did not wish to be bothered by any visitors and that thereafter she answered the door, accepted the box, which she described as an opened box similar to a canned goods box one would receive from a grocery store to carry home purchases. She stated she recalled asking the individual how MIMI was and could recall no further conversation. She stated she did not let him in the house or turn on any lights. She further recalled that at this time it was raining and windy. She stated that she felt the individual was approximately 5'7" to 5'8" tall and could not identify any photographs of RAY.

She further recalled that Mrs. LORRAINE CALLOWAY, mother of her husband, HERBERT RODRIGUEZ, came by their residence approximately two days later when she was bringing THERESA STONE's daughter, DENISE, homefrom school; and, at this time, picked up the box and took it back to her, MRS. CALLOWAY's residence. Mrs. RODRIGUEZ stated she had no knowledge of RAY's previous trip to New Orleans with STEIN in December, 1967. She stated she did not see STEIN and if she knew of the trip it would have been by word of mouth from her sister-in-law, THERESA STONE.

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HAROLD MONROE, Meteorologist, United States Weather Bureau, Federal Building, 701 Loyola Avenue, furnished a local climatological data sheet which reflects weather conditions for the month of March, 1968.

This sheet reflected that the only measurable rain fall occuring during the period from March 17, 1968, through March 24, 1968, occurred between 10:00 AM, March 21, 1968, and 12:00 noon, March 22, 1968.

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THERESA STONE, residing 4019 Royal Street, and employed at the 500 Back Stage in the French Quarter, advised that she recalls approximately one month ago seeing a box sitting in the living room of her residence with some clothes and other items which she could not recall. She stated that she subsequently learned from her brother or sister-in-law that these were items of clothes for MIMI's daughter, MARIAN DEGRASSE.

Mrs. STONE stated that this is the only box of clothing she saw or knew about. However, she recalls that in the middle or latter part of December, 1967, and places the date as December 18 because she does not work on Sundays or Tuesdays, which would be December 17 and 19 respectively, being at her cousin, MARIE LEE's residence in the 1400 block of Burgundy Street. She stated at this time she was there to see her other cousin, CHARLIE STEIN and recalls STEIN receiving a phone call from an unnamed individual which resulted in STEIN asking her the direction for this person to reach the Burgundy Street address. She does not recall now where STEIN stated this individual was located at the time of the call. She further recalls that this was in the vicinity of 9:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter, and that she was anxious to leave for work. She stated she left the residence and while standing on the street in front of the residence a white male individual approached them and was introduced to her by CHARLIE STEIN. She recalled that she immediately left for her place of employment and did not take notice of the name of the individual or any particular descriptive data concerning him. Mrs. STONE was unable to recognize any of the photographs of RAY as the individual to whom she was introduced by STEIN. She further recalled that her cousin, MARIE LEE, was still at the residence when she, STONE, left.

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Mrs. LORRAINE CALLOWAY, 609 Bartholomew, advised upon recollection that sometime approximately a month ago she brought DENISE STONE, THERESA STONE's daughter, to the STONE residence and at this time picked up a box which was for MARIAN DEGRASSE and took it back to her house on Burgundy Street. Approximately two days later she gave it to MARIAN.

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MARIE LEE, 2001 Claire Avenue, Gretna, Louisiana, telephone 367-0971, advised she is a sister of CHARLES STEIN, and she formerly resided at 1429 Burgundy Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

LEE stated that in December, 1967, the exact date unrecalled, her brother, CHARLES STEIN, came to stay with her. She advised STEIN stayed for three days and two nights. She advised STEIN came into New Orleans late one evening, and was to leave the following day, but his plans were changed, and he stayed one additional day.

She advised that STEIN came to New Orleans to pick up RITA STEIN's two children, and transport them back to Los Angeles, California. She advised that while in New Orleans, STEIN stayed at her residence on Burgundy Street.

She advised that she did not see the individual that brought STEIN to her residence, but she was later introduced to this individual, who was identified by STEIN, as ERIC CALT.

She advised she questioned STEIN about his travel to New Orleans, and was advised by STEIN that MARIE MARTIN had overheard an individual in California, state that he was going to New Orleans for a day on business, and MARIE approached this individual and arranged for STEIN to ride with him to New Orleans. STEIN advised LEE that he did not know this individual before this time.

LEE advised on the second day of STEIN's visit, he became worried that the individual who transported him to New Orleans, might leave him or forget where to pick him up, so STEIN called the Provincial Motel, and asked this individual to come to his sister's home, so he would be sure and know exactly where to pick him up. She stated about five minutes after this call, an individual driving a white Mustang pulled up in front of her residence. She stated that when this car pulled up, she and her brother, CHARLES STEIN, were standing on the porch. The driver of the white Mustang

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walked up to the front porch, and STEIN said "ERIC say hello to MARIE". LEE advised that she acknowledged the introduction, but ERIC did not say anything. ERIC merely leaned against the post on the porch, and kept looking at the ground. She stated she talked to her brother for several moments, and then her brother asked if he was going to leave and ERIC replied "Well I don't know". She advised that she had to go shopping, so she left, and when she returned, in about an hour, ERIC had departed, and CHARLES was in her home watching television.

LEE advised the white Mustang, driven by ERIC GALT, bore a white license plate, state and number unknown. She described GALT as an extremely quiet individual, with no distinguishing characteristics, with the exception of a long skinny nose. She described GALT as a white male, 30 to 33, 5'10", medium build, light hair, and having a long skinny nose.

She stated that STEIN informed her that GALT did not permit him to spend any money on the trip, and GALT paid for everything, but his method of payment was not known to her. LEE advised that she has not heard from or seen STEIN or GALT since that time, and does not know of any additional trips that GALT may have made to New Orleans since that time.

She advised that she did not see Galt, with the exception of the one encounter on the porch of her residence. She stated that when GALT came to pick up STEIN and the two children, he did not get out of the car, but merely pulled up in front of her residence, and honked the horn, and she told her brother, "CHARLES, GALT is here." She stated she did not leave the residence, and that CHARLES STEIN and the two children entered GALT's car, and they departed.

She advised that MARIE MARTIN has several relatives that live in the New Orleans area, one of which is her sister, THERESA [illegible], who lives on Bartholomew Street, and also MARTIN has a daughter in New Orleans, named MARIAN deGRASSE, whose residence she did not know.

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RAY CHARLES STEIN, Jr. and his mother Mrs. MARIE STEIN MC LEOD, 3426 Peoples Avenue, were interviewed in the New Orleans Office, on April 26. 1968, by SA PHILLIP M. KING.

STEIN advised that he recalls last seeing his father on the Sunday, approximately one week before Christmas, 1967. He stated at this time he went to his aunt's residence, MARIE STEIN LEE, in the 1400 block of Burgundy Street. The only conversation he can recall having with his father concerning his trip from California, was that he asked his father how he arrived here and he was informed that he "got a ride." He further recalls at this time his father stating that he would be here for one or two days at most. STEIN stated that the name of ERIC or GALT was never mentioned by his father to him, nor any other information concerning the individual who drove his father to New Orleans. He stated he next saw his father at the same address on the afternoon of the following day. On this occasion STEIN stated there was no conversation by his father concerning the identity or any comments about the individual who brought his father to New Orleans. He does recall his father stating that he thought he would return to Los Angeles the following day.

STEIN resides with his mother and has so resided since he was seven months old.

Mrs. MARIE STEIN MC LEOD stated that she and her former husband, CHARLES STEIN, SR., have been separated since CHARLES STEIN, JR. was seven months old, and that the son does not see the father normally more than once a year at most.

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ANTHONY CHARLES DE CARVELHO, 2006 Iowa Street, Kenner, Louisiana, telephone number 729-4479, advised that CHARLES STEIN, came to New Orleans the week before December 24, 1967. He advised sometime during this week, the exact date unrecalled, he found a note in his doorway from STEIN, which read, "Didn't find you at home, call me at MARIE's". He stated he immediately called MARIE LEE, STEIN's sister, and then travelled to her home on Burgundy Street, to see CHARLES STEIN, who he has known for twenty years, and is a very close friend.

He stated when he arrived at MARIE LEE's house, to see STEIN, STEIN was wearing a beard, and immediately began talking to him about his new philosophy, "Cosmic Philosophy", which involves believing in space ships, space people on earth, and attempts to get closer to the Creator. He stated they held several long discussions about this philosophy, and due to his curiosity, he kept interrupting and asked STEIN how STEIN got to New Orleans. STEIN stated "The Creator provided for him", and by this comment STEIN meant that he had travelled from Los Angeles to New Orleans with a man he identified as GALT. STEIN advised DE CARVELHO that GALT was travelling through New Orleans to go to Mississippi or Alabama on business, and dropped him off, and would pick him up on his way back to Los Angeles. DE CARVELHO advised that STEIN did not mention anything else about GALT's background, other than the fact that GALT paid for almost everything on the trip with the exception of several motel bills, that were paid for by STEIN. DE CARVELHO advised that STEIN had only about $30.00 in his possession, and he offered to give STEIN a loan, but STEIN declined, stating that he was no longer interested in material wealth, only in the "Cosmic Philosophy".

STEIN advised DE CARVELHO that he was on the threshold of converting [illegible] to the "Cosmic Philosophy", but he had to overcome [illegible] that GALT possessed, and he hoped to complete the [illegible] on the return trip to Los Angeles.

STEIN advised him that GALT was a poor driver, and on one occasion he fell asleep at the wheel, [illegible] off the road, and almost [illegible] off a cliff. STEIN advised DE CARVELHO there was

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no damage to the car, and unknown individuals pulled the car back onto the road, and they proceeded with their trip.

DE CARVELHO advised that STEIN remained in New Orleans only two days, and that he spent most of his time in the company of STEIN, as they were very close friends. He stated that GALT never came into MARIE LEE's house, where STEIN was staying, and STEIN advised that GALT had gone somewhere about his business. DE CARVELHO stated this statement was STEIN's way of saying that he was not interested in talking about GALT, and possibly did not know where GALT was located.

