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

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

PAUL ALVIN LAIL located Palm Springs, Fla. Advised he served time in Missouri State Penitentiary with RAY, however, has had no contact with him since release and can offer no significant background information or information regarding whereabouts. Records destroyed Amacker Motors, Miami, Fla., where RAY allegedly purchased vehicle in 1954. Investigation dance studios, laundries using thermo-seal laundry marking machines, hippie hang-outs and other logical locations, Miami Division, developed no information regarding RAY. All records, Eastern Air Lines, reflecting passengers departing Atlanta via Eastern Air Lines between 4/4/68 and 4/12/68 reviewed. Leads set forth to eliminate all passengers having similar names to subject and/or aliases. All persons located Miami Division having similar names to subject and/or aliases used, located and eliminated as being identical. Appropriate stops placed with all logical agencies, including airlines, car rental agencies, Immigration and Naturalization Service, public health service, local authorities, and various other federal, state and local agencies. All look alikes located and eliminated. SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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I. INVESTIGATION AT PALM SPRINGS, FLORIDA, REGARDING PAUL ALVIN LAIL, WHO SERVED TIME IN THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY WITH JAMES EARL RAY

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DMJ:vc
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Information was developed through interview of LOUIS RAYMOND DOUDA at Marietta, Georgia, who was acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY in the Missouri State Prison, which indicated that another former inmate of the Missouri State Prison, PAUL ALVIN LAIL, JR., was currently residing at 34 Barbados Drive, Palm Springs, West Palm Beach, Florida.

The following investigation was conducted at West Palm Beach on April 26, 1968, by Special Agents ROBERT W. WISEMAN and PATRICK A. PHILBIN:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/27/68

PAUL ALVIN LAIL was informed of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of this interview.

LAIL advised he is presently living at 34 Barbados Drive, Palm Springs, with his wife BETTY and five month old baby.

LAIL stated he had been an inmate in the Missouri State Penitentiary for three years and while confined there he had met and known JAMES EARL RAY. He stated he was not very close or friendly with RAY but he did eat with him a number of times when he was in the kitchen visiting with his friend, LEWIE "WHITEY" DOWDA. He said he also watched a number of ball games and television programs with RAY.

LAIL described RAY as being a guy who knew his way around but was not one of the wheels or leaders in prison; that RAY was a sharp intelligent guy who hung around with the boys who were always up to something and were in on all of the deals. LAIL advised RAY never seemed to have a lot of money but always seemed to have enough to get whatever he wanted.

LAIL said most of the guys (he cannot recall their names) that he, RAY, was with most of the time were on dope and were peddling it.

LAIL continued by saying that RAY's big buddy was NEAL ABBEY who was a "big wheel" and the guy who ran the prison kitchen with "an iron hand." LAIL stated ABBEY was the guy who got RAY into the kitchen which was a good deal (job).

LAIL advised that LEO BARNETT handled dope and peddled it in the Missouri State Penitentiary and he believes he is now in prison somewhere in Florida. He said that BARNETT would know for certain if RAY had been on dope and where and who he got the dope from.

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On 4/26/68 at Palm Springs, Florida File # Miami 44-1854

by SAs ROBERT W. WISEMAN and PATRICK A. PHILBIN PAP/kmm Date dictated 4/26/68

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LAIL further advised that FRED MILLER, "a cut and dried con," who worked in the tag plant of the prison, was one of the leaders and knew RAY well and he might be able to furnish information about him if he would talk to the FBI.

LAIL related that WHITEY DOWDA also knew RAY pretty well and would know more about him than he did since they both worked in the kitchen together for quite a while. He said WHITEY had been living in Merietta, Georgia, and he recently heard that WHITEY is now in jail in Merietta on a robbery charge.

LAIL stated there had been trouble with some of the Negro prisoners in the Missouri State Penitentiary who were Black Muslims so some of the prisoners decided to teach them a lesson and three or four of the Negro leaders were killed. LAIL stated he did not know if RAY was in on the actual killing, but he was close with the ones that did it and therefore could have been in on the killing or at least he knew who did kill the Negroes.

LAIL would not make any further statements about the killing of the Negroes in the Missouri State Penitentiary and he stated he could not furnish any names or identities but he did say there were ten inmates who were in on the killing of the Negroes.

LAIL said he could not recall RAY saying too much about Negroes and he does not believe from his conversations with RAY that he, RAY, was a racist, however, all of the inmates in the Missouri State Penitentiary did not like the Negroes because of their belligerent attitude and animosity toward the white inmates.

LAIL stated RAY liked to wear his hair short in the summer months and long in the winter. He said RAY used to have a "butch" cut in the summer months.

LAIL stated from his association with RAY that he felt RAY would have a .45 automatic "stashed" on his person somewhere and he would not give up or be taken without a fight. LAIL said RAY is a "killer" in his opinion and that RAY would not be easy to catch or find. LAIL said RAY is "a city boy" and he does not figure him to be hiding out in the country. However, LAIL stated he would not figure RAY would hide out in a really big city like New York, but would pick one about the size of Houston, Texas.

LAIL said he could not recall RAY telling him or mentioning any place in particular he, RAY, always wanted to go to or visit, but he felt RAY would be in a warm climate rather than a cold one.

LAIL stated he had not been contacted or heard from RAY since he got out of the Missouri State Penitentiary over two years ago and to the best of his knowledge RAY would not know where or how to contact him.

LAIL advised he had visited WHITEY DOWDA in March, 1968, in WHITEY's home in Merietta, Georgia, for a few days. He said that WHITEY is his best friend.

LAIL continued by saying he recognized the name of SCHAFFER and he thinks SCHAFFER was a captain in the prison guard force, but he did not know him and/or if SCHAFFER peddled dope in the pen.

LAIL stated he felt that there was a possibility RAY's escape was engineered by and assisted by outside help but he did not have any knowledge about it. Also he stated just about anything is possible with outside help and money, however, escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary is something else and is just about impossible in his opinion.

LAIL stated he did not feel badly about MARTIN LUTHER KING getting killed, but he was sorry it happened in Memphis, Tennessee, and he would have rather seen KING killed in some Northern city. LAIL said he is a Southerner and his feelings are Southern.

LAIL stated that he is of course interested in the reward money and he could certainly use it. However, he said he really does not know if he would turn RAY in or not for the reward money if he had the opportunity. LAIL stated he was certain RAY did the killing of KING himself and not involved with anyone else. LAIL stated that he wanted to be honest with the FBI and he would have to think about this a couple of days as to whether or not he would or would not turn RAY in if he knew his possible or current whereabouts.

LAIL stated he really does not know where RAY is and he said that RAY had not contacted him and he had not seen RAY for over two years.

LAIL continued by saying he was a little surprised when he learned from the newspaper and television that RAY had been identified as KING's killer because he always figured RAY as being a guy that would be too smart to leave any clues or evidence around so that the police or the FBI would be able to trace and/or identify him.

LAIL examined the photographs of RAY and said he would never recognize him with the tuxedo and bow tie outfit on and further he said he never saw RAY with his hair long as it is either. However, he said the guy with the bow tie and tuxedo on is RAY.

LAIL said after thinking it over that he is very interested in the money and if he thinks of anything or comes up with anything concerning RAY, he will contact either Special Agent PATRICK A. PHILBIN or ROBERT W. WISEMAN.

LAIL is a white male, born June 30, 1930, Marion, North Carolina, 175 pounds, blue eyes, red hair, medium slender build, 6' 3", wife BETTY, and resides 34 Barbados Drive, Palm Springs, Florida.

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LAIL was recontacted on April 27, 1968, by SA PATRICK A. PHILBIN and advised that the only reason he previously said RAY would be apt to be hiding in a city the size of Houston, Texas, was because of the size of Houston and for no other reason.

II. INVESTIGATION LOCATING FORMER OWNER, AMACKER MOTORS, MIAMI, FLORIDA, WHERE JAMES EARL RAY PURCHASED A VEHICLE IN 1954

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On April 25, 1968, the Kansas City Office of the FBI advised that a pre-sentence report for JAMES EARL RAY, dated April 26, 1955, contained information which indicated that when RAY was arrested on March 22, 1955, in Hannibal, Missouri, he was driving a 1949 Lincoln which had been purchased at Amacker Motors, 135 NE 36th Street, Miami, Florida on May 14, 1954.

The following investigation was conducted by SA DAVID N. JELLISON at Miami, Florida on April 25, 1968:

LUKE SELLARS, Proprietor, Luke Sellars Motors, 5500 NW 27th Avenue, Miami, advised he was the proprietor of Amacker Motors, 135 NE 36th Street, Miami in 1954. He dissolved this business in 1961 and has since destroyed all records for this business.

SELLARS further advised that the whereabouts of all former employees of Amacker Motors are unknown to him. SELLARS stated that he does not recall the sale of this vehicle to JAMES EARL RAY, however, if there was something unusual about the sale, he would have recalled the circumstances.

SELLARS was unable to identify photographs of JAMES EARL RAY or WALTER RIFE.

III. DANCING STUDIOS

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The following investigation was conducted with reference to locating subject through dancing schools:

On April 15, 1968, all dancing schools within the Miami Division which encompasses cities and counties as far north as Vero Beach in Indian River County, to Key West in Monroe County, to the south, and Naples, Florida, in Collier County, to the west coast of Florida, were contacted without effecting any information relative to ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER and JOHN WILLARD.

On April 18, 1968, the Los Angeles Office furnished the names of the following dance instructors who worked at the Continental Studios, New Orleans, during 1964 who reportedly were presently residing in the Miami area:

WILLIAM LAMPHERE

JACQUELINE COURVILLE CUTOLO
610 S. W. 14th Avenue

HARVEY A. DUNN

On April 18, 1968, no record could be located for WILLIAM LAMPHERE at the following agencies:

Miami Beach Police Department
Miami Police Department
Dade County Department of Public Safety
Miami Municipal Court
Credit Bureau of Greater Miami

On April 18, 1968, no record could be located regarding WILLIAM LAMPHERE through the voters' registration records, tax records, motor vehicle bureau records and the Polk directories and telephone directories for the greater Miami area from 1958-1968.

On April 18, 1968, all major dancing schools in the Miami, Florida area were contacted with negative results with regard to WILLIAM LAMPHERE.

On April 18, 1968, no record could be located for HARRY A. DUNN at the Miami Beach Police Department, Dade County Department of Public Safety, Miami Police Department and Miami Municipal Court records.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Miami reflected that HARRY A. DUNN resided at 2030 N. E. 185th Terrace, Miami, Florida.

The following investigation was conducted by SA DAVID N. JELLISON:

On April 18, 1968, HARRY A. DUNN was located and interviewed at his residence, 2030 N. E. 185th Terrace, Miami, Florida. He stated he was employed as a dance instructor at Continental Dance Studios, New Orleans, Louisiana, for four months in the latter part of 1964. Photographs and composites of suspect ERIC STARVO GALT were exhibited to DUNN with negative results.

DUNN advised he is not acquainted with WILLIAM LAMPHERE and believes that CHARLES HARTZELL left the Chicago area for St. Louis approximately one year ago to work at an independent dance studio.

DUNN further advised that LOUISE ANGLIN taught dancing during the afternoon hours at Continental Dance Studios, New Orleans, in late 1964 and might remember GALT if he took afternoon instruction at that time. ANGLIN's address is unknown to DUNN, but he did recall that her mother resides at 127 Hickory, New Orleans, Louisiana.

DUNN does not know the current whereabouts of the following individuals:

MARCUS FELOS
ARTHUR D. WOLFSON
BERNICE "BUDDY" CONSTONTINE
YVONNE BENOIT
JOAN MOORE
CORBETT DUHON
RAY E. FARRIS

SAMUEL CALON
EVA BOROS
CHARLES MILLER
ROBERT STRICKLAND
JOANNE NICHOLS
JACQUELINE BOND
ANITA BOUCHARD
ROSE KATHLEEN CAVANAUGH
or HOWARD OWENS

DUNN believes that SANDRA LOVIN is currently a hippy in a New Orleans hippy community.

On April 18, 1968, BERNARD REIN, Imperial Imports, Miami, advised VINCENT CUTOLO and his wife, JACQUELINE CUTOLO, were currently staying at 200 Crutchfield Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, telephone number 256-2348.

On April 18, 1968, Mrs. VINCENT CUTOLO, 610 S. W. 14th Avenue, Miami, the mother-in-law of JACQUELINE CUTOLO, furnished a blue zipper suitcase containing photographs and miscellaneous items to SA DAVID N. JELLISON. This suitcase and its entire contents were mailed to the Nashville FBI Resident Agency Office for review by JACQUELINE CUTOLO at that location.

On April 29, 1968, Mrs. VINCENT CUTOLO was contacted and the blue zipper suitcase belonging to her daughter-in-law, JACQUELINE CUTOLO, was returned to her. She had previously furnished this suitcase to SA JELLISON.

Mrs. CUTOLO examined the suitcase and advised that it and its contents were all in order.

On April 18, 1968, the Knoxville Office advised that JUANITA WELCH, former dance instructor for Continental Studios, New Orleans, was last known to be working in a dance studio at the Congress Inn, Miami, in 1967 according to Mrs. JACQUELINE COURVILLE CUTOLO.

The following investigation was conducted by SA DAVID N. JELLISON:

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On April 19, 1968, all Congress Inns, Hotels and Motels in the Miami area were contacted regarding JUANITA WELCH. Officials at the Congress Voyager Motel, 12350 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, advised that WELCH was employed there as a dance instructor until approximately December, 1967, at which time she left to go North. Associates of JUANITA WELCH and officials at Congress Voyager Motel have no idea where she went or of her current whereabouts.

Employment records at Congress Voyager Motel contain no information regarding a Miami address or a forwarding address for WELCH.

On April 19, 1968, Credit records and arrest records in the greater Miami area were reviewed with reference to JUANITA WELCH and were found to contain no positive information. Polk's city directories and telephone directories contain no positive information regarding JUANITA WELCH.

IV. THERMO-SEAL LAUNDRY MACHINE MARKS

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HAM:jth

Re: Thermo-Sealed Marking Machine
Manufactured by the Textile Marking
Machine Company, Syracuse, New York

The following investigation was conducted in the area covered by the Miami Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

All laundries and dry cleaning establishments located in the Southern District of Florida covered by the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation were contacted relative to their use of a thermo-sealed marking machine manufactured by the Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York.

In a small number of instances wherein this type of machine was used, it was determined that the laundries and/or dry cleaning establishments did not use any code similar to the questioned laundry marks reported.

In the one or two instances developed wherein a similar code was used, specimens were obtained and forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for comparison.

The FBI Laboratory subsequently reported that these specimens submitted by the Miami Division were not identical with the questioned laundry markings involved in this investigation.

V. REVIEW OF ARRIVING AND DEPARTING PASSENGERS FROM AND TO FOREIGN PORTS, MIAMI DIVISION

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The following investigation was conducted by SA STUART GODWIN, JR., April 11, 1968, at Miami, Florida:

C. A. RIGGS, Marine Officer, Marine Division, Bureau of Customs, advised Customs maintains crew and passenger lists for all arriving commercial vessels at ports of entry in South Florida; lists of passengers only for departing foreign flag vessels; crew lists only for departing American flag vessels, and for pleasure vessels only lists of all persons on board for arrivals only. He stated no clearance was necessary on the departure of a pleasure vessel.

He furnished copies of form entitled "Record of Vessels Engaged in Foreign Trade - Cleared or Granted Permit to Proceed." This list covered all departures from the Port of Miami from April 4, 1968 through April 10, 1968. He also made available the appropriate lists concerning each vessel.

He also furnished copies of form entitled, "Record of Vessels Engaged in Foreign Trade - Entered or Arrived Under Permit to Proceed." This list covered all such vessels that entered or arrived during the period April 4, 1968 through April 10, 1968. He made available the appropriate lists concerning each vessel.

In addition, he made available a list of all pleasure craft which arrived and was cleared by Customs during the period April 4, 1968 through April 9, 1968. He also made available for examination the appropriate lists concerning each vessel.

The foregoing lists made available by Mr. RIGGS were examined in detail, and it was found none of them listed anyone with the following last names:

GALT

LOWMEYER

LOWMYER

WILLARD

A. E. VOLENSKY, Assistant Chief Inspector, Outside Division of Inspection and Control, U. S. Bureau of Customs,

Dodge Island, made available the alphabetical listing of passenger baggage declarations for all persons departing the Port of Miami via Chalk Airlines during the period April 1, 1968 through April 10, 1968. These declarations failed to list anyone with any of the last names previously mentioned.

MARIANO FAGET, Marine Clerk, Marine Desk, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), advised his records would contain only the names of aliens departing on foreign flag clearances and the notification of any change in the crew of a foreign flag vessel. His records were reviewed and were found to duplicate those maintained by the Bureau of Customs and the shipping lines, which are set out below, but which were checked prior to the interview of FAGET.

It was determined further from FAGET that the following are the cruise ships operating on regular schedules out of the Port of Miami:

"SS Ariadne"
(Eastern Steamship Company)

"Bahama Star"
(Eastern Steamship Company)

"Jamaica Queen"
(Canadian Gulf Line)

"Sunward"
(Shaw Brothers Shipping Company)

"Cabo Izarra"
(Eller and Company)

The "Cabo Izarra" neither arrived nor departed during the pertinent period. The "SS Ariadne", "Bahama Star" and "Sunward" all departed on both April 5, 1968 and April 8, 1968, and the "Jamaica Queen" departed on April 8, 1968. The passenger manifests for all of the above trips had been previously made available by Mr. RIGGS, who also had records of all crew changes.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs STUART GODWIN, JR., and WAYNE O. TAYLOR at Miami International Airport (MIA) on April 15, 1968:

A list was procured from the U.S. Bureau of Customs which shows all departing flights from MIA to foreign destinations. The passenger manifests of each flight were made available and were examined. No person with any of the last names previously set forth was noted as a passenger or crew member on any of the flights. The list of such flights and persons contacted at each airline will be maintained in the files of the Miami FBI Office.

The following investigation was conducted at Key West, Florida on April 11, 1968,by SA WELDON L. KENNEDY:

Records of the U.S. Bureau of Customs and INS were reviewed for the names GALT, LOWMEYER, LOWMYER and WILLARD, and it was determined the records were negative regarding those names during the period April 4, 1968 through April 10, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT W. WISEMAN at West Palm Beach, Florida on April 11, 1968:

Inquiry at U.S. Bureau of Customs and INS established that neither agency maintains adequate records of departure, which necessitated contacting the following-named carrier agencies regarding the names ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as Gault, HARVEY LOWMEYER, also known as Lowmyer, and JOHN WILLARD. The passenger manifests of the following carriers, examined from April 4, 1968 through April 11, 1968, did not reflect any reference to any of the above-named individuals:

"SS Grand Bahama Line"
Mr. JOHN WHITE

Bahamas Airways, Ltd.
Mr. WALTER R. ADAMS

Tilford Flying Service (Charters)
Mr. JAMES TILFORD

Palm Beach Aviation (Charters)
Mr. A. R. PIEAARSKI

Florida Airmotive, Lantana Airport (Charters)
Mr. OWEN GASSAWAY

Inquiry did develop that Eastern Air Lines flights out of West Palm Beach must be checked at Eastern Air Lines, Miami.

Coastal Aviation, a non-scheduled airline, is based in Orlando, Florida, and American Flyers, a non-scheduled airline, is based out of Ardmore, Oklahoma. Passenger manifests for these two lines must be checked at their home bases.