DE CARVELHO advised the day that STEIN left New Orleans, he was at MARIE LEE's house. When he arrived, an unknown individual was standing on the porch and as he approached the porch, STEIN stated to him, "This is GALT". He stated that this was very strange to him, as STEIN never referred to an individual by his last name. DE CARVELHO advised he held no conversation with GALT, and helped STEIN pack the trunk of the car. He advised that STEIN carried luggage for RITA STEIN's two children to the car, but they did not fit in the trunk of the car, due to some personal property of GALT's being located in the trunk. He advised this personal property of GALT's appeared to be a surveyor's transit, wrapped in a leather case, with a zipper that appeared to be some what similar to a golf bag. He stated that he advised GALT of the problem, and GALT walked to the trunk of the car, and rearranged it so that the luggage would fit.

He advised that he gave STEIN and GALT a map giving them directions as to how to get out of New Orleans, and they left New Orleans at approximately 2:30 p.m. He stated that while he was in the company of GALT, GALT did not say anything, and merely stood around with his head down.

He stated that the photograph of GALT that was taken in Los Angeles at the barbender school, did not resemble him, as he had a very shallow face, and the photograph that appeared on the TV and wanted flier that was taken in 1960, were an excellent likeness of GALT, with the exception of the hair.

He described GALT as a white male, late twenties to early thirties, 5'10", 160 pounds, slim build, dark brown hair, light brown eyes, no distinguishing marks or characteristics, shallow face, and was dressed in a brown suit, with a sport shirt, and further described him as a "neat dresser".

He stated that STEIN mentioned to him, that GALT was a man of wealth or means, and either had a good job, or had inherited some money, but he did elaborate on this. He also stated that STEIN informed him that he and GALT stopped several time at unknown locations, between Los Angeles and New Orleans.

He stated by STEIN's very nature, STEIN would be reluctant to furnish the exact details of his trip and association with GALT to any law enforcement agency. He stated STEIN has a knack of associating with "characters". He also advised that STEIN was formerly married to MICKIE MEDINA, who was called the queen of vice in the New Orleans French Quarter in 1962 and 1963. He advised STEIN was arrested on a vice charge, but this charge was later dismissed. This arrest took place in New Orleans, exact date unrecalled.

DE CARVELHO advised the following individuals were present at MARIE LEE's residence when CHARLES STEIN departed from New Orleans to Los Angeles:

MARIE LEE
CHARLES STEIN
GALT
Mrs. CLOTINA OLONZO
RICKY TAMASO
CHARLES STEIN, JR.
ANTHONY CHARLES DE CARVELHO

He stated all of these individuals should have seen GALT, but that Mrs. CLOTINA OLONZO and RICKY TAMASO would possibly not admit they saw GALT, due to ignorance, and a desire not to become involved in the investigation. He advised that he had no additional information concerning GALT and STEIN, and he knows of no other trips of GALT and STEIN to New Orleans since December.

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Re: Telephone Call From Coin Booth
Located at St. Francis Hotel,
Los Angeles, California, on
December 22, 1967, to New Orleans,
Louisiana, Telephone Number 523-0930

On April 27, 1968, information was received from the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that it had been determined that on December 22, 1967, at 7:48 p.m., a telephone call from a coin booth located in the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, had been made to telephone number 523-0930, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Re: Telephone Calls From New Orleans
or To New Orleans by RITA and CHARLES STEIN

On April 27, 1968, information was received from the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that it had been determined that during the past ninety days the following telephone calls from New Orleans, or to New Orleans were made by RITA and CHARLES STEIN:

March 12, 1968 - a collect call from New Orleans telephone 947-0930

March 21 and 23, 1968, collect calls from New Orleans telephone number 945-7312

April 4, 1968, a call from Los Angeles, California, to New Orleans telephone number 945-7312

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Records, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, Central District Office, which are available only upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to J. T. PFANNKUCHE, District Accounting Manager (Toll), reflect the following information:

Telephone number 523-0930 is subscribed to by the Ivanhoe Piano Bar, 601 Bourbon Street.

Telephone number 522-1212 is a private number subscribed to by LOUIS RUBIO, 1530 St. Mary. This number was connected on October 12, 1967. RUBIO formerly had this number at 1202 Pleasant Street.

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Records, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, Gentilly District Office, which are available only upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to J. T. PFANNKUCHE, District Accounting Manager (Toll), reflect the following information:

Telephone number 947-0930 is subscribed to by OZAMA BOVIA, 3707 Abundance, Apartment D. BOVIA is employed as a porter at W. T. Grant, Canal Street.

Telephone number 945-7312 is a private number subscribed to by MARIE STEIN, 1907 1/2 Royal Street. This number was connected on November 29, 1967. Telephone records reflect that STEIN is employed at the Burger Drive In, Fourth Street, Westwego, Louisiana. This number was moved from 1429 Burgundy Street to the present address on March 20, 1968.

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Mrs. MARIE LEE, 2001 Clara Street, Gretna, Louisiana, advised she recalls receiving a phone call from RITA STEIN at the Ivanhoe Lounge, New Orleans, Louisiana, where she was employed at that time.

Mrs. LEE stated that RITA called her to advise that her children and CHARLIE STEIN arrived back in California safely. She stated this was in relation to the trip taken by CHARLIE STEIN and JAMES EARL RAY in December, 1967.

Mrs. LEE also advised that when she moved from her residence on Burgundy Street, which she thought was some time in March, 1968, she gave her mother her telephone number to have moved from the Burgundy Street address to her mother's address at 1907½ Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. She stated that the phone is still in her name and not her mother's.

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Mrs. CLOVINA OLONZO, 1907½ Royal Street, telephone number 945-7312, advised that her current telephone number was formerly the telephone of her daughter, MARIE LEE, nee Stein, and was formerly located at LEE's apartment at an unrecalled address on Burgundy Street. She advised that when LEE moved from her apartment on Burgundy Street to Gretna, Louisiana, she had the telephone moved to her address, 1907½ Royal Street, but the telephone is still listed in the name MARIE STEIN. She advised that she cannot recall the exact date this telephone was moved into her residence but estimated that it was about one month ago.

Mrs. OLONZO advised that she recalls telephoning her daughter, RITA ROSAS, nee STEIN, in Los Angeles, California, several times during the month of March, but she cannot recall the exact dates of these calls or the purpose of these calls. She stated that she thought both of the calls she placed to California were collect, and she added the only individual she would call collect in California would be her daughter, RITA ROSAS, nee Stein.

Mrs. OLONZO advised she also recalled receiving a telephone call from RITA ROSAS sometime in the first part of April, exact date unrecalled. She also stated that she could not recall the purpose of this call or the previous calls. She stated she could not recall any part of the conversations she had with her daughter. She stated she is in poor physical health, suffering from heart trouble and diabetes and has been in a coma on two occasions in the past. She advised she is sure that the name GALT was not a part of her conversations with her daughter as she had never heard of this individual prior to reading about him in the newspaper.

She advised her son, CHARLES STEIN, is "crazy but harmless." She stated she bases this opinion on the fact her son holds conversations with "space people" and on several occasions has asked her to look into the sky to observe a flying saucer that he was observing, but on each instance she could see nothing in the sky. Mrs. OLONZO further advised that her son, CHARLES STEIN, talks to trees and holds conversations with trees stating that they are on this earth for a purpose.

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Mrs. OLONZO advised that her son, CHARLES STEIN, has no dislike for Negroes and to her knowledge has never been a member of any hate group; and she is sure that he would do nothing to harm anyone including Negroes.

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WILLIE OLONZO, 1907½ Royal Street, telephone number 945-7312, advised that he could not recall the exact date that this telephone was installed in his residence but estimated that it was approximately one month ago. He stated that he and his wife obtained this telephone from MARIE LEE, nee Stein, and the telephone is still listed in the name of MARIE STEIN.

Mr. OLONZO advised that he recalls that his wife called her daughter, RITA ROSAS, nee Stein, in Los Angeles, California, several times during the month of March and also recalls RITA ROSAS telephoning her mother from Los Angeles sometime in the early part of April. He advised that he could not recall the purpose of these calls or any of the conversations but assumed they were strictly personal calls and family matters were discussed.

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Mr. OZAMA BOVIA, 3707 Abundance Street, Apartment D, New Orleans, Louisiana, furnished the following information:

BOVIA stated he has resided at his present address in the Desire Street Housing Project for approximately twelve years, and has had telephone number 947-0930 during this entire time.

Mr. BOVIA stated that he does not have any friends or relatives residing in the Los Angeles, California, area, nor does he know anyone living in California. He stated that he has never heard of RITA RODE, RITA STEIN, or CHARLES STEIN. He added that he was familiar with the names of ERIC S. GALT and JAMES E. RAY. He said he had become familiar with these names from newspapers and television in connection with the Doctor KING murder. Mr. BOVIA viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and CHARLES STEIN and advised that he did not recognize STEIN but was familiar with JAMES EARL RAY's photograph from newspapers and television.

Mr. BOVIA furnished his telephone bill for the latter part of March and early April, 1968. This telephone bill reflected that there were only two long distance calls charged to his phone. These calls were listed as coming from Los Angeles, number 472-7709, on March 10 and April 2, 1968. BOVIA stated that these calls were telephone relays from his son, WILSON BOVIA, who was stationed in Vietnam. He added that his son was due to return to New Orleans, on April 27, 1968. BOVIA added that he would know if anyone had placed any long distance telephone calls from his phone.

The following description was obtained from observation and interview:

Name	OZAMA BOVIA
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Date of birth	May 10, 1912, New Road, Louisiana
Height	5'5"

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Weight	125 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Characteristics	Wears bifocals; front teeth are gold capped
Residence	3707 Abundance, Apartment D
Employment	W. T. GRANT and Company, New Orleans, Louisiana; 21 years
Relatives	Wife: ALBERTA Six children
Arrest record	None

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Miss MARIAN de GRASSE came to the New Orleans Office on April 27, 1968 and ~~furnished a~~ page from her diary which she initialled and dated as well as striking out several words that she felt were of a personal nature.

Miss de GRASSE stated that the notation marked March 24 [illegible] date that she recalled receiving a box of clothes [illegible] her grandmother, Mrs. LORRAINE CALLOWAY. Further, that her grandmother had received this box of clothing from her daughter's residence, 4019 Royal Street, approximately two days prior to that. Miss de GRASSE stated that she understood this was the box of clothing brought to the residence of THERESA STONE, 4019 Royal Street, by an unknown white man at that time.