Check of Eastern Air Lines at Miami covered flights leaving the country from Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Key West and West Palm Beach, Florida.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT W. WISEMAN at West Palm Beach, Florida, on April 11, 1968:

Inquiry at United States Customs and Immigration and Naturalization Service revealed that neither agency maintains departure records for shipping lines or airlines departing from West Palm Beach. The passenger manifests of the following carriers were examined for the names ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as GAULT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER, and JOHN WILLARD, from April 4, 1968 through April 11, 1968:

"SS Grand Bahama Line", made available by JOHN WHITE

Bahamas Airways, Ltd., made available by WALTER R. ADAMS

Tilford Flying Service (Charter), made available by JAMES TILFORD

Palm Beach Aviation (Charter), made available by A. R. PIEAARSKI

Florida Airmotive, Lantana Airport (Charter), made available by OWEN GASSAWAY

It was determined that Coastal Aviation, a non-scheduled airline, has its base in Orlando, Florida, and American Flyers, a non-scheduled airline, is based in Ardmore, Oklahoma, and the passenger manifests for those two lines are maintained at their home bases.

On April 11, 1968, LESLIE SALSBURY, United States Customs, Key West, Florida, advised SA WELDON L. KENNEDY that a review of his files concerning arriving and departing vessels on April 4, 1968 to April 11, 1968, failed to disclose any listing for ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as GAULT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER, or JOHN WILLARD.

The following investigation was conducted by SA KENNETH D. SCHEIWE at Port Everglades, Florida, on April 11, 1968:

The list of crew members and passengers were reviewed for the following vessels, which entered or departed Port Everglades on the dates indicated, for a passenger or crew man using the name ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER, or JOHN WILLARD:

"Hanseatic"	April 4, 1968
"Kungsburg"	April 4, 1968
"Sun Dev"	April 4, 1968
"V Pride"	April 4, 1968
"Bulk Enterprise"	April 6, 1968
"Doric Chariot"	April 6, 1968
"Kungsholm"	April 6, 1968
"Carsten Russ"	April 6, 1968
"Velk Viking"	April 8, 1968
"H. A. Wood"	April 8, 1968
"Helen S"	April 8, 1968
"Hotei"	April 8, 1968
"Mitchell"	April 8, 1968
"Carmania"	April 9, 1968
"Artlenburg"	April 9, 1968
"Leonardo da Vinci"	April 9, 1968
"Santa Rosa"	April 10,1968
"Bolo"	April 11, 1968
"Cambridge Trader"	April 11, 1968
"Hanseatic"	April 11, 1968
"Lowella"	

All records of United States Customs at Port Everglades for yachts arriving from foreign ports were examined for the period April 2, 1968 through April 11, 1968, for the above names with no record being found.

VI. LOCAL AGENCY CHECKS, MIAMI DIVISION

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On April 9, 1968, the following checks were made for persons having the name ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER:

All financial institutions in the Miami Division which include banks, federal savings and loan associations and small loan agencies, voters' registration offices, city directories and telephone directories, credit bureaus, law enforcement agencies, drivers' license bureaus, as well as the Dade County Traffic Violator's Index, and the Homestead Air Force Base Locater Records.

The Miami telephone directory listed an R. A. GALT, 5795 S. W. 73rd Street, South Miami, Florida, and a ROBERT B. GALT, 4720 Bay Point Road, Miami, Florida.

R. A. GALT, 5795 S. W. 73rd Street, was contacted by SA GAY R. SHAHAN, and it was determined that her full name is Mrs. RUTH A. GALT, who is a nurse employed at the South Miami Hospital, South Miami, Florida.

ROBERT B. GALT, who was contacted by SA GAY R. SHAHAN, was determined to be employed by Ousley and Associates International.

Neither RUTH A. GALT or ROBERT B. GALT knows or has ever heard of anyone by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT.

VII. REVIEW OF EASTERN AIR LINES RECORDS FOR FLIGHTS DEPARTING ATLANTA APRIL 4, 1968 - APRIL 12, 1968

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REVIEW OF EASTERN AIRLINES RECORDS FOR FLIGHTS DEPARTING ATLANTA, GEORGIA, APRIL 4, 1968, THROUGH APRIL 12, 1968

During the period April 12, 1968, and May 10, 1968, records of Eastern Airlines (EAL) were checked for all flights departing Atlanta, Georgia, Municipal Airport for passengers using the name of the subject or his aliases for the period April 4 through April 12, 1968.

The tickets, reservation cards and IBM listings for tickets of other airlines used on EAL flights reveal as follows:

EAL ticket 007-222-684-108 issued April 9, 1968, at Greensboro, North Carolina, to JOHN A. GAULT. He purchased the ticket with a credit card of Associate Pipeline Contractors, 14th Floor, Houston Club Building, Houston, Texas. The ticket indicated JOHN A. GAULT departed the Greensboro, North Carolina area 2:01 p.m., April 9, 1968, Flight 621 for Atlanta, Georgia, and Flight 341, April 9, 1968, at 4:45 p.m. for Houston, Texas. Contact point shown as telephone 793-2731, Room 608, Danville, Virginia.

EAL ticket 007-222-748-263 issued April 5, 1968, at Raleigh-Durham Terminal to N. GAULT for Flight 387, Raleigh to Atlanta departing 9:05 a.m., Atlanta Flight 249 for Raleigh departing 9:20 p.m. Contact point was shown as Raleigh, North Carolina, telephone 782-2984 and Atlanta telephone 785-3411, Extension 619.

EAL ticket 007-351-271-264 issued to W. C. WILLARD for Flight 632 departing Montgomery, Alabama, April 10, 1968, for Atlanta, Georgia, 7:15 a.m. and departing Atlanta, Georgia, Flight 270, 9:55 a.m. for St. Louis, Missouri, departing St. Louis, Missouri, Flight 803, April 10, 1968, 12:45 p.m. for Springfield, Missouri. The reservation card shows contact point at Montgomery, Alabama, telephone numbers 273-7411 and 272-7251.

EAL at Atlanta, Georgia, received a reservation from Delta Airlines, Detroit, for one RAYE for EAL Flight 124Y on April 5 from Atlanta to Philadelphia. The passenger was to travel Detroit to Atlanta on Delta Flight

761Y on April 2, 1968; contact point shown as Detroit telephone 873-3000, Extension 7, Room 324. No EAL ticket could be found indicating Delta ticket used.

A reservation was made at EAL, Atlanta, April 5, 1968, and ticket was purchased at EAL, Atlanta, April 6, 1968, for travel of W. J. WALTON, Mobile to Atlanta, on EAL flight 604F on April 12, 1968; Atlanta to Augusta on Delta Flight 410A on April 12; Augusta to Atlanta on Delta Flight 1609T on April 15, and Atlanta to Mobile on EAL Flight 601F on April 15, 1968. Contact point was Mobile home telephone 342-5542, business telephone 344-0282.

A reservation was made at EAL, Atlanta, April 5, 1968, and ticket number 007-396-718-957 purchased April 5, 1968, at Travel Affiliates, 220 West Live Oak, Pascagoula, Mississippi, for travel by JACK WALTON from Mobile to Atlanta on EAL Flight 664Y on April 5, 1968, and Atlanta to Chicago on EAL Flight 434YN on April 6, 1968, and Chicago to Seattle on United Airlines (UAL) Flight 143Y on April 6, 1968.

Reservation received February 17, 1968, by EAL, Atlanta, from Delta Airlines, Tampa, Florida, for travel of J. WALTON from Atlanta to Tampa on EAL Flight 273Y on April 12, 1968. No ticket located. Delta Airline message identifying number was 08716701.

Reservation received EAL, Atlanta, from Trans World Airlines (TWA), St. Louis, date not shown, for travel by one HEERAN from Atlanta to St. Louis on EAL Flight 510, April 10, 1968. Contact telephone number 525-2771. No ticket located indicating TWA ticket used.

Reservation received EAL, Atlanta, on March 29, 1968, from Delta Airlines, Savannah, for travel by JOHN WILLARD from Atlanta to Miami on EAL Flight 277Y on April 11, 1968, Delta Service Message Number 18794006. Reservation confirmed by Delta, Savannah, message number 10794006 on April 1, 1968. The reservation card indicates the passenger contacted EAL, Atlanta, and gave contact point as Downtowner, Atlanta.

Reservation made at EAL, Atlanta, by EAL, Chattanooga, on April 5, 1968, for travel of J. C. or T. C. GALT from Atlanta to Richmond on either EAL Flight 616T or United Flight 640A on April 10, 1968. No ticket located. Chattanooga contact shown as telephone 265-8211. This reservation was made through Travel Agency, 615, by employee, PAT.

EAL reservation card for Flight 248Y, April 9, 1968, indicates one JERRY HERRON made reservation at Atlanta 6:20 p.m., April 9, 1968, Atlanta to Chicago. Contact point reflected as Atlanta lobby. The agent making the reservation was 10B.

A review of the tickets for Flight 248 on April 9, 1968, do not contain a ticket for JERRY HERRON.

Thirteen first class tickets and 33 coach tickets for other airlines were used on EAL Flight 248 on April 9, 1968, Atlanta to Chicago. Airlines and ticket numbers are as follows:

Delta Airlines First Class Ticket Numbers

006-101-067121
006-202-210107
006-283-156607
006-284-501905
006-284-501906
006-202-210106
006-397-551247

Delta Airlines Coach Ticket Numbers

006-202-149500
006-401-136044
006-202-149822
006-202-150477
006-488-101482
006-202-084626
006-488-874958
006-202-149823
006-202-150476

TWA First Class Ticket Number

015-404-012964

TWA Coach Ticket Numbers

015-230-194953
015-220-715318

United Airlines First Class Ticket Numbers

016-450-321877
016-233-680257

United Airlines Coach Ticket Numbers

016-260-304239
016-475-404829
016-350-033777

Southern Airways Ticket Number (Coach)

038-300-485528

North Central Airlines Coach Ticket Numbers

032-404-304276
032-204-634027
032-204-634018

Northwest Orient Airlines First Class Ticket Numbers

012-242-362240
012-242-355080
012-242-434027

Northwest Orient Airlines Coach Ticket Numbers

012-242-364991
012-242-365005
012-242-365004
012-242-365618
012-242-362269
012-242-365187

Northwest Orient Airlines Coach Ticket Numbers (cont.)