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MARIE LEE, 2001 Claire Avenue, telephonically contacted the New Orleans Office of the FBI and advised she wished to point out to the FBI that she did not say most of the things which appeared in the newspaper articles on April 25 and 26, 1968. She stated she did not know anything about MARIE MARTIN, CHARLES STEIN and RITA STEIN being requested to register for GEORGE WALLACE on the California Presidential Primary Ballot and further stated she could not recall the exact date STEIN was in New Orleans. Therefore, it would have been impossible for her to furnish these dates to the newspaper. She also stated she did not characterize GALT as a big spender because she did not know him.

Mrs. LEE said she was making the telephone call to set the record straight concerning her exact knowledge of STEIN's trip and to advise that the newspaper had distorted and added to her story.

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Mrs. CARMEN RUBIO, 1530 St. Mary Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that she is the grandmother of KIM and SHARON ROSA, who are the children of RITA STEIN and Mrs. RUBIO'S son, STAN ROSA, deceased.

Mrs. RUBIO stated that the children are wards of the New Orleans Welfare Bureau and that RITA STEIN had taken them to California some time in the middle or late summer of 1967. Mrs. RUBIO stated that she did not consider RITA STEIN as a suitable mother for the children and that after reading in the newspapers the considerable publicity that RITA had concerning the investigation of the man allegedly involved in the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING that she was apprehensive and concerned for the welfare of her grandchildren.

As a result of this apprehension she telephonically contacted the Los Angeles Police Department on Friday, April 26, 1968 endeavoring to obtain their assistance in regaining custody of the children. Mrs. RUBIO also advised she had contacted the New Orleans Welfare Department concerning this matter also.

Mrs. RUBIO observed two photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and she stated that she had never seen this individual before. She further advised that until she had read about her former daughter-in-law in the newspapers on April 25 and 26, 1968, that she was unaware of CHARLES STEIN'S trip to New Orleans in December, 1967.

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Miss MARY BREWER, Juvenile Court, Parish of Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised Special Agent PHILLIP M. KING on April 30, 1968, that she holds a warrant for the return of custody of KIM ROSAS (born September 21, 1959) and CHERYL ROSAS (born September 21, 1960). Said warrant was issued by Judge LEO B. BLESSING on January 9, 1968. She stated this warrant was issued after the above-named children's paternal grandmother, CARMEN RUBIO, advised them that the aforementioned children had been kidnapped from the residence of their maternal grandmother in December, 1967, and taken to Los Angeles, California, by CHARLES STEIN.

Miss BREWER exhibited a letter dated February 27, 1968, from the County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Social Services, regarding RITA ROSAS, ST Number 1930-134-5053. The letter in part states Mrs. ROSAS brought the children to the Department of Public Social Services in Los Angeles on December 21, 1967, at which time she stated her brother, CHARLES STEIN, had brought the children from her mother's home in New Orleans on December 15, 1967. The name of the social worker for Los Angeles was given as M. SLEVIN, number 1316. The letter further stated that Mrs. ROSAS gave an address of 5666 Franklin Avenue, and further reflected that a landlord named DAVIS had told the social worker that RITA STEIN was a good mother, kept a clean house and was a good tenant.

It is further noted that Miss BREWER informed the above-stated children were wards of the Welfare Department because their mother, RITA STEIN, had been declared unfit on a previous occasion.

Miss BREWER stated that in view of the aforementioned letter, she was instructed by the Welfare Department not to execute the warrant for the return of the ROSAS children and also because the expense to return them would be borne by the Parish of Orleans.

Miss BREWER stated she understood from CARMEN RUBIO, paternal grandmother of the children, had received a letter from

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the Los Angeles Department of Public Social Services within the past week in which they advised her they were unable to locate Mrs. RITA STEIN; further, that the Welfare Department advised Miss BREWER that the would wait until they had resolved the matter with the Los Angeles Bureau of Public Social Services before making a decision on executing the warrant for the return of the children.

The following investigation was conducted on April 30, 1968, by Special Agent JAMES D. HILL at New Orleans, Louisiana:

Miss BARBARA COLLINS, Identification Bureau, New Orleans Police Department, made available the records of her office for review and the following items relating to CHARLES STEIN and/or CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN were noted:

CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN, 4101 Stephen Gerard, New Orleans, was arrested at 4:45 a.m., on April 14, 1962, by the Fifth District Station, Zone D, arrest number 333, Item D5829-62. He was charged with R.S. 14, Art. 84, rel. to Pandering; R.S. 14, Art. 83, rel. to Sliciting for Prostitution; R.S. 14, Art. 26, rel. to criminal conspiracy to pander. The arresting officers were Patrolmen G. CUNNINGHAM, J. SAHUGUE and V. FLYNN. His birth place was listed as New Orleans, on May 11, 1922; he was a white male, 5' 11" tall, 220 pounds, brown eyes, bald-headed, fair complexion and his occupation was listed as salesman. This subject was implicated in the operation of a prostitution racket in association with MICKY MESSINA at 4101 Stephen Gerard. No disposition was shown.

CHARLES STEIN, 6228 Arts Street, New Orleans, was arrested at 10:00 p.m., February 16, 1963, by District 3, Zone 0, arrest number 199, Item B 8555-63. He was charged with R.S. 14, Art. 83, rel. to Soliciting for prostitution; R.S. 40-1033, rel. to possession of barbiturates, under investigation. Arresting officer was Sergeant F. SOULE, SR., and he was arrested with MARIE WILSON. STEIN was described as having been born May 11, 1922, at New Orleans, he was a white male, 33 years old, 5' 11" tall, 215 pounds, with brown hair and eyes, ruddy complexion and employed as a salesman. Indications were STEIN was arrested after undercover officers of the Vice and Narcotics Squads were solicited for prostitution. A search warrant was obtained and served. A

search of the premises uncovered a quantity of barbiturates. No disposition was shown.

CHARLES STEIN, 1816½ Ursuline Street, New Orleans, was arrested at the Silver Frolic, 427 Bourbon Street, at 1:50 a.m., on May 9, 1953. He was charged with Ord. 1436, rel. to no honest visible means of support on Complaint Number E 2951-53, arrest number 392. He was described as having been born May 11, 1930, New Orleans, a white male, 5' 11½" tall, 210 pounds, brown hair and eyes, ruddy complexion and his occupation was listed as a doorman. The record indicated STEIN was arrested from 427 Bourbon Street, working as a doorman there and seen in company with unsavory characters on several occasions. On these occasions STEIN was warned to keep quiet, but creates disturbances there. He was discharged May 10, 1953.

CHARLES STEIN, 1907 Royal Street, New Orleans, was arrested at 2:25 a.m., October 26, 1955, at the rear of 539 Elysian Fields, under Complaint Number J-10199-55, arrest number 373. He was charged with R.S. 14, Art. 90, gambling; Ord. 16913, Conducting a vice game and Ord. 13974, vagrancy by loitering. He was arrested with ED RASAK, VIRGIL KROPP, JOHN KEIFER, LOUIS CHALAIRE, ED NECTOUX, CARLO MONTALBANO, ROY TATE, MYRIAL TOMASO, ROSE RODRIGUEZ and KATHLEEN BARRIOS. STEIN was described as a white male, born May 11, 1929, at New Orleans, 5' 11" tall, 210 pounds, brown hair and eyes, ruddy complexion, self-employed. STEIN was arrested after a raid was conducted at 539 Elysian Fields and STEIN admitted he rented residence.

CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN, 4101 Stephen Gerard, New Orleans, was arrested at 4:30 p.m., July 14, 1961, at 4101 Stephen Gerard by District 3, under arrest number 242, Item Number G 6524-61. He was charged with R.S. 40, Art. 962, rel. to possession of narcotics; R. S. 14,

Art. 69, possession of stolen property. Arresting officers were Lt. J. MUNCY, seven narcotics officers and three vice officers. He was arrested with ANGELINA JOSEPH and MERCEDES MIARANA. STEIN was described as a white male, born May 11, 1929, New Orleans, 5' 11" tall, 225 pounds, brown hair and eyes, ruddy complexion and his occupation was listed as a booking agent. Remarks indicated this subject was found to be living in common-law status with MICKEY MEDINA, who is a well known narcotics violator and prostitute. The officers entered MEDINA's house, armed with a search warrant. There were a number of articles found on the premises which this subject claimed was his property. However, the officer believed the articles were stolen. The female, MEDINA, was suspected of disposing of a marijuana cigarette in the sewer while the officers were searching her house. The officers recovered one marijuana cigarette from this sewer.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES D. HILL on April 30, 1968, at New Orleans, Louisiana:

The Chief Clerk of Court, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, furnished his Docket Books, which reflected the following actions and dispositions for arrests of CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN:

Docket Number 174-683 relating to arrest of STEIN on April 14, 1962, for pandering and soliciting for prostitution:

Section F

April 27, 1962	Capias issued Bond $1,000
April 27, 1962	Filed $500 bond
May 3, 1962	Information filed
February 2, 1966	Nolle pros

Docket Number 174-691 relating to criminal conspiracy to pander:

Section E

April 27, 1962	Bond set $2,500
April 27, 1962	Bond filed $1,000
May 3, 1962	Information filed
December 14, 1965	Nolle pros

Docket Number 178-749, Section H, relating to arrest of STEIN on February 16, 1963, for possession of barbiturates:

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February 28, 1963	Information filed Capias issued Bond set $750
March 1, 1963	Allotted
November 6	Alias capias issued on STEIN Bond $1,500 Under advisement to WILSON
November 12	Bond filed $1,500
February 26	Court sustained motion for directed verdict Court ordered discharge

Docket Number 178-750, Section E, relating to soliciting for prostitution arrest on February 16, 1963

February 28	Information filed Capias issued Bond set $500 each
March 1	Allotted
March 28	Filed bond $500
April 15	Alias capias issued
June 10	Court ordered judgment of not guilty - discharged

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES D. HILL at New Orleans, Louisiana, on April 30, 1968:

Sergeant LLOYD ERDMANN, Alcohol and Beverage Control Unit, New Orleans Police Department, advised that the entry dated March 2, 1955, for CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN (#L-4362) on FBI Identification Sheet Number 881 534 B is in reference to STEIN's application for a liquor license.

Sergeant ERDMANN stated that STEIN operated Marie's Lounge, 539 Elysian Fields Avenue, from March to December, 1955. STEIN listed his address with the Alcohol and Beverage Control Unit as 1707½ Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, and his date of birth as May 11, 1929.

Sergeant ERDMANN stated that STEIN, on his application, listed one employee, a CHARLES DE CARVALLA, as bartender.

Sergeant ERDMANN stated that his records reflected that STEIN failed to renew his liquor license after December 31, 1955.

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CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN
ARREST RECORD

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JAMES D. HILL at Gretna, Louisiana:

On May 2, 1968, Mr. MICHAEL KNOWLES, Cadet, Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office (JPSO), Ident Bureau, advised that a review of his records reflect that CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN was arrested on July 21, 1961, for possession of stolen property. STEIN, at the time of his arrest, gave an address of 4101 Stephen Girard Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. KNOWLES advised that STEIN is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	May 11, 1929
Place of Birth	New Orleans, Louisiana
Height	Six feet
Weight	223 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Fair
Occupation	listed occupation as booking agent.

KNOWLES advised that on the bottom of the arrest sheet there is a notation which states "Lieutenant Vicknair arrested above subject upon word from Lieutenant Roy Jacobs that this subject will be charged with possession of stolen property and held for investigation of burglary."

KNOWLES advised that no disposition is shown for this arrest.

On May 2, 1968, Lieutenant BILL SMITH, Records Division, JPSO, advised that his records failed to reflect that these charges against STEIN were ever filed with the Jefferson Parish District Attorney's Office. Lieutenant SMITH stated that in all probability this arrest was based upon a New Orleans Police Department arrest, and that his department did not conduct any investigation into this matter.

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Mrs. CLOVINA OLONZO was interviewed and advised that she has made three trips to California in the past two years. She advised she made her first trip to California immediately following the death of her son-in-law, LINO ROSAS. She advised she stayed an unrecalled period of time and then returned to New Orleans for a short period of time, after which she again traveled to California.

She advised she made her last trip to California sometime in the Fall of 1967. She stated that on each trip to California she stayed with her daughter, RITA ROSAS, nee Stein, at their residence on Floyd Terrace.

She advised during her last visit to California she fell into a coma and as a result of this coma, her memory is extremely poor. She advised she recalled making three trips to California, but nothing else about the trips.

She stated that as far as she knew, LINO ROSAS sold used cars for a living and was not involved in the sale of narcotics. She said she did not see JAMES EARL RAY in California during any of these trips and knew nothing about the illegal narcotics traffic taking place from her daughter's home.

She advised she is going to travel to Los Angeles, California, on either May 4 or 5, 1968, to live with her daughter, RITA, until school is out, after which time she will return to New Orleans with RITA and RITA's children.

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by SA THOMAS E. DU HADWAY :epk Date dictated 4/30/68

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WILLIE OLONZO advised that LINO ROSAS died on August 30, 1966, and immediately following his death his wife, Mrs. CLOVINA OLONZO, traveled to Los Angeles, California, to stay with her daughter, RITA ROSAS, nee Stein. He advised she remained in California for an unrecalled period of time, after which she traveled back to New Orleans. After a short stay in New Orleans, Mrs. OLONZO again traveled to California for an unrecalled period of time.

Mrs. OLONZO stated that Mrs. OLONZO's last trip to California was made in either September or October, 1967. He stated Mrs. OLONZO remained in California two months after this trip due to the fact she fell into a coma due to the strain of the trip. Mr. OLONZO stated that Mrs. OLONZO returned to New Orleans with two of her daughter's children sometime in December, 1967.

Mr. OLONZO stated he had never heard that LINO ROSAS was involved in the sale of narcotics and he did not feel CHARLES STEIN would be involved in the sale of narcotics.

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CHARLES de CARVELHO, 2006 Iowa Street, advised that when he observed the leather case in the trunk of the white Mustang driven by the individual introduced to him by CHARLIE STEIN as GALT, this observation took a total time of one minute or less. He stated this was a brown leather circular or oval case with a zipper. de CARVELHO stated he felt it was approximately the size of a golf bag. de CARVELHO stated it was not too heavy as he recalled GALT moved it easily in the trunk. de CARVELHO stated it was his impression and original thought that this case contained a surveyor's transit. de CARVELHO added that it conceivably could have been a camera tripod.

In addition to the above, de CARVELHO stated he noticed there was a brief case with rolled-up papers therein, possibly blueprints or like plans.

de CARVELHO stated that the total amount of time he saw this in a casual way precludes him from giving any more specific details regarding the true identity of whatever the object was.

de CARVELHO stated it was the impression that he received that STEIN, during the conversation with de CARVELHO, had said or implied that GALT was connected with an engineering or construction firm.

de CARVELHO stated it was also his impression STEIN was primarily interested in converting GALT to STEIN's cosmic philosophy. He further got the impression from talking to STEIN that GALT may possibly have been involved in politics in southern California. de CARVELHO stated that he did not know of any use of narcotics on the part of STEIN. de CARVELHO stated he thought STEIN may have smoked marijuana; however, added he had not actually seen this. de CARVELHO furnished the additional opinion that some of STEIN's friends may have

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been involved with narcotics and/or prostitution. In this latter regard, de CARVELHO stated he knew of no specific pimping activity on the part of STEIN.

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On May 1, 1968, LOUIS TRENT, Attorney, 822 Perdido Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, telephonically contacted the New Orleans Office of the FBI and provided the following information:

He has a client by the name of ROSE WILLIAMS, who may be able to provide information in regards to ERIC GALT and that he had persuaded WILLIAMS to be interviewed by the FBI. Mr. TRENT stated that Miss WILLIAMS would only concent to being interviewed in his office and in his presence.

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ROSE WILLIAMS advised she is a very close friend of MARIE LEE, nee Stein, and she had seen GALT when GALT was in New Orleans during the month of December, 1967. She stated she is acquainted with the entire STEIN family and considers herself a close friend of all members of the family.

WILLIAMS advised that Mrs. CARMEN ROSAS, the paternal grandmother of two sons of RITA ROSAS, nee Stein, somehow had RITA ROSAS' Social Security checks stopped and because of this, ROSAS had no money with which to support her four children. She stated because of this situation, RITA ROSAS' mother, Mrs. CLOVINA OLONZO, traveled to Los Angeles, California, in the Fall of 1967, exact date unrecalled, and returned to New Orleans with the two daughters of RITA ROSAS. She advised RITA ROSAS sent her two daughters with her mother, because she felt that Mrs. CARMEN ROSAS would not make any attempts to assume custody of the daughters, whereas she was certain that she would attempt to assume custody of her two sons.

WILLIAMS advised that Mrs. ROSAS attempted to have the two children living with Mrs. CLOVINA OLONZO declared wards of the State and placed in a juvenile home. She advised that these proceedings were instituted and the two children were even examined by a doctor from the New Orleans Welfare Board. WILLIAMS advised because of this situation she and MARIE LEE telephonically contacted RITA ROSAS and advised her that someone would have to return to New Orleans and take the children back to California or they would become wards of the State. She stated that ROSAS advised she could not make the trip as she did not have any money and she did not know what she would do about this situation.

WILLIAMS advised that several days later RITA ROSAS telephonically contacted MARIE LEE and advised her brother, CHARLES STEIN, had found a ride from Los Angeles, California, to New Orleans and that he would pick up the children and

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return them to Los Angeles, California.

WILLIAMS advised that MARIE LEE had informed her that STEIN's ride was to be with a man he had met several days before and that he knew nothing about him and this man was not a friend of the family.

WILLIAMS advised that shortly before Christmas, 1967, she received a telephone call from MARIE LEE stating that CHARLES STEIN had arrived in New Orleans and was staying at her residence. She advised she cannot recall the exact date that STEIN arrived in New Orleans, but after reading the newspapers she felt it was December 17, 1967. She advised that LEE informed her that STEIN was to return to Los Angeles with the two children the following day.

WILLIAMS stated she did not go to MARIE LEE's house that evening, but the next evening she and LEE prepared a dinner for CHARLES STEIN. She stated she arrived at LEE's house that evening at approximately 8:00 and shortly thereafter, their telephone rang and the caller was ERIC GALT. GALT explained on the telephone that he was lost and was trying to find LEE's apartment and that he was telephoning from an unknown restaurant at the corner of Elysian Fields Avenue and Burgundy Street. WILLIAMS advised that GALT was given directions as to how to find LEE's apartment and that CHARLES STEIN sent her to the front porch to watch for GALT's white Mustang. She advised after several moments she saw the white Mustang come down Burgundy Street and she hollered at this individual and he stopped, parked the car and walked back to this apartment. She advised that STEIN introduced her to this individual and called the individual ERIC GALT. She stated GALT did not acknowledge the introductions and did not say anything. She advisedshe was in his company about five minutes and she then left MARIE LEE's apartment.

She advised the next afternoon she tried to start her car, but it would not start and she decided to walk to LEE's

apartment to use her car as she had to go to the bank and it was about 1:30 in the afternoon. She advised when she arrived at LEE's apartment, she saw a United Cab parked near LEE's residence and decided to take the cab to the bank, but she could not find the cab driver. In a few moments she observed CHARLES STEIN, RITA STEIN's two children, ERIC GALT and a small white male walking from LEE's apartment, carrying luggage and packages. She advised she recognized this unknown white male as CHARLES deCARVELHO and she approached them to say goodbye to CHARLES STEIN and the children. She stated she took a shopping bag from one of the children and placed it in the back seat of GALT's white Mustang and wished them on a safe trip. She then learned that deCARVELHO was the driver of the cab and she left with deCARVELHO in the cab to go to the bank after deCARVELHO had bid his farewell to CHARLES STEIN.

WILLIAMS advised that while she was in GALT's company GALT did not speak and merely stood around with his head hanging downwards. She described GALT as a neat dresser, but not wearing the current style of clothing. She stated the day GALT and STEIN left New Orleans, GALT was dressed in a grey suit with a white shirt and tie and appeared very neat.

She stated GALT seemed to be an average individual in his thirties with no outstanding or distinguishing characteristics with the exception of a long thin nose and a thin face.

She stated she did not recognize GALT from the photograph that was printed in the newspapers since his face was much thinner and his hair was shorter.