012-242-362266
012-242-365591
012-242-364989
012-242-365008
012-242-365617
012-242-441326
012-242-362265
012-242-365590
012-860-084858

On April 15, 1968, all Eastern Airlines flights with foreign destinations from Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, and West Palm Beach, for subject's name and aliases, for the period April 4 through April 12, 1968, were reviewed with negative results.

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Checks of Eastern Airlines records, Miami, Florida, indicated that on March 19, 1968, Eastern Airlines, Atlanta, received a reservation from Delta Airlines, Savannah, Georgia, for travel by JOHN WILLARD from Atlanta to Miami on Eastern Airlines Flight 277Y on April 11, 1968. It was subsequently determined by the Atlanta Office of the FBI that WILLARD left a contact number of 448-0276, Miami. This number is subscribed to by BARRY BEAL, 1264 Milan, Coral Gables, Florida.

On May 13, 1968, BARRY BEAL advised JOHN WILLARD visited Miami, Florida, for Easter vacation during the period April 10 through April 15, 1968. WILLARD was employed as a college representative with the W. W. Norton Publishing Company, 55 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York. WILLARD is presently staying at the Manger Motor Inn, Charlotte, North Carolina, telephone number 332-3121 through May 16, 1968.

He believes WILLARD's middle name is ORMSBY and described him as a white male, age 28, 5'8", 150 pounds, born Swickley (phonetic), Pennsylvania.

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On April 24, 1968, Mrs. Marilyn Richter, Eastern Airlines Representative, South Florida College of Automation, 12585 N. E. 7th Avenue, North Miami, Florida, made available reservation cards for EAL flights 955 and 320 for April 5, 1968, and Flight 915 for April 6, 1968, for passengers boarding these flights at Atlanta, Georgia. The following information was obtained:

The following were Atlanta boarding passengers on Flight 320, April 5, 1968:

Rev. C. C. BOVEE
2570 Midway Road
Decatur, Georgia
No home telephone
Business telephone Atlanta 377-8659

Captain and Mrs. S. JAYNES
Home telephone Atlanta 688-4478
Business telephone 588-2206

The following were Atlanta boarding passengers on Flight 955 on April 5, 1968:

The records indicate that O. GONZALEZ and L. MALDONADO made reservations together on April 5 with Agent 16P, Atlanta. No telephones or addresses were shown.

Mrs. P. WHISBY made reservation April 5, 1968, with Agent 16J, Atlanta, no telephone or address shown.

The following reservations were made for Flight 915, April 5, 1968:

A. J. CARNEY and E. CARNEY
Home telephone Atlanta 237-0584
Business telephone 361-4286

The reservation card contains a notation under remarks, which was marked out, and stated "Northhill Underwriters, Inc., Suite 124, Imperial Building, 770 Main Street, Forest, Georgia.

One reservation card is in the name of "POSS, SMITH, KLINE, RAGSDALE," with no further information shown. The KLINE reservation was apparently used by D. ANDRICH since RAGSDALE, ANDRICH, SMITH and GOSS were shown on tickets as having obtained travel through Southern Travel Agency, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia. No ticket used in the name of KLINE.

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The Atlanta Division on April 18, 1968 requested a print out of passengers and crews for Eastern Airlines, (EAL), Flights 955, 320, 328 and 106 for April 5, 1968 and Flight 915 for April 6, 1968. These flights being flights to foreign countries from Atlanta, Georgia.

On April 19, 1968, SA A. A. ARMSTRONG, JR. determined that EAL does not print out passenger names, therefore, it was necessary that passenger names be obtained from a review of tickets used. Officials of EAL advised that reservation information was a possible source of addresses for persons having used tickets on these flights which are retained for ninety days at the originating station by date and flight number.

The flights which Atlanta requested be checked are Flights 915 to Mexico, Saturdays only, 955 to San Juan daily, 320 to Toronto, Canada daily, 328 to Toronto daily and 106 to Montreal, Canada daily. The passengers for the above flights are as follows:

Flight 106, April 5, 1968, Houston to Atlanta to New York to Montreal. Foreign Passengers:

Mr. and Mrs. M. BRUNET, Ticket issued March 28, 1968 by E. A. Meyer, #202, Jacksonville, Florida. Flight point of origin, Jacksonville, Florida.

Mr. L. P. CARPENTIER, issued March 11, 1968. Point of Origin Montreal, March 16, 1968.

Mr. M. CORRIVEAY, issued March 18, 1968 by EAL Field Ticket Office (FTO), #6, Montreal. Flight Origin Montreal, March 18, 1968.

Flight 320, April 5, 1968, Atlanta to Pittsburgh to Buffalo to Toronto. Passengers:

Captain and Mrs. S. JAYNES, issued March 28, 1968 by EAL, Citizens and Southern National Bank, Broad and Marietta, Atlanta, Flight origin Atlanta.

Reverend C. C. BOYER, issued March 26, 1968 by EAL Mail 2, Atlanta, Paid by Non Ref. CCCS 147478045, Flight origin Atlanta.

Mr. A. MEATS, issued March 1, 1968 by EAL-FTO #5, Tallahassee, Florida. Paid by invoice 007311362294-295, origin Toronto, Flight 321, March 21, 1968.

Mr. A. ROYLE, issued March 29, 1968 at EAL-FTO #1, Toronto. Paid by ACQ 4978-WAC, Huron Chemicals, Ltd., origin Meridian, Mississippi, SO 135, April 5, 1968.

Mr. W. J. HUMPHRIES, issued March 18, 1968 by P. Lawson Travel, Ltd., Toronto. Paid by check. Origin Toronto, Flight 327, April 2, 1968.

Flight 955, April 5, 1968, St. Louis to Atlanta to Miami to San Juan. Passengers:

ORLANDO GONZALES, issued April 5, 1968 at EAL-FTO #70, Atlanta. Paid by EAQ 151012 WEA 237297, P. R. Aqueduct and Sewer, ORLANDO GONZALEZ, P. O. Box 7066, San Juan, Puerto Rico, origin Atlanta.

Mr. MALDONADO, same information as ORLANDO GONZALES ticket.

Mr. T. WHISBY, issued April 6, 1968 by EAL-FTO #38, Atlanta. Paid by cash, origin Atlanta.

Flight 915, April 6, 1968, New York to Atlanta to New Orleans to Mexico City. Passengers:

Mr. RENE ROJAS issued March 23, 1968 by EAL-FTO #82, Atlanta. Paid by cash, origin Greensboro, Flight 629, April 6, 1968.

E. CARNEY issued April 3, 1968, by EAL-FTO #82, Atlanta. Paid by check, origin Atlanta, Flight 915, April 6, 1968. Final destination Acapulco, April 6, 1968.

E. J. CARNEY, same information as E. CARNEY ticket.

HECTOR MARISCAL, issued April 2, 1968, Mexico. Paid by cash, origin Mexico City, EAL [redacted]ght 904/206, April 2, 1968.

Mr. P. RAGSDALE, issued April 3, 1968 at Augusta, by Southern Travel Agency, Inc., Augusta, Georgia, point of origin Atlanta. Final destination Acapulco, April 6, 1968, return Atlanta April 13, 1968. Tour Code IT - AX - 84 - 06.

Mr. D. ANDRICH, MR. H. SMITH, Mr. P. GOSS, all three same as RAGSDALE ticket.

Mr. S. LOPEZ (or Mrs. LOPEZ), issued April 3, 1968 at Baltimore. Paid by GTR, number illegible, origin Flight 677, April 3, 1968. Almost entire ticket illegible. Mexico City final destination.

The following information regarding "off line" tickets per EAL computer print out for [redacted]ign bound passengers, who boarded instant flights at Atlanta, on which only ticket numbers and airlines are available:

Central African Airways, Ticket #063-401-124833 and 124828.

Alitalia - Linee Aeree Italiane, Ticket #055-477-412537.

Flight 320, April 5, 1968:

United Airlines Ticket #016-213-278339.

Flight 328, April 5, 1968:

Air Canada Ticket #014-390-647283.

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On April 19, 1968, it was determined by SA WAYNE O. TAYLOR at EAL, Miami, Florida, that the crew members of flights requested on April 5, 1968 are as follows:

Flight 106 originating at Houston to Atlanta to JFK Airport to Montreal:

T. R. CRANE-Pilot, 14 Avalon Lane, Matowan, New Jersey.

CYNTHIA LOUISE BRONSON-Flight Attendant, 38-96 118th Street, Apartment 2-D, Kew Gardens, New York.

LUELLEN LOREHN-Flight Attendant, 435 E. 79th Street, Apartment 12-C, New York, New York.

DIANE SARAH TREMBLY-Flight Attendant, 220 E. 45th Street, New York, New York.

E. L. FOSS, JR.-Pilot, P. O. Box 118, Bridgewater, Connecticut.

D. W. GROSMAN-Pilot, 53 Summitt Road, Old Bridge, New Jersey.

MARGARET IRENE MINCHIN-Flight Attendant, 4593 N. W. 9th Street, Miami, Florida.

DOROTHY JEANNE CORDES-Flight Attendant, 3691 S. W. 5th Terrace, #211, Miami, Florida.

MARILYN MICHELLE MORRISON-Flight Attendant, 898 N. W. 45th Avenue, Miami, Florida.

R. B. ANKOR-Captain, 1289 Quail Avenue, Miami Springs, Florida.

CHARLES MARTYKAN-First Officer, 6003 28th Avenue, Marlow Heights, Maryland.

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Flight 320 originating at Atlanta to Pittsburgh to Buffalo to Toronto, Canada.

W. H. PATE-Pilot, 3545 Springside Drive, Decatur, Georgia.

R. G. DISTEL-Pilot, 1840 Sullivan Road, Apartment J-2, College Park, Georgia.

MARY BONITA COULTER-Flight Attendant, 3244 N. Fulton Avenue, Apartment D-3, Hapeville, Georgia.