WILLIAMS advised that CHARLES STEIN is now a believer in the cosmic philosophy and "a true believer in God." She advised this is a complete change from the CHARLES STEIN she formerly knew and she held a long discussion with STEIN about this new philosophy on his trip to New Orleans. She was advised by STEIN that MARIE "MINNIE" MARTIN had

met an individual in a bar where she worked in Los Angeles and had heard this individual state he was coming to New Orleans on business and she arranged for STEIN to travel with this individual. She stated STEIN also informed her this individual, ERIC GALT, requested that he register for GEORGE WALLACE in California before they departed and STEIN did so. STEIN also informed her GALT paid for everything on the trip, including all food, gas and motel bills and, further, advised that STEIN showed her the twenty dollar bill he had in his possession when he left Los Angeles and still had in his possession when he arrived in New Orleans. She advised that she did not feel that MARIE LEE would lie to her about CHARLES STEIN's knowledge of or association with GALT and she believed both STEIN's and LEE's statements that STEIN did not know GALT and had only met him several days before the trip.

She stated she did not feel that STEIN and GALT would have been involved in any illicit drug activity in California and based this statement on the fact that STEIN claimed to have known GALT only several days before the trip.

She stated she did not know if STEIN had fixed GALT up with any women while they were in New Orleans. She stated CHARLES STEIN asked her if she would like to go out with GALT and show him the town, but she declined. She advised STEIN did not press the issue and if he had, she would have gone out with GALT as a favor to STEIN. She stated STEIN has been out of touch with the people of New Orleans for several years and did not know if he would have been able to fix GALT up with anyone in New Orleans. WILLIAMS advised there was no mention of sex when STEIN asked her if she would like to go out with GALT.

WILLIAMS again advised the individuals present when CHARLES STEIN departed from New Orleans were herself, ERIC GALT, RITA STEIN's two children, MARIE LEE and CHARLES deCARVELHO.

WILLIAMS advised she knew of no other trips made to New Orleans by GALT or STEIN and she did not know of any

packages being delivered to relatives of MARIE MARTIN in New Orleans by GALT.

She stated she knew of no further information she could furnish concerning this matter and added she had not come forward sonner because of a request of MARIE LEE for her not to become involved as LEE did not feel she could furnish the FBI with any important information.

She stated if it should be necessary to recontact her, that Attorney LOUIS TRENT, who was present during the interview, should be contacted at his office at 822 Perdido Street and TRENT would contact her and make her available for interview.

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INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF JAMES EARL RAY
MAY HAVE STAYED AT A MOTEL OR HOTEL
IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, DURING
THE PERIOD OF MARCH 17, 1968 - MARCH 24, 1968

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Registration cards for motels and hotels located in the New Orleans, Louisiana, French Quarter, as well as motels located along Tulane Avenue, which is adjacent to the downtown area of New Orleans and motels located along U. S. Highway 90 East, also known as the Chef Menteur Highway, were checked for the period March 17 through March 24, 1968. No registration card for JAMES EARL RAY under his true name or known aliases could be located. Individuals at these motels and hotels, upon observing photographs of RAY, could not recall RAY or anyone similar to RAY as having registered at their establishments.

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Re: RITA BATISTE

On April 30, 1968, information was received from the Los Angeles Office of the FBI that CHARLES STEIN had in his possession a 1963 New Orleans telephone book and on page 43 the name of RITA BATISTE, 2422 (street or avenue), TW 5-2672, was noted.

The following investigation was conducted at New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 1 and 2, 1968:

On May 1, 1968, Mrs. ALICE DORAN, Clerk, Identification Bureau, New Orleans Police Department, and Mrs. BARBARA COLLINS, Clerk, Record Room, New Orleans Police Department, both advised IC CHARLES L. MURRAY that a review of their respective records contained no listing for a RITA BATISTE.

On May 1, 1968, B. T. KAYLOR, Credit Manager, New Orleans Credit Bureau, advised IC CHARLES L. MURRAY that he located a credit report dated December 30, 1949, for a RITA BATISTE, 2420 Second Street, New Orleans. It showed her occupation as being a domestic employee and a widow. Her age then was listed as 40 and she was a Negro female. Her previous address was 1248 South Galvez Street and a notation appeared she was formerly from Gramercy, Louisiana. Her credit was listed as satisfactory.

On May 1, 1968, several attempts were made to contact RITA BATISTE at 2420 Second Street, but with negative results.

On May 2, 1968, RITA BATISTE was contacted by Special Agent KEVIN J. HARRIGAN at 2420 Second Street, and she furnished the following information:

She advised that the names CHARLES and RITA STEIN were completely unknown to her. She viewed a photograph of CHARLES J. STEIN taken by the New Orleans Police Department on July 15, 1961, and upon viewing this photograph, again stated this person was totally unknown to her by either name or photograph.

She further advised that she has resided at her present address since 1950. She stated she works as a domestic employee and when not working, stays at home. She advised she has no daughter by the name of RITA BATISTE, nor any other relatives by this name. It was noted that she appeared to be approximately 60 years of age.

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When confronted with the information to the effect that the name RITA BATISTE, 2422 Street, TW 5-2672, appeared in a 1963 New Orleans telephone book belonging to CHARLES and/or RITA STEIN, she stated she could offer no explanation for this. She advised that her present telephone number is TW 5-2672.

BATISTE advised that a nephew of hers by the name of HAROLD BATISTE, Negro male, 35-40 years of age, formerly lived next door to her at 2418 Second Street; however, he moved to Los Angeles, California, approximately five years ago following the death of his parents. She described HAROLD as being somewhat on the strange side, who ran with persons of questionable reputation; however, she did not know any of these persons and stated she has had absolutely no contact whatsoever with HAROLD since he moved to Los Angeles, California. She stated she does not know his present address there.

BATISTE further advised that it was her opinion, although she could not substantiate this belief, that possibly HAROLD BATISTE knew CHARLES and/or RITA STEIN and somehow this explained her name and telephone number appearing in the STEINs telephone book.

BATISTE again emphatically denied ever meeting, hearing about or knowing either CHARLES or RITA STEIN.

Several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to RITA BATISTE, but with negative results. She advised that the name JAMES EARL RAY and his photograph were totally unknown to her.

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INVESTIGATION AT ROOMING HOUSES
LOCATED ON NAPOLEON AVENUE,
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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The following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS E. DU HAMEL at New Orleans, Louisiana, on April 15, 1968:

The following apartment houses and rooming houses on Napoleon Avenue were checked for any indication of prior residency of ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, and HARVEY LOWELL and all variations of these names with negative results:

JOHN VAN VRANCKEN APARTMENTS
[illegible] Napoleon Avenue

Mrs. HOWARD BIRD's Apartments
[illegible] and 617 Napoleon Avenue

Good Samaritan Home
1002 Napoleon Avenue

1034 Napoleon Avenue

1122 Napoleon Avenue

Mrs. ROGER REED
1107 Napoleon Avenue

Mrs. HYMAN MITHOFF
1201 Napoleon Avenue

BILL GRAF
1204 Napoleon Avenue

JOHN D. BLEICHNER
1212 Napoleon Avenue

1215 Napoleon Avenue

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1223 Napoleon Avenue

Mrs. A. B. GRIFFIN
1301 Napoleon Avenue and
2505 Napoleon Avenue

1401 Napoleon Avenue

ALFRED BARNES, JR.
Colonial Court Apartments
1407 Napoleon Avenue

Bella Villa Apartments
1507 Napoleon Avenue

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Re: (First Name Unknown) COIN (phonetic)

On April 22, 1968, information was received from the Atlanta Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that allegedly JAMES EARL RAY had a friend in New Orleans, Louisiana, (first name unknown) COIN (phonetic), who apparently was a fence and well connected with the hoodlum element. COIN allegedly in 1955 was 55 to 65 years old and might harbor RAY.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent L. M. SHEARER, JR.:

Former New Orleans Police Detective JOHN MEREDITH advised the only individual who could be considered a fence with a name similar to COIN is DAN COHEN. He said he had heard of no fence named COIN. He advised that COHEN is somewhat mentally unbalanced, possibly due to the use of narcotics, and spent some time in the Louisiana State Hospital. He advised that at one time COHEN was probably a millionaire. He operated the Crescent Cigarette Company, in the 1950's, on Esplanade Avenue, and was associated at that time with safe burglars and holdup men to the degree that he probably assisted them in an indirect manner and reportedly bought stolen property. MEREDITH advised that COHEN no longer has money and his present whereabouts and occupation are unknown. MEREDITH said subject was unknown to him by name or aliases.

JACK LACAZE, inmate, Orleans Parish Prison, with prior convictions for safe burglary and robbery, advised he was among several individuals who were quite friendly with DAN COHEN; however, he did not consider COHEN a fence, although he would help anyone, even those in illegal activity, so long as they were not being sought by the law. LACAZE said he knows of no one in the New Orleans area by the name of COIN, who has any association with criminal element and that DAN COHEN is the only one he can recall who has a similar name. He said COHEN no longer has money, that he just "gave it away." He said COHEN is probably living with his sister, whose husband is the local distributor for American Tobacco Company. He said he does not recall the sister's name. LACAZE observed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and he advised he has never observed nor heard of this individual. LACAZE said he believed he knew most of those engaged in criminal activity in Southern Louisiana and Southern Mississippi.

Captain CHARLES NEWMAN, Commanding, Burglary Squad, New Orleans Police Department, advised he has never heard of

a fence in New Orleans named COIN. He advised subject is not familiar by name, aliases or photographs.

Detectives LAWRENCE VIGUIRIE and JAMES MILLER could provide no information concerning a fence named COIN. They advised subject is unknown to them.

New Orleans Police Department, Bureau of Identification, records reflect DAN B. COHEN was fingerprinted August 13, 1953, for gun permit. Records also show he was born June 4, 1908, at New Orleans, Louisiana, is 6' tall, weighs 210 pounds, has brown hair and eyes. No criminal record was located. His fingerprint classification is 19 11 U OOM
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DANIEL BERNARD COHEN, 1820 Napoleon Avenue, Apartment E, telephone number 891-2079, voluntarily contacted the New Orleans Office after inquiry was made of relatives concerning his whereabouts.

He advised that prior to 1956 he had money and at that time sold the Crescent Cigarette Company. He said he hired many ex-convicts with the thought that he could help them by giving them a job, as most businesses would not hire them because of their records. He said, however, that not one turn out good and some of them stole as much as $6,000 in six months from him.

COHEN observed Identification Order of JAMES EARL RAY and he advised he does not recall this individual by photograph or names used. He said, however, that some of the facial features seem somewhat familiar, but the features are similar to those of numerous individuals.

He said he still associates with CHARLIE SMITH, CHARLES ADAM SMITH, FBI Number 131 865, who has in the past been incarcerated in the U. S. Penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; however, he does not know whether or not SMITH knows

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RAY. He said SMITH lives on Hesoid Street in Metairie, Louisiana, works for himself installing false or lowered ceilings in buildings and he would locate SMITH and arrange to have him call the FBI, or would ascertain SMITH's street number.

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Re: Unidentified Male on Delta
Airlines Flight 725, April 1, 1968,
with Rifle Box Labeled "Mauser."

On April 22, 1968, information was received from the Richmond Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that information had been received from Mr. JOHN C. THOMAS that on April 1, 1968, he had flown to Atlanta, Georgia, on Delta Flight 725. During this flight Mr. THOMAS observed a box labeled "Mauser" carried aboard and stored in the cockpit until the termination of the flight and that Captain PEARL and First Officer JONES are based in New Orleans.

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DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT 725
ON APRIL 1, 1968

The following investigation was conducted on April 23, 1968 by SA DANIEL P. MC LAUGHLIN:

ROBERT CAMERON, Flight Schedules, Delta Airlines, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that the following was the crew of Delta Flight 725 on April 1, 1968:

J. H. DEERT, Captain, Box 132, Prairieville, Louisiana, who is currently out of town and will return on April 24, 1968:

M. K. JONES, First Officer, 6805 Veterans Highway, Metairie, Louisiana.

MAX K. JONES, 6805 Veterans Highway, Metairie, Louisiana, advised as follows:

He was assigned as First Officer on Delta Airlines Flight 725 on April 1, 1968. He said the flight originated from Newark, New Jersey, and travelled to New Orleans, Louisiana, with stops at Washington, Atlanta, Georgia, and Birmingham, Alabama. He said that he was on board this flight during the entire trip. He said that during this flight he remembers that a stewardess brought a box containing a gun to the cabin of the plane. He said that he can only remember this box as being large enough in size to carry a rifle. He said he does not know the name of the stewardess who brought the box to the cabin nor does he remember when she brought it to the cabin or when it was removed from the cabin. He said that it is normal policy for Delta to put any weapons carried by passengers in the pilot's cabin. He was exhibited several photographs of LEE HARVEY and stated that he does not believe he ever saw this person before

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Captain JOHN A.R. PEART, Delta Airlines, was interviewed at New Orleans International Airport, and furnished the following information:

He recalls that approximately two to three weeks ago, exact date and flight unknown, that one of the stewardesses on board this particular flight, placed a weapon in the cockpit for safekeeping during this particular flight. Captain PEART commented that he believed this weapon was a shotgun, enwrapped in some type of a box. He stated he did not recall any specific markings or names on the box, and paid little attention to the incident, since it is routine to have various weapons placed in the cockpit during flights. Captain PEART further advised that he did not recall the name of the stewardess who placed the weapon in the cockpit, inasmuch as he is not certain of the particular flight involved or date.

Captain PEART was shown five photographs, including one of the subject, which he could not identify as anyone he had seen aboard his aircraft over the past several weeks. He further indicated that most of his time is spent in the cockpit and as such, he would have little opportunity to observe the passengers.

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by SA PATRICK J. DENTE - sjl Date dictated 4/25/68

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Re: Delta Airlines Flight Number 106
Which Leaves New Orleans, Louisiana,
for Frankfort, Germany, with Stops at
Atlanta, Georgia, and Washington, D. C.

On April 22, 1968, information was received from the Atlanta Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that, according to Delta Airline officials at Atlanta, Georgia, the crews for Delta Airlines Flight Number 106 for April 5 and 6, 1968, are based in New Orleans, Louisiana.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent PATRICK J. DENTE at New Orleans International Airport, Kenner, Louisiana:

Mr. ROBERT SPEAKS, Supervisor, Ticket Counter, Delta Airlines, advised that seats on Delta Flight Number 106 for April 5 and 6, 1968, are assigned according to the customer's preference and availability prior to boarding the craft; however, no record is maintained by the airline as to particular seat assignment . He explained that the customer chooses a seat number from a chart of the aircraft when checking in prior to departure, and this seat number is placed on the customer's ticket folder.

Mr. SPEAKS furnished a copy of the manifest for the above flights, indicating passengers who boarded these flights at New Orleans International Airport. A review of these manifests failed to reveal the subject under his true name or known aliases as being a passenger on either of these flights.

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DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT 106
ON APRIL 5 AND 6, 1968

The following investigation was conducted by SA DANIEL D. MC LAUGHLIN at New Orleans, Louisiana, on April 23, 1968:

ROBERT CAMERON, Flight Schedules, Delta Airlines, New Orleans, advised as follows:

The following is the list of crew members, including stewardesses, on Flight 106 on April 5, 1968:

B. T. MORRISON, Captain, 1621 Green Acres Road, Metairie, Louisiana

S. JURGENSEN, First Officer, 6200 Rosalie Court, Metairie, Louisiana

B. W. COSTICH, Flight Engineer, 1601 Vegas Drive, Metairie, Louisiana

LENET BIKER, 929 Dumaine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, Stewardess

MAY FORD, Stewardess, 6905 Veterans Highway, Metairie, Louisiana

MOLLY NELSON, Stewardess, 626 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana

ISABEL SWITZER, Stewardess, 6901 Veterans Highway, Metairie, Louisiana

He advised that the following is the list of crew members including stewardesses, of Delta Airlines Flight 106, on April 6, 1968:

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J. M. HAMMESS, Captain, 3613 Cleveland Drive, Metairie Louisiana

R. F. LOREN, First Officer, 4753 Yale Street, Metairie, Louisiana

J. UNVERZAGT, Flight Engineer, 2005 Illinois Street, Kenner, Louisiana

JAN HERSCHEDE, Stewardess, 6901 Veterans Highway, Metairie, Louisiana

PHYLLIS TATE, Stewardess, 930 Bourbon Street, New Orleans Louisiana

SANDRA SULLIVAN, Stewardess, 6805 Veterans Highway, Metairie, Louisiana

RITA DEMPSEY, Stewardess, 6805 Veterans Highway, Metairie, Louisiana

He stated that the following were working the flight and would not be home until later this evening or on April 24, 1969:

JAN HERSCHEDE, SANDRA SULLIVAN, J. M. HAMMESS, and MAY FORD

ROBERT L. SCOTTOW, 1601 Vegas Drive, Metairie, Louisiana, advised as follows:

He was flight engineer for Delta Airlines Flight 106 on April 5, 1969. He was exhibited several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that he has not seen this man before.

ISABEL SHEPHERD, 6901 Veterans Highway, Metairie, Louisiana, advised as follows:

She was a stewardess aboard Delta Airlines Flight 106 on April 5, 1969. She was exhibited several photographs of

JAMES EARL RAY and advised she has not seen this man before.

JAMES H. HICKMESS, 3612 Cleveland Drive, Metairie, Louisiana, advised as follows:

He was captain of Delta Airlines Flight 106 on April 6, 1968. He was exhibited several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that he has not seen this man before.

The following investigation was conducted by SA DANIEL P. MC LAUGHLIN on April 23, 1968:

RE: DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT 106 ON APRIL 6, 1968

RITA REHKOPF, 6805 Veterans Highway, Metairie, Louisiana, advised as follows:

She was a stewardess aboard Delta Flight 106 on April 6, 1968. She was exhibited a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that he appears similar to a passenger who sat in the last three rows on the right as one faces the front of the plane. She said this flight originated in New Orleans and was en route to Frankfurt, Germany, with stops at Atlanta, Georgia, and Washington, D.C. She said that she does not remember where this person got off the plane but she thinks he boarded the plane in New Orleans. She described this man as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	40-42 years old
Height	5' 11"
Weight	180 pounds
Build	Medium
Complexion	Medium
Hair	Dark; slightly curly, combed back
Clothing	Wearing casual clothes
Appearance	Dirty.

She said she is unable to further describe this individual.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs DANIEL P. MC LAUGHLIN and PATRICK J. DENTE on April 23, 1968:

RE: DELTA FLIGHT 106 ON APRIL 6, 1968

ROBERT R. LOWRY, 4753 Yale Street, Metairie, Louisiana, advised as follows:

He was co-pilot of Delta Flight 106 on April 6, 1968. He was exhibited a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and

he advised that he has never seen this person before other than his photograph in the newspapers.

PHYLLIS TATE, 700 St. Philip Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised as follows:

She was a stewardess on Delta Flight 106 on April 6, 1968.

She was exhibited a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and she advised that she has never seen this person before.

JANET HERSCHEDE, 6901 Veterans Highway, Metairie, Louisiana, was unavailable for interview.

SANDRA SULLIVAN, 6805 Veterans Highway, Metairie, Louisiana, was unavailable for interview.

RE: DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT 106 on APRIL 5, 1968

D. T. MOHRMANN, 1621 Green Acres Road, Metairie, Louisiana, advised as follows:

He was Captain of Delta Flight 106 on April 5, 1968. He was exhibited a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and he stated that he never saw this person before except that he recalls seeing his photograph in the newspapers.

STANLEY JURGELSHY, 6200 Rosalie Court, Metairie, Louisiana, advised as follows:

He was co-pilot of Delta Flight 106 on April 5, 1968. He was exhibited a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that he never saw this person before except that he recalls seeing his photograph in the newspapers.

MOLLY NELSON, 626 Esplanade Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised as follows:

She was a stewardess on Delta Flight 106 on April 5, 1968. She was exhibited a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that she has never seen this person before.

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LANEA BAKER, 928 Dumaine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, was unavailable for interview.

MAY FORD, 6805 Veterans Highway, Metairie, Louisiana, was unavailable for interview.

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The following investigation was conducted at New Orleans International Airport at Kenner, Louisiana, on April 24, 1968 by SA PATRICK DENTE:

The following stewardesses of Delta Flight 106, of April 5, 1968, were shown five photographs, including one of the subject and could not identify the subject as being a passenger on that particular flight: Miss LANEA BAKER, Miss MAY FORD.