JILL HENSLER-Flight Attendant, 1195 Woodlawn Avenue, Apartment C-3, Atlanta, Georgia.

DIANE ELIZABETH ROSSITER-Flight Attendant, 2188 De Foote Ferry Road, Apartment 21-4, Atlanta, Georgia.

Flight 328 originating Miami to Atlanta to Pittsburgh to Buffalo to Toronto, Canada.

T. H. WALTER-Pilot, 2637 Hedland Drive, E. Point, Georgia.

F. H. ALLEY-Pilot, 4135 Welcome All Terrace, College Park, Georgia.

JOCELYN LOUISE BREAKWELL-Flight Attendant, 1840 Sullivan Road, Apartment N-9, College Park, Georgia.

RENDER EUTIS HARRIS-Flight Attendant, 1239 Herndon Street, Griffin, Georgia.

CORENTHIA LEONORA HICKS-Flight Attendant, 635 Fair Street, University Plaza, Apartment 310, Atlanta, Georgia.

Flight 955 originating at St. Louis to Miami to San Juan, Puerto Rico.

CLYDE D. ODOM-Pilot, 7670 S. W. 82nd Street, Miami, Florida.

RICHARD RAY CRUMBLISS-Pilot, 9715 S. W. 161st Street, Miami, Florida.

ANDREW LEONARD ZACCARIA-Pilot, 14501 S. W. 92nd Avenue, Miami, Florida.

JOHN M. GUTHRIE-Flight Attendant, 901 Oriole Drive, Miami Springs, Florida.

EUGENE WALLACE-Flight Attendant, 225 W. 60th Street, Hialeah, Florida.

ROBERT ELDON-Flight Attendant, 17640 N. W. 40th Avenue, Miami, Florida.

On April 6, 1968, Flight 915 originating New York to Atlanta to New Orleans to Mexico City, Mexico:

R. A. HOUCHIN-Pilot, 41 Woodlawn Road, Sparta, New Jersey.

C. E. STOW-Pilot, 399 Millside Manor, Delran, New Jersey.

RUTH LEHR CHASE-Flight Attendant, 17 Maple Lane, Rainbow Lake, Dannville, New Jersey.

C. ZABORONEK-Flight Attendant, 44 Woodbridge Avenue, Highland Park, New Jersey.

CORRINE CONNOR-Flight Attendant, 305 E. 40th Street, New York, New York.

JOAN EVELYN HULZDA-Flight Attendant, 500 E. 77th Street, New York, New York.

CAROL ANN SCOTT-Flight Attendant, 2626 Homecrest Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

E. D. HARTMENT-Pilot, 11 Wooley Lane, Apartment 3-J, Great Neck, New York.

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The following Eastern Airlines (EAL) crew members of EAL flight 955 from Atlanta, Georgia taken on April 5, 1968, to San Juan, Puerto Rico were contacted by SA H. CHARLES BELL, Miami, Florida. Each stated, after viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, that they did not recall him as having been a passenger on any of their flights nor were they able to furnish any information of value to this investigation:

Name and Address	Position	Flight
ANDREW LEONARD ZACCARIA 14501 S.W. 92nd Avenue Miami, Florida	Pilot	St. Louis to Atlanta to Miami
JOHN M. GUTHRIE 901 Oriole Drive Miami Springs, Florida	Flight Attendant	Miami to San Juan
EUGENE WALLACE 225 West 60th Street Hialeah, Florida	Flight Attendant	Miami to San Juan
ROBERT ELDON 17640 N.W. 40th Avenue Miami, Florida	Flight Attendant	Miami to San Juan

The above were contacted on April 22, 1968.

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On April 22, 1968, the following Eastern Airlines (EAL) crew members for the following EAL flights from Atlanta, Georgia taken on April 5, 1968, to foreign countries were contacted by SA WAYNE O. TAYLOR, Miami, Florida. Each stated, after viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, that they did not recall him as having been a passenger on any of their flights nor were they able to furnish any information of value to this investigation:

Name and Address	Position	Flight
CLYDE D. ODOM 7670 S.W. 82nd Street Miami, Florida	Pilot	955 - St. Louis to Atlanta to Miami
RICHARD RAY CRUMBLISS 9715 S.W. 161st Street Miami, Florida	Pilot	955 - Miami to San Juan, Puerto Rico
Mrs. MARGARET IRENE MINCHIN 4593 N.W. 9th Street Miami, Florida	Flight Attendant	106 - JFK to Montreal, Canada
Miss DOROTHY JEANNE CORDES 3691 S.W. 5th Terrace #211 Miami, Florida	Flight Attendant	106 - JFK to Montreal, Canada
Miss MARILYN MICHELLE MORRISON 898 N.W. 45th Avenue Miami, Florida	Flight Attendant	106 - JFK to Montreal, Canada

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The following investigation was conducted by SA A. A. ARMSTRONG, JR., at Miami, Florida:

In connection with the exhibiting of the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric Starvo Galt, to members of the flight crews of all foreign-bound flights departing Atlanta, Georgia, on April 5 and 6, 1968, the following members of Eastern Airlines (EAL) flight crews were interviewed on April 22, 1968; were shown the photographs of RAY, and were unable to furnish any information of value to the investigation:

EAL Flight 955 to San Juan, Puerto Rico, April 5, 1968

Flight Attendant LISE D. BOSHELL, 6601 West 15th Court, Hialeah, Florida.

Flight Attendant JANET EILEEN DWORKIN, 291 Southwest 71st Avenue, Miami, Florida.

Flight Attendant NANCY KOVAR SARGEANT, 5917 Southwest 61st Avenue, Miami, Florida.

Captain J. R. MAHON, 6501 Southwest 134th Drive, Miami, Florida.

(Flight attendant JOAN M. HEMPEN, 601 Swan Avenue, Miami Springs, Florida, was determined to be in Bimini, Bahamas, on extended vacation).

EAL Flight 106 to Montreal, Canada, April 5, 1968

Captain R. B. ANKROM, 1289 Quail Avenue, Miami Springs, Florida.

First Officer CHARLES MARTYKAN, 6003 28th Avenue, Marlow Heights, Maryland. (Interviewed at Crossways Inn, 1850 Northwest LeJeune Road, Miami, Florida)

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The Newark Division on April 20, 1968, advised that CYNTHIA LOUISE BRONSON was in the Miami area, and that T. R. CRANE would be in the Miami area.

On April 20, 1968, SA DAVID N. JELLISON was advised by Captain J. CRANE, who had previously been identified by EAL officials at Miami and New York as T. R. CRANE, that he flew Flight 106 from Atlanta to Montreal on April 5, 1968. After viewing photographs and composites of suspect ERIC STARVO GALT, he was unable to recognize neither the photograph or the composite as a person who was on board Flight 106 on April 5, 1968 or any other flights on which he has been pilot.

On April 20, 1968, NANCY ALLIN, Ground Supervisor, EAL, Miami International Airport, advised SA DAVID N. JELLISON that CYNTHIA LOUISE BRONSON arrived in Miami at approximately 2:30 PM, April 20, 1968 and departed for New York at approximately 3:00 PM. She advised that BRONSON could be contacted at 8396 118th Street, Apartment 2-D, Kew Gardens, New York after 2:00 AM on April 21, 1968.

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The Charlotte Division on April 22, 1968, advised that PETER S. GILCHRIST, Charlotte, North Carolina, on April 12, 1968, advised he traveled from Atlanta to Houston, Texas by Eastern Airlines, (EAL), Flight 133 leaving Atlanta, Georgia at 11:05 AM. Upon reviewing the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, he advised he was sure that RAY was a passenger on this flight and was the only person to leave the plane at Houston, Texas.

Miami was requested, through EAL, to determine the individual's names on this flight from Atlanta to Houston. Review of EAL records on April 22, 1968 by SA H. CHARLES BELL revealed that there were 28 passengers who departed Flight 133 at Houston, Texas, one of which was GILCHRIST.

On April 23, 1968, SA A. A. ARMSTRONG, JR. determined that the flight crew on EAL Flight 133, Atlanta to Houston on April 12, 1968 was as follows:

Captain WILLIAM R. BOMAR	1706 Niskey Lake Trail, SW, Atlanta, Georgia
Pilot PAUL EDWARD THOMPSON	2316 Crestknoll Circle, Decatur, Georgia
Pilot DONALD R. SMITH	6021 Argyle Drive, Falls Church, Virginia
Flight Attendant JOE L. DUNCAN	2859 De Lowe Drive, E. Point, Georgia
Flight Attendant MARILYN A. NAWROCKI	710 E. Columbia, Apartment 19, College Park, Georgia
Flight Attendant JUDITH ANN TENISON	1438 E. Vesta Avenue, E. Point, Georgia

The Atlanta Division on May 1, 1968, requested EAL flights from Montreal, Canada to Atlanta or Birmingham be reviewed for period August 22, 1967 through August 26, 1967 to determine if subject on board a flight under his name or aliases.

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On May 2, 1968, SA A. A. ARMSTRONG, JR. reviewed the records of EAL which reflected that flights 109 and 131 were scheduled Montreal to Atlanta on August 22, 1967 through August 26, 1967. These flights being from Montreal to Atlanta at which time Birmingham passengers would connect with a flight for Birmingham.

A review of the tickets for the flights during the period August 22-26, 1967 did not reflect that the subject, using his name or aliases, was a passenger aboard any of the EAL flights.

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VIII. UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINT CHECKS AT POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND SHERIFF'S OFFICES IN THE MIAMI DIVISION AGAINST THE FINGERPRINTS OF JAMES EARL RAY

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On April 29, 1968, the following investigation was conducted at all police departments and sheriff's offices in the Miami Division with regard to any unidentified latent fingerprints maintained in their files. These agencies were requested to compare any unidentified latent fingerprints in their records with the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY.

All police departments and sheriff's offices in the Miami Division advised that they had checked all latent fingerprints in their files since April, 1967, with the prints of JAMES EARL RAY and all checks met with negative results.

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IX. INVESTIGATION REGARDING LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS MADE FROM THE TELEPHONE BOOTHS IN THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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TELEPHONE BOOTHS - SAINT FRANCIS HOTEL
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

The Los Angeles Office of the FBI advised on April 29, 1968, that JAMES EARL RAY resided in and near the Saint Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California during January, February, and March, 1968. It was determined that telephone number 630-3182, Oxon Hill, Maryland, was called from a telephone booth in the Saint Francis Hotel on February 11, 1968.

The Baltimore Office of the FBI on May 4, 1968, determined that this telephone number is listed to a JUDY MENDELSON who received a telephone call from her father MAX MENDELSON on February 11, 1968, who was then residing in the vicinity of the Saint Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California. It was determined from JUDY MENDELSON that her father was currently residing at 1120 NE 159th Street, North Miami Beach, Florida.

MAX MENDELSON was located at Miami, Florida at the Interstate Collection Bureau, 2707 Biscayne Boulevard where he is employed as a credit manager. MENDELSON advised that he resided with his sister at 1727 Garfield Place, Apartment 6, Los Angeles, California during the months of February and March, 1968.

MENDELSON advised that he used a public telephone in the Saint Francis Hotel to call his daughter JUDY in Oxon Hill, Maryland. The only occasion MENDELSON had to enter the Saint Francis Hotel was to use the telephone. At no time did MENDELSON ever see anyone who resembled the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY.

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TELEPHONE BOOTHS - SAINT FRANCIS HOTEL
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The Los Angeles Office of the FBI advised on April 29, 1968, that telephone number 564-2371, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, was called on February 15, 1968, from a telephone booth in the Saint Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California. JAMES EARL RAY resided at and near the Saint Francis Hotel during January, February and March, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted at Fort Lauderdale, Florida by SA RICHARD B. STULL on April 30, 1968:

Current Fort Lauderdale, Florida telephone directory indicates that telephone number 564-2371 is the listed telephone number for the Holy Cross Hospital, 4725 North Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale.

Hospital officials advised that no record is maintained of persons receiving telephone calls coming into the hospital through the hospital switchboard.

Photographs of subject JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to hospital officials and employees of the hospital, and none were able to identify the photograph of RAY.

Hospital patient records were reviewed with reference to RAY and all aliases used by RAY. These records contained no information identifiable with RAY or any of his aliases. A wanted flyer of RAY was furnished to hospital officials who posted this wanted flyer on the hospital bulletin board.

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X. INVESTIGATION REGARDING JAMES EUGENE GAULT WHOSE DATE OF BIRTH IS JULY 20, 1931, THE SAME DATE OF BIRTH USED BY SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT.

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On April 18, 1968, the St. Louis Office of the FBI through a check of Missouri Drivers Licenses identified JAMES EUGENE GAULT as a suspect in this case in view of his birth date July 20, 1931, which is the same birth data used by ERIC S. GALT.

Investigation at St. Louis indicated that GAULT's current address is General Delivery, Ludlam Branch, Miami, Florida.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN J. MC BREEN at Miami, Florida, from April 19, 1968, to April 23, 1968:

After several negative attempts to contact GAULT at various addresses and hospitals in the Miami area, he was located at the Turf Motel, N. W. 27th Avenue and was eliminated as a suspect in this matter on the basis of his physical appearance and facial characteristics.

XI. INVESTIGATION REGARDING GUY E. RAY AT MIAMI, FLORIDA, AND FLORENCE, ALABAMA

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OLIVER BRIGHT, Vice President, Hialeah-Miami Springs Bank, Hialeah, Florida, advised on April 25, 1968, that his bank handled a matter in the name of GUY E. RAY on April 3, 1968, in which RAY furnished a Miami address. This address was determined to be fictitious. A previous address was listed as Route 2, Box 148, Killen, Alabama, and Route 1, Owens Cross Roads, Alabama. BRIGHT contacted a BUFORD GARNER, State National Bank of Muscle Shoals, Muscle Shoals, Alabama, with regard to RAY.

The following investigation was conducted by the Birmingham Office on April 26, 1968:

JESSE A. KELLER, Attorney, Florence, Alabama, advised on April 26, 1968, that he has known GUY ERSKIN RAY for about two years. RAY operates a construction company in Muscle Shoals, Alabama and resides in Killen, Alabama, and travels extensively for business purposes.

KELLER described RAY as being 29 years old, 6'1" tall, weighing 210 pounds, and has a noticeable scar on his mouth and jaw. He in no way resembles JAMES EARL RAY.

XII. DISSEMINATION OF IDENTIFICATION ORDERS AND WANTED FLYERS OF SUBJECT TO AIRLINES, CAR RENTAL AGENCIES, U. S. IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE, U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE, LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND VARIOUS OTHER FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES AT POINTS OF EXIT AND ENTRY TO THE COUNTRY

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The following investigation was conducted at Miami, Florida, on April 22, 1968, by SA GAY R. SHAHAN:

Copies of Identification Order #4182 containing photographs, fingerprints and physical description of JAMES EARL RAY along with wanted flyer also containing photographs and description of RAY were furnished to all airlines and all car rental agencies at the Miami International Airport on April 22, 1968. Copies of the identification order and wanted flyer were also distributed to the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, U. S. Public Health Service and the U. S. Customs at the airport.

Copies of the identification order were given to each individual latent fingerprint examiner at the Dade County, Florida, Sheriff's Department and additional copies were provided for distribution to the Detective Bureau and detectives investigating narcotics-type cases.

Copies of the identification order were given to latent fingerprint examiners at the Miami and Miami Beach Police Departments and additional copies made available for distribution to detectives in each of these two departments.

Copies of the identification order and wanted flyer were furnished to the various Federal Government agencies in the City of Miami who are involved in law enforcement. This included the Alcohol and Tabacco Tax Unit of the Treasury Department; the Federal Narcotics Bureau; the Federal Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs; the U. S. Coast Guard; the U. S. Customs Agency Service; the Immigration and Naturalization Service; the U. S. Border Patrol; the U. S. Postal Inspectors; the U. S. Secret Service and the Office of Security, U. S. State Department.

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XIII. EFFORTS TO LOCATE WALTER LOHMEYER THROUGH JOHN B. SWIFT, TAVERNIER, FLORIDA

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On April 13, 1968, the New York Office advised that efforts to locate WALTER LOHMEYER had determined that LOHMEYER was employed at Fairchild Camera, Syosset, New York, and that LOHMEYER could be located possibly at Tavernier, Florida.

The following investigation was conducted by SA GILBERT E. TODD:

On April 13, 1968, Mr. JOHN B. SWIFT, Tavernier, Florida, advised he has had no contact with WALTER LOHMEYER since 1959. Mr. SWIFT stated that he last heard that LOHMEYER was employed with Fairchild Camera, New York. Mr. SWIFT could not furnish the current address, nor could he furnish the name of anyone who may know of LOHMEYER's current whereabouts.

Mr. SWIFT stated that LOHMEYER had one brother, CARLTON LOHMEYER, who was approximately 55 years of age and who worked in a steel mill in a city in Pennsylvania, city unknown. Mr. SWIFT described WALTER LOHMEYER as being in his sixties and having been married several times, but not believed to have had any children through these marriages.

Mr. SWIFT stated that possibly STEVE SABATELLI, New York City telephone number 745-0700, might be contacted inasmuch as LOHMEYER formerly carried automobile insurance with the Aetna Casualty Insurance Company through SABATELLI's firm.

Mr. SWIFT advised that WALTER LOHMEYER married his first wife, THELMA CAVITE ANDERSON, in South Norwalk, Connecticut in approximately 1935 and that his parents may still be residing there.

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XIV. INVESTIGATION REGARDING MICHEL ST. PIERRE AND A CADILLAC BEARING VIN F7112795 STOLEN IN MONTREAL, CANADA, AUGUST 21, 1967

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INVESTIGATION REGARDING MICHEL ST. PIERRE AND STOLEN 1967 CADILLAC, BEARING VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER F7112795

On April 30, 1968, the Atlanta Office of the FBI advised that on November 30, 1967, a 1967 Cadillac DeVille, VIN F7112795, bearing 1967 Florida license 1W 179130, was found abandoned at the Atlanta Airport. It had been determined that this car was stolen on August 21, 1967, from Montreal, Canada, while in the possession of LOU EISENBERG.

Investigation reflected this car was registered to a MICHEL ST. PIERRE, 2151 N.W. 119th Street, Miami, Florida. It had been determined that the Famous Door Lounge was located at this address, however, no one by the name of ST. PIERRE was known at that address. Mail had been received at the Famous Door Lounge, in particular, correspondence from the Phillips 66 Petroleum Company for ST. PIERRE.

On May 1, 1968, the Kansas City Office determined that Phillips Petroleum records reveal that a MICHEL ST. PIERRE, 2151 N. W. 119th Street, Miami, Florida, made three purchases of Phillips products using a Shell credit card. This card number was determined to be 555-047-067. The card was used three times for boat rentals on September 1, 2, and 3, 1967, at Craft Limited, Inc., Oakland Boulevard Bridge, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

On May 1, 1968, checks in the vicinity of 2151 N. W. 119th Street, Miami, Florida, were conducted regarding a MICHEL ST. PIERRE by SA DAVID N. JELLISON, and all checks met with negative results.

On May 2, 1968, SA WILLIAM B. PULLEN conducted the following investigation at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida:

A MICHEL ST. PIERRE, 2240 Coulonges Ville de and 34 Prudential-Vemont (local address 2151 N. W. 119th Street, Miami), rented boats from Crafts Limited, Inc., Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, September 2 and 3, 1967. He used a Shell credit card 555-047-067 to pay for these rentals and gas and oil.

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Agents for Crafts Limited, Inc. viewed photographs of RAY and were unable to identify. Telephone number appearing on contract was 514-663-2288. Area code 514 determined to be area code for Montreal, Canada vicinity.

JENNIFER WARNER, Title Clerk, Scott Motors, Hallandale, advised she handled transfer of title for MICHEL ST. PIERRE at request of ANGELO CIULLA, owner, Autorama, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Autorama was determined to be out of business and CIULLA is currently being sought for interview in connection with an automobile ring involving Canadian cars. His present whereabouts is unknown.

In connection with this car ring case, it was determined that CLAUDE DAOUST, an alias of JEAN-CLAUDE BISSONNETTE, was arrested on September 12, 1967, in Montreal, Canada. When arrested, BISSONNETTE had in his possession a Shell credit card in the name of MICHEL ST. PIERRE, 2151 N. W. 119th Street, Miami, Florida, and a Florida registration issued August 31, 1967, for a 1967 Cadillac convertible, VIN F7112795, Florida registration 1W 179130.

On May 2, 1968, two rental agreements between Crafts Limited, Inc., Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and a MICHEL ST. PIERRE dated September 2-3, 1967, bearing renter signature MICHEL ST. PIERRE together with three Shell credit card invoices bearing the same signature were furnished to the FBI Laboratory for handwriting examination.

On May 6, 1968, the FBI Laboratory concluded that the MICHEL ST. PIERRE signatures on the credit cards and the rental contracts were not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY.

On May 9, 1968, the FBI Laboratory advised that none of the latent fingerprints developed on the credit cards or rental agreements were identical with the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY.

On May 6, 1968, the Albany Division of the FBI located MICHEL ST. PIERRE in Vemont, Quebec, Canada. ST. PIERRE advised at this time he lost his credit cards on August 1, 1967.

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It was further determined from the Montreal Police that CLAUDE DAOUST, who was also known as JEAN CLAUDE BISSONNETTE, is a leading car thief in the Montreal, Canada area and his last known whereabouts was the Palm Beach County Jail, West Palm Beach, Florida, as of February 29, 1968.

On May 6, 1968, SA ROGER B. COLTON determined from Palm Beach County, Florida authorities that CLAUDE DAOUST was released from their custody on the evening of April 4, 1968. The current whereabouts of DAOUST was not known to the Palm Beach County authorities.

On May 1, 1968, the Albany Office advised that Captain MAURICE DECARIE, Montreal Police Department, Auto Theft Squad, had developed no suspects or additional information regarding the theft of this Cadillac in Montreal on August 21, 1967.

XV. INVESTIGATION REGARDING TERRENCE ALVIN SMITH AND DONALD JACKSON CARPENTER WHO JOKINGLY TOLD HAZEL PEACOCK, A GIRL FRIEND OF CARPENTER, THAT THEY HAD KILLED MARTIN LUTHER KING

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On May 3, 1968, the Birmingham Office of the FBI advised they had received a letter from HAZEL V. PEACOCK, Okeechobee, Florida, advising them she had possession of urgent information and desired to talk to an Agent of the FBI.

On May 3, 1968, the following investigation was conducted by SA HAROLD K. PARSON at Okeechobee, Florida:

HAZEL V. PEACOCK, secretary, Okeechobee School for Boys, stated that at about midnight, April 4, 1968, she received a telephone call from her former fiancee, DONALD JACKSON CARPENTER from Birmingham stating he and TERRENCE ALVIN SMITH were on the run. She said that CARPENTER told her MARTIN LUTHER KING was dead and that they did it. He asked her to hide them out for a few weeks. He mentioned a payoff of $100,000 to be delivered to them near Dothan, Alabama on April 5, 1968, and said they would see her the next night.

SMITH and CARPENTER allegedly are members of an unknown secret organization.

The Atlanta Office of the FBI determined on May 4, 1968, that SMITH and CARPENTER both were at work at Gray, Georgia, on April 4, 1968. SMITH's employer, LEE WILLIAMS NURSERY, advised SMITH told him on April 5 or April 6, 1968, that CARPENTER had played jokes on his girl friend in Okeechobee, Florida. He stated CARPENTER had said he and CARPENTER had killed Doctor KING and needed to be hidden out. WILLIAMS advised he reprimanded SMITH stating these kind of joking statements could cause trouble.

TERRENCE SMITH was interviewed and confirmed the joke telephone call and also confirmed that CARPENTER has been telling his girl friend, HAZEL PEACOCK, horror stories. SMITH stated all was false about any secret organization and made apologies and promised to disassociate himself from CARPENTER.

Some of the foregoing information was received by Detective RALPH BROWN, Milwaukee, Wisconsin Police

Department on April 16, 1968, after he had been in contact with SAM HUGHES, an official at the Okeechobee School for Boys, Okeechobee, Florida. This information was immediately furnished by the Milwaukee FBI Office to the Miami Office by telephone.

XVI. INVESTIGATION AT HIPPY HANGOUTS MIAMI DIVISION

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On April 24, 1968, information was developed that JAMES EARL RAY was a narcotics addict using injections of Amphetimine.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents DAVID N. JELLISON and THOMAS H. STOY on April 25, 1968, at Miami, Florida:

All hippy hangouts and psychedelic art and trinket shops in the greater Miami area were contacted and furnished with wanted flyers of subject JAMES EARL RAY. None were able to identify subject although they all agreed to post the wanted flyers in their respective business establishments.

On April 25, 1968, all hippy hangouts and psychedelic art and trinket shops were contacted throughout the Miami Division and wanted flyers of subject RAY were furnished to the proprietors without effecting an identification. All agreed to post the wanted flyers in their shops.

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XVII. INVESTIGATION OF SUBSCRIBER TO TELEPHONE NUMBER 813-657-3181, IMMOKALEE, FLORIDA, CALLED FROM A TELEPHONE BOOTH ON TEXAS INTERSTATE HIGHWAY TEN, VIDOR, TEXAS, BETWEEN DECEMBER 15-17, 1967

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PUBLIC TELEPHONE CHECKS ALONG INTERSTATE 10,
TEXAS, DECEMBER 15 - 17, 1967

On May 5, 1968, the Houston Office of the FBI advised that CHARLES STEIN and JAMES EARL RAY traveled on Interstate 10 between December 15 and 17, 1967. A telephone call was made from a public telephone at Vidor, Texas, telephone number 769-9108 to Immokalee, Florida, telephone number 813-657-3181.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ERNEST HARRISON, JR. at Immokalee, Florida, on May 7, 1968:

Mr. CHARLES MARKLE, Foreman, H. L. Hunt Packing Co., telephone 657-3181, advised he has never heard of Vidor, Texas, and does not recall receiving a telephone call from there on December 15, 1967, and has no way of checking such a call to determine the identity of the caller. He stated he was lining up a crew in and around McAllen and Farr, Texas during the middle of December, 1967, and it is possible that a business call was made in that regard, but he does not recall it.

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XVIII. INVESTIGATION REGARDING DONALD STOUT WHO ALLEGEDLY THREATENED TO KILL DOCTOR KING IN 1966 IN THE PRESENCE OF STEWART LINDH, A HITCHHIKER

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On April 26, 1968, the Pittsburgh Division developed information from HARRY P. STEWART, former employee, U. S. Secret Service, that his nephew, STEWART LINDH, claimed he and two others through a newspaper advertisement, obtained a ride in 1966 with one DONALD STOUT. While traveling through Kansas City, Missouri, STOUT disappeared with their belongings. Before STOUT disappeared, he allegedly told them he was going to shoot KING. The Pittsburgh Office of the FBI determined that HARRY P. STEWART was currently residing at Route 1, Sebastian, Florida.

The following investigation was conducted by SA HAROLD K. PARSON at Sebastian, Florida, on April 26, 1968:

HARRY P. STEWART, Route 1, Sebastian, Florida, advised that when his nephew, STEWART LINDH, was hitchhiking from San Francisco to Vermont in 1966, the above described incident occurred. STEWART was unable to recall any reference to MARTIN LUTHER KING. He advised his nephew, STEWART LINDH, was currently residing at 4010½ Van Dyke, San Diego, California, and was attending college there.

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XIX. INVESTIGATION REGARDING JAMES HARVEY WHITE AT FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, WHO ALLEGEDLY HAD INQUIRED OF A KU KLUX KLAN OFFICIAL IN 1966 HOW MUCH MONEY THEY WOULD PAY TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING

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THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On September 9, 1966, information was received in the Miami Office of the FBI that JAMES WHITE, a barber in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, had allegedly inquired of an official of the United Klans of American, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, how much money they would pay to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Date 5/3/68

JAMES HARVEY WHITE was interviewed at his place of employment, Lauderdale Harbors Barber Shop, 1650 S. E. 10th Terrace. He was advised of his rights by SA ROGER B. COLTON as shown on an unexecuted warning and waiver form. He was advised that the purpose of the interview concerned his attempt to join Klavern #6 of the United Klans of America, Inc., Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and a statement reportedly made by him inquiring how much money the Klavern would pay to have MARTIN LUTHER KING killed.

WHITE stated he would furnish any information and desired to cooperate fully since he had nothing to hide whatsoever, consequently, he advised as follows:

About a year and a half ago, perhaps sometime in September, 1966, he became quite concerned about the racial situation in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and was upset regarding the racial integration of schools in Ft. Lauderdale and the effect thereof on his daughter.

He expressed an interest in joining the Ku Klux Klan of Ft. Lauderdale and through a nursery man, DAN ZBIN, he believes that he submitted written application for membership. Subsequent to submission of his application he was contacted telephonically by an unknown person concerning his application.

He was not recontacted concerning the Klan and was not accepted for membership. As far as he knows, the Klan would not accept him and did not want him as a member. He advised that the reason for his rejection was probably because he is an alcoholic. He admitted that he has been an alcoholic for quite awhile and is attempting to "stay on the wagon," however, he has not been able to completely conquer this problem.

He does not recall making any inquiry of anyone regarding how much the Klavern would pay to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING. He advised that he may have made derogatory

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On 5/2/68 at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida File # Miami 44-1854

by SAs ROGER B. COLTON and EUGENE L. PAYNE/REC/vc Date dictated 5/3/68

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statements concerning KING during this period of time, however, he denied saying that he would ever kill KING or wanted to know how much would be paid for killing KING.

He advised that his statements must have been misconstrued or taken out of context.

He advised that on April 4, 1968, he was working at the Lauderdale Harbors Barber Shop and denied being in Memphis, Tennessee.

He further denied he had anything whatsoever to do with the killing of Doctor KING or being involved as a conspirator. He stated that his presence in Ft. Lauderdale on April 4, could be verified through his employer, JIMMY COSTOS, and co-worker, NORMA FREEMAN.

He reiterated that he had made application to join the Klan in Ft. Lauderdale but denied that he ever inquired of the Klan how much money they would pay to kill KING.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	JAMES HARVEY WHITE
Address	1211 S. W. 4th Avenue Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
Occupation	Barber
Employer	JIMMY COSTOS Lauderdale Harbors Barber Shop 1650 S. E. 10th Terrace Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
Date of birth	Admits to using two dates of birth, February 26, 1919, and February 25, 1920, at St. Augustine, Florida
Height	5'7"
Weight	180 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Reddish and sallow
Hair	Gray
Build	Heavy

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Wife	FLORENCE
Children	Two girls
Home telephone number	JA 3-7415
Peculiarities	Admitted to being an alcoholic

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROGER B. COLTON on May 2, 1968, at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida:

NORMAN FREEMAN, Lauderdale Harbors Barber Shop, 1650 S. E. 10th Terrace, advised she is acquainted with JAMES WHITE who is a barber at this barber shop and who as far as she knows was working with her on April 4, 1968, and April 5, 1968, and could not possibly have been in Memphis, Tennessee on those dates.

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XX. INVESTIGATION AT MIAMI, FLORIDA, IN EFFORTS TO LOCATE PAULA SIMONE GALT THROUGH IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE RECORDS

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The St. Louis Division on April 10, 1968, advised Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) records, St. Louis, Missouri, reflect the INS file concerning PAMLA SIMONE GALT had been transferred to INS, Miami, in November, 1967.

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Date 4/16/68

Mrs. BARBARA BUCHANAN, Clerk, Records Section, U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, (INS), U. S. Federal Building, Miami, Florida advised that a review of their records failed to reflect any information identical with an ERIC STARVO GALT, ERIC K. C. GAULT or an ERNEST GAULT.

Mrs. BUCHANAN advised that the only records that the Miami Office of the INS had on last names ending in GALT or GAULT were on a PAULE SIMONE GALT, INS #A7 263 865; SIMONE GAULT, INS #A3 806 571 and LAZARA GAULT, INS #All 426 173.

Mrs. BUCHANAN further advised that INS records Miami, Florida reflected that file #All 426 173 on LAZARA GAULT had been transferred to the New York Office of U. S. INS on October 4, 1967 and any further information on this file would have to be obtained through the New York Office.

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On 4/11/68 at Miami, Florida File # Miami 44-1854

by SA WAYNE O. TAYLOR/cmp Date dictated 4/15/68

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Date 4/16/68

A review of U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, (INS), records conducted by SA WAYNE O. TAYLOR at the U. S. Federal Building, Miami, Florida reflected the following information on the following individuals:

PAULE SIMONE GALT nee GOUDEZ, widowed DUPUREUR, aka Paula Simmon Galt, INS #A7 263 865:

Sex	Female
Race	White
Date of Birth	October 31, 1908
Place of Birth	Paris, France
Height	5' 2½"
Weight	140 pounds
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Husband	WARREN MILTON GALT, born August 31, 1925 at St. Louis, Missouri Employed: U. S. Post Office, St. Louis, Missouri
Children	JEAN CLAUDE DUPUREUR, born September 29, 1935; ALAIN EDMOND ROBERT DUPUREUR, born April 13, 1943
Address (as of 5/27/49)	4242 Sevan Street, St. Louis, Missouri
Address (as of 12/1/67)	5607 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach, Manatee, Florida

MARIE DELIMA SIMONE GAULT nee MATTE, aka SIMONE MATTE GAULT, INS #A3 806 571:

Sex	Female
Race	White
Citizenship	Canadian
Date of Birth	October 18, 1913

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Place of Birth	Montreal, Canada
Height	5' 2"
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Husband	JOSEPH JAMES GAULT
Address (As of 7/22/55)	1064 Madison Avenue, New York, New York

There are no photographs or handwriting samples available in these files on WARREN MILTON GALT or JOSEPH JAMES GAULT.

On April 12, 1968, JOSEPH JAMES GAULT and SIMONE MATTE GAULT, 718 S. W. 14th Street, Miami, Florida, was interviewed by SA DAVID M. JELLISON. Mr. and Mrs. GAULT advised they were not related to or acquainted with anyone named ERIC STARVO GALT or KARL GALT and do not know anyone by those names. Mr. GAULT advised he was born in Scotland on February 7, 1899, and stated that GAULT and GALT are both accepted versions of spelling and are often used interchangeably.

He advised he has a son by a former marriage, DONALD CAMERON GAULT, born in 1925, He is apparently in the U. S. Navy and whom he has not seen since 1928. He further advised that his former wife and mother of DONALD CAMERON GAULT is Mrs. GEORGE STEADLEY, who resides at 158 Beach Street, New Jersey, and in all probability knows the whereabouts of DONALD CAMERON GAULT.

XXI. CHECKING VIN FOR RE-REGISTRATION FOR 1967 WHITE MUSTANG

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On April 10, 1968, the Birmingham Office advised that the white 1967 Mustang, Vehicle Identification Number 6T07C190647 registered to ERIC STARVO GALT could possibly be re-registered in another state.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/12/68

Det. Sgt. JACK RUCKER, Miami, Florida Police Department, Auto Theft Squad, on April 11, 1968, caused records of his department's Communication Division, which contains listings of all vehicles registered in Dade County, Miami, Florida, to be searched under the description of a 1966 Mustang automobile, VIN 6T07C190647, 1968 Alabama license 1-38993.

Sergeant RUCKER advised as of April 11, 1968, no record identifiable with the aforementioned 1966 Mustang automobile was located in the files of the Miami, Florida Police Department Communication Division.

Detective RUCKER advised no reference was located which would indicate as of April 11, 1968, the Mustang automobile is presently or has ever been registered in Dade County, Miami, Florida.

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On 4/11/68 at Miami, Florida File # Miami 44-1854

by SA IRVIN B. BRUCE:vc Date dictated 4/11/68

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XXII. CONTACTS WITH SALVATION ARMY AND WELFARE AGENCIES, MIAMI DIVISION

The following investigation was conducted in the Miami Division on May 22, 1968:

All Salvation Army Centers, county, city and local welfare agencies in the Miami Division were contacted, with regard to JAMES EARL RAY. All of these agencies were furnished with Identification Orders and Wanted Flyers of RAY, and none were able to identify him.

All church welfare agencies were also contacted and furnished with Identification Orders and Wanted Flyers of JAMES EARL RAY.

XXIII. LOOK-ALIKES

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On April 22, 1968, the New York Office advised that THEODORE SULLIVAN, Bethpage, New York, and his wife had observed an individual at the Sea Ranch Hotel, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Florida, whose name was GALLAHER. According to Mr. SULLIVAN, GALLAHER arrived at this hotel on April 16, 1968, and departed on April 19, 1968, and GALLAHER resembled a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT.

On April 23, 1968, RICHARD OSEN, Manager, Sea Ranch Hotel, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, advised SA ROGER B. COLTON that Mr. and Mrs. G. J. GALLAHER, 5505 Briar Drive, Houston, Texas, stayed at the hotel from April 16, 1968, to April 19, 1968.

Upon viewing a photograph of GALT, Mr. OSEN advised that there was no resemblance between GALLAHER and GALT. Mr. OSEN advised that the GALLAHERs may still be vacationing in the Miami area; however, their whereabouts were unknown to him.

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On April 21, 1968, Mr. SAMUEL RIVERO, 1450 N.W. 111th Street, Miami, telephone number 688-6044, furnished the following information.

Around 3:00 p.m. on April 21, 1968, while working at his place of employment, Hudson Service Station, 85th Street and N.W. 7th Avenue, Miami, he observed two white males, one of whom fitted the description of subject, driving a 1952 or 1953 blue Dodge bearing Alabama license number 312-9188. Mr. RIVERO advised that one of the occupants of this vehicle inquired of him if he knew of a way to bypass the city to make connections with U. S. Highway 41.

Mr. RIVERO further advised that he conjectured that possibly these two individuals may have been en route to Tampa, Florida.

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On April 23, 1968, the San Francisco Office advised that DAVID MC DONALD, Ticket Agent, National Airlines (NAL), Houston, Texas, had observed around Noon, April 21, 1968, an individual resembling subject boarding a flight to the West Coast en route to either San Francisco or Los Angeles, California. This individual was described as a white male, 6 feet 1 inch, brown hair, cowboy straw hat, horned rimmed glasses with dark shaded lenses, wearing beige Levi jacket and having a neatly trimmed goatee.

The following investigation was conducted by SA STUART GODWIN:

On April 23, 1968, NAL stewardesses MONA LEVINE, SUSAN CARBONE, JOANN HARRINGTON and JOANNE MC CLAIN were interviewed upon arrival of NAL Flight 48 at Miami, Florida.

These stewardesses advised that they had been aboard NAL Flight 47 on April 21, 1968, and they all stated that they had not seen or noticed any person on NAL Flight 47 that fitted the above described individual.

Photographs of subject and WALTER T. RIFE were exhibited to each of the above mentioned stewardesses and they advised that no one on NAL Flight 47 on April 21, 1968, resembled either photograph to the best of their recollection.

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On April 18, 1968, the El Paso Office advised that an individual named DAVID (NMI) HAWKINS was reportedly "on the run" and that he had left New Orleans the morning of April 18, 1968. It was further reported that HAWKINS allegedly fitted the description of the subject.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs WILLIAM B. PULLEN and DENNIS J. O'SHEA