Mr. JOHN C. UNVERZAGT, crew member, Delta Flight 106, April 6, 1968, was shown five photographs, including one of the subject, and was unable to identify the subject as any individual who was on board Flight 106.

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The following investigation was conducted at Metairie, Louisiana, on April 25, 1968; by Special Agent PATRICK J. DENTE:

The following stewardesses of Delta Airlines Flight 106 on April 6, 1968, were shown five photographs, including that of the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, which they could not identify as any individual they had observed on that flight:

Miss JAN HERSCHEDE, 6901 Veterans Memorial Highway;

Miss SANDRA SULLIVAN, 6805 Veterans Memorial Highway.

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Re: Telephone Call to Lake Charles,
Louisiana, Telephone Number 318, 477-0616

On April 26, 1968, the Houston Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation provided information that a telephone call was made on the evening of December 17, 1967, from a pay telephone booth located in an area described by CHARLES STEIN to telephone number 318, 477-0616, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

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Mrs. MARGIE GRIFFITH, Manager, Hertz Rent-A-Car, Municipal Airport, Lake Charles, Louisiana, advised she keeps a log of all incoming and outgoing telephone calls in her office. She advised of the following:

A review of her telephone log for the period December 15-17, 1967, failed to show any calls to or from Houston, Texas. It is possible that she or Mrs. PEGGY SYLVIA, who also worked in the office during the period of December 15-17, 1967, might have missed logging some calls. A review of records of her office for the period December 15-17, 1967, showed cars checked in and checked out of her office only to persons of local companies whom she knows. None of the cars checked in or out during this period were in the names of any strangers.

Mrs. GRIFFITH examined photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. She stated the photographs were not those of anyone to whom she had ever rented or had returned one of their cars.

Mrs. GRIFFITH added that the area telephone code for Lake Charles, Louisiana, is 318. She added that her company is the subscriber to Lake Charles telephone number 477-0616 and has had this number for over three years.

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PEGGY SYLVIA, Assistant Manager, Hertz Rent-A-Car, Lake Charles Municipal Airport, was shown photos of JAMES EARL RAY.

She stated the photos were not familiar to her as being that of anyone to whom she has rented or who has returned a Hertz car to her.

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Miss BRENDA CONOVER, 208 West Spring Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana, advised she is employed part-time at the Hertz Rent-A-Car Office at Lake Charles Municipal Airport. She stated the manager checked the records and determined that she was working on the night of December 17, 1967.

She stated that she does not recall having received a telephone call from Houston, Texas, at 7:49 PM on December 17, 1967, and she checked the office telephone log and found that no such call was recorded on that date.

Miss CONOVER examined photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI number 409 942G. She stated that the photographs did not look like anyone she has ever seen.

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Re Telephone Call from Yuma, Arizona,
December 15, 1967, to Shreveport, Louisiana,
telephone number 318, 746-9200

On April 29, 1968, the Phoenix Office of the FBI advised that on December 15, 1967, a telephone call had been made from a pay telephone at Yuma, Arizona, to Shreveport, Louisiana, telephone number 318, 746-9200.

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PAY PHONE CALL FROM YUMA,
ARIZONA, DECEMBER 15, 1967

The following investigation was conducted by SA's WILLIAM P. GREAVES and THURMAN P. KELLEY at Bossier City, Louisiana, on April 29, 1968:

A check of the current city directory for Bossier City, Louisiana, determined that phone number 746-9200 was listed to the Curtis Park Bar in Bossier City.

BIRDIE STRINGFELLOW, bartender, Curtis Park Bar, 2152 East Texas, was displayed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and she advised that she had never seen this individual before. STRINGFELLOW stated that the phone number 746-9200 is the number of the pay phone located in the bar. She stated that she was not working at the bar during the period December 15, 1967, and that the manager would have to be contacted for the employees of that period.

GLADYS ULLRICH, owner, Curtis Park Bar, was displayed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and she advised she had never seen this individual before. She stated that during the period December 15, 1967, she was working nights as a bartender THELMA RUSSELL. She stated she did not know the current address for RUSSELL but believed she was residing somewhere in Bossier City. ULLRICH advised that the day bartender during that time was a JERILE GARRETT who is currently residing at 833 Benton Road in Bossier City. She stated that the clientele of the bar consisted mainly of transients and that she would have no idea who might have received a call from Yuma, Arizona, on December 15, 1967. She stated that her husband, HANNO ULLRICH, also worked the bar on occasions and that he might have further information.

HANNO ULLRICH, owner, Curtis Park Bar, was displayed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised he had never seen this individual before. He stated he had no idea who might have called the bar from Yuma, Arizona, on December 15, 1967. ULLRICH stated he did not know a current address for THELMA RUSSELL who was formerly the night bartender but that possibly ANN HULLAND who worked at the Bossier Bottle Shop might know a current address.

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ANN HULLAND, Bossier Bottle Shop, 1316 East Texas, advised that she was a steady customer at the Curtis Park Bar and that she knew THELMA RUSSELL. She stated RUSSELL was residing as of a week ago somewhere on MacArthur Drive in Bossier City. She stated she did not know the house number; however, RUSSELL drove an old gray colored Plymouth. A photograph of RAY was displayed to HULLAND and she stated she had never seen this person before.

LINDA BONNER, 616 MacArthur Drive, advised that she had resided at that address for several years and did not know THELMA RUSSELL.

MYRTIS FREEMAN, 708 MacArthur Drive, advised that she had been residing at that address for about 13 years, but she did not know a THELMA RUSSELL.

Several attempts were made to contact JERILE GARRETT at 833 Benton Road with negative results.

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TOLL TELEPHONE CALL FROM YUMA, ARIZONA, DECEMBER 15, 1967

The following investigation was conducted by SAs WILLIAM T. GREAVES and THURMAN P. KELLEY at Bossier City, Louisiana:

On April 30, 1968, JERILE JARRETT, 833 Benton Road, advised that she was the day bartender at the Curtis Park Bar in Bossier City, during the period of December 15, 1967. She was displayed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that she had never seen this individual before. She stated that the customers at the bar often answer the pay phone and that it could have been any number of persons that might have received the call from Yuma on December 15, 1967. She stated that she had never overheard anyone in the bar mention having acquaintances in Yuma, Arizona. JARRETT stated that in view of the fact that the phone call was received at the bar in the evening, that possibly the night bartender, THELMA RUSSELL might be able to provide information. She stated that she did not have an address for RUSSELL, but believed she lives somewhere on Benton Road.

After several contacts, THELMA RUSSELL was located at 1609 Benton Road and advised that she had received a telephone call from her boy friend on December 15, 1967, from Yuma, Arizona. She advised that he is a trucker and had carried a shipment to California and had stopped in Yuma to telephone her. RUSSELL stated that she did not recognize the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as anyone that she had ever seen before.

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Re: Call Made From Coin Telephone,
Alpine, Texas, on December 16, 1967,
to Telephone Number 938-5638,
Greenwood, Louisiana

On May 1, 1968, the Dallas Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation advised that on December 16, 1967, a telephone call had been made at 12:43 a.m., from a coin telephone located at Alpine, Texas, to telephone number 938-5638, Greenwood, Louisiana.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA PATRICK R. COONEY, at Shreveport, Louisiana:

On May 2, 1968, a review of the current Shreveport, Louisiana, City Directory, revealed that R. L. HAMMETT and wife CATHERINE reside at Rural Route 2, Box 580, Greenwood, Louisiana. City directory shows HAMMETT's employment as Service Dispatcher for Southwestern Electric Power Company, Shreveport, Louisiana.

The records of the Bureau of Identification of the Shreveport, Louisiana, Police Department contain no record of R. L. HAMMETT.

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R. L. HAMMETT, Rural Route 2, Box 580, advised that he is the subscriber to telephone number 938-5638. Mr. HAMMETT stated that he was unable to recall who placed the call to his home from Alpine, Texas, on December 16, 1967. Mr. HAMMETT stated, however, that his father was quite sick about that time and he was receiving telephone calls from his uncle, ED HUNSUCKER, from various parts of Texas. HAMMETT stated that ED HUNSUCKER is a truck driver for Hill and Hill, Houston, Texas, and as such travels quite extensively throughout the state of Texas. Mr. HAMMETT stated that it must have been Mr. HUNSUCKER making the call to inquire as to his father's health condition. HAMMETT viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated this individual completely unknown to him.

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On 5/2/68 at Greenwood, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673

by SA PATRICK R. COONEY and SA JAMES V. SMITH PRC-kat Date dictated 5/2/68

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On May 7, 1968, information was received from the Houston Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that EDWARD L. HUNSUCKER, 1901 Florida Street, Baytown, Texas, had advised on May 3, 1968, that he may have made a long distance telephone call from a telephone booth on Interstate Highway 10 in East Texas on December 16, 1967. HUNSUCKER further advised that during mid-December, 1967, his nephew, R. L. HAMMETT, of Greenwood, Louisiana, was seriously ill and, therefore, HUNSUCKER made several long distance calls to the HAMMETT residence.

HUNSUCKER advised he is a truck driver and travels throughout the country and often makes calls from roadside telephone booths. HUNSUCKER advised that JAMES EARL RAY is unknown to him by name, aliases and photograph.

NO 157-10673 -epk

Re: WANDA's Seven Seas Restaurant
New Orleans, Louisiana

On April 30, 1968, information was received from the Jackson Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that a person closely resembling photographs of JAMES EARL RAY had been observed in Wanda's Seven Seas Restaurant, New Orleans, Louisiana, in December, 1967. On this particular occasion a minor brawl resulted and several arrests were made as a result of a dog being brought in by one of the customers. It was not recalled whether the individual resembling RAY was one of those arrested.

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The following investigation was conducted at New Orleans, Louisiana, by SA KEVIN J. HARRIGAN on April 30, 1968, and May 1, 1968:

A review of New Orleans City and Suburban Directories and current New Orleans Telephone Book failed to contain a listing for a Wanda's Seven Seas Restaurant in New Orleans; however, listed was a Wanda's Seven Seas Bar, 608 Iberville.

WANDA LORMAND, owner, Wanda's Seven Seas Bar, 608 Iberville, advised that she recalls no disturbance at her place of business during December, 1967 involving an argument over a dog brought into her bar. She also advised she does not recall any arrests being made at her bar during the past six months. She viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY but with negative results.

ANN UHLICH, 1819 Cleveland, and who is employed as a night barmaid at Wanda's Seven Seas Bar, advised that she does not recall any disturbance at that bar in December, 1967 involving an argument over a dog brought into the bar. She advised that sometime during December, four or five persons were arrested outside the bar one night for fighting. However, she stated she could recall no specific details regarding this incident. She advised after viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY that he was unknown to her by either name or photograph.

BONNIE (LAST NAME UNKNOWN), who declined to furnish her last name or address and who is employed as a barmaid at Wanda's Seven Seas Bar, advised after viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY that she is certain this person has never been served at that bar. She also advised she does not recall any incident occurring during December, 1967 in which arrests were made following an argument involving a dog brought into the bar.

BILL KILEEN, Manager, Marian's Bar, 615 Iberville, was contacted and subject's photograph displayed. KILEEN advised photographs of RAY unknown to him, and he is certain this person had never been observed by him either at his own bar or at any of the other bars he frequents on Iberville Street.

DANA BARGER, who frequents on a regular basis Wanda's Seven Seas Bar, and who is currently employed at Handy-Dandy Labor Agency, and who has been known to SA HARRIGAN for two years, advised after viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY that he is certain he has never observed this person at Wanda's Seven Seas Bar.

CHARLES TAYLOR, also known as Cookie, who frequents Wanda's Seven Seas Bar on a daily basis and who resides at 803 St. Charles and who also has been known to SA HARRIGAN for over a year, advised after viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY that he is certain he had never observed RAY at either Wanda's Seven Seas Bar or at any of the other bars he frequents in the 600 block of Iberville Street.

Detective LARRY VIGUERIE, Robbery Detail, New Orleans Police Department, advised that he can recall no incident involving several arrests at Wanda's Seven Seas Bar in December, 1967. He advised he would discuss the matter with other detectives, and if any persons contacted could recall the incident he would immediately advise the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Detective VIGUERIE further advised that the New Orleans Police Department maintains on a daily basis a master list of all complaints received and arrests made in the New Orleans area. This list would contain the address at which an arrest was made or from which a complaint was received, the date this occurred, and the New Orleans police item regarding the incident. He advised that these usually number several hundred each day, and for the month of December, 1967 would total approximately five thousand. He advised he would have one of his detectives check this list for any arrests made during December, 1967 at Wanda's Seven Seas Bar.

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Detective GENE EISENMANN, Robbery Detail, New Orleans Police Department, advised that a check by him of the master list of all complaints and arrests made by the New Orleans Police Department during December, 1967 showed that on Sunday, December 17, 1967, at 9:53 PM, four persons had been arrested for fighting outside Wanda's Seven Seas Bar, 608 Iberville. This information was listed under Item #12 544-67. Detective EISENMANN further advised that the arrest involved three white males and one Negro male who were all released the same day on bond. None of the arrested persons were photographed or fingerprinted.

A check of records at the Record Room, New Orleans Police Department, under Item #L 12 554-67, showed that the following persons were arrested on December 17, 1963, at 9:53 PM outside of Wanda's Seven Seas Bar, 608 Iberville:

ROBERT TRILLET
White male
Born December 1, 1940
At Springvalley, Illinois
New Orleans Address--2511 Almonster Street

RONALD TAPLETTE
Negro male
Born June 19, 1949
At New Orleans, Louisiana
New Orleans Address--1930 Andry Street

THOMAS LEE LEWIS
White male
Born October 1, 1941
At New York City
New Orleans Address--2919 Elysian Fields

WILLART NETTERVILLE
White male
Born February 20, 1919
At Paton Rouge, Louisiana
New Orleans Address--1711 Jackson Avenue.

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It was also noted under this item number that the arresting officers were Patrolmen PAUL FLEMING and RONNIE CAMPBELL.

PAUL FLEMING, Patrolman, New Orleans Police Department, advised that he recalls making an arrest in mid December, 1967 outside Wanda's Seven Seas Bar. He advised that a fight occurred between a white and Negro male outside the bar and that two other white males attempted to interfere. All these persons were arrested and charged with fighting, and in addition one of the white men was charged with firing a pen gun and resisting arrest. FLEMING viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY but with negative results. However, he advised he is certain none of the persons arrested by him on that date was RAY or even resembled him.

RONNIE CAMPBELL, Tactical Unit, New Orleans Police Department, advised that he recalls making an arrest in December, 1967 involving three white males and one Negro male who were charged with fighting outside of Wanda's Seven Seas Bar. He advised that he could not specifically recall what these persons looked like and after viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY stated he is fairly certain none of the persons resembled RAY. He also advised that he regularly works in the area of town where Wanda's Seven Seas Bar is located and is certain he has never observed RAY in that part of town.

Detective JAMES MILLER and Detective EUGENE FIELDS, New Orleans Police Department, who work in the French Quarter area of New Orleans, and have several reliable sources in bars located in the 600 block of Iberville Street, were contacted and furnished their observations on available photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. Both these detectives advised subject's photographs were unknown to them and they stated they would make discreet inquiry regarding RAY among their sources on Iberville Street and that if any positive information developed indicating RAY at any time had been to any of these places they would immediately contact SA HARRIGAN.

NO 157-10673 -epk

Re: Investigation Concerning
ROBERT HOOD STRADER, who Alleged
KING Assassination Plot in Baton
Rouge, Louisiana, area in
Summer of 1967

On May 6, 1968, information was received from the Springfield Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that ROBERT HOOD STRADER, of Lexington, Illinois, alleged that he had previously been informed during the Summer of 1967, by RAYMOND STARNS, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, that a group of [redacted]smen in the Baton Rouge, Louisiana, area had taken up a collection to obtain money to have KING assassinated.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA EDWARD J. CARNEY, JR.:

RAYMOND HENRY STARNS was interviewed at his residence, King David Apartments, Apartment F, 2816 David Drive, Metairie, Louisiana, on May 9, 1968. STARNS, who stated his business address is Suite 120, Courtland Plaza, 3900 Veterans Highway, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, advised as follows:

STARNS is a native of Denham Springs, Louisiana, and is currently associated in a business partnership with EARNEST C. DONNELL, Owner of the Earnest C. Donnell Construction Company, at Denham Springs, Louisiana. Denham Springs is located nine miles distant from Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

STARNS is well acquainted in Denham Springs and knows nearly all of the businessmen in that community, including those who are reportedly members of the Ku Klux Klan and who are considered to be strong segregationists.

STARNS was in Denham Springs in the Summer of 1967, at which time there was considerable racial strife taking place, including marches by Negro groups and opposition being presented to these marches by those individuals with strong segregation beliefs. STARNS stated that he himself is a liberal in his view towards Negroes and that he did not participate in any of the activities that took place in Denham Springs in the Summer of 1967. He stated, however, that he did frequently converse with individuals whom he considered to be members of the Ku Klux Klan, these persons having been individuals that he grew up with in Denham Springs.

STARNS stated that at no time during this period did any information come to his attention that there were businessmen in Denham Springs, Louisiana, or in Baton Rouge,

Louisiana, who were taking up a collection to obtain money to have MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., assassinated. STARNS does not recall of having heard the name of KING even mentioned during the Summer of 1967, nor does he recall any information which would indicate there was a plot to kill any particular Negro or any individual of any race for that matter.

STARNS is against violence and if any information such as a plot to kill anyone had come to his attention, he would promptly notify an appropriate law enforcement agency.

During the Fall of 1967, STARNS recalls that an individual subsequently known to him as ROBERT STRADER appeared at the Earnest C. Donnell Construction Company in Denham Springs making claims to EARNEST DONNELL that he could obtain considerable financing from a SHAPIRO family in Miami, Florida. DONNELL became interested in STRADER's proposition and ordered STARNS to accompany STRADER to Miami, Florida, which he did and at which time he and STRADER met with a Mr. and Mrs. SHAPIRO. It developed, however, that STRADER did not previously know the SHAPIRO family and further that STRADER actually had no contacts or was not in a position to obtain financing for the Donnell Construction Company.

It was during the trip to Miami, Florida, that STARNS realized that STRADER had an apparent mental problem. STARNS recalled that while staying in motels in Florida, STRADER at times became most irrational and envisioned that he was being followed by Federal Agents.

After the Florida trip, STRADER continued to hang around the Donnell Company in Denham Springs, Louisiana, at which time STRADER's wife was also present. In STARNS' opinion, STRADER's wife is also an irrational person.

On one occasion, STRADER, who was doing some work for the Donnell Company, took STARNS' personally owned vehicle with the permission of STARNS on a business trip. STRADER's wife accompanied STRADER on this trip and they did not return as scheduled. The vehicle was subsequently located in Mississippi in an abandoned position. Also at this same time, STARNS and EARNEST DONNELL discovered that STRADER had stolen some property from the company, such as a portable electric typewriter, a brief case full of valuable engineering fittings, a telephone credit card and other miscellaneous items. Also taken from the STARNS vehicle was a .38 Police Special Revolver which was a sentimental keepsake which had been given to STARNS by his father.

The theft of these items was reported to law enforcement agencies but DONNELL subsequently decided not to press charges. The revolver has never been recovered by STARNS and he does not presently know its whereabouts.

STARNS heard from some unrecalled source several months ago that STRADER either was or is presently confined to a mental institution. He has not seen STRADER since late Fall of 1967.

STRADER was a braggart by nature, frequently announced his animosity towards Negroes but was never known to STARNS to have specifically mentioned MARTIN LUTHER KING or any other particular Negro. STRADER frequently bragged that he had contacts with the underworld but never specifically mentioned anyone by name.

STARNS concluded that he is at a loss to explain why it is alleged that he possessed information concerning a plot to raise money to kill MARTIN KING. He stated that he wanted to cooperate fully with the FBI, which agency he admires considerably and that if any further recollection

concerning the Summer of 1967 in Denham Springs came to him, he would promptly advise the New Orleans Office.

STARNS described STRADER as a white male, six feet two inches tall, 36 years of age and possessing blonde wavy hair. During the Summer of 1967, STARNS personally owned a 1967 Oldsmobile,white over black, bearing Texas license KLX or KLW 491.

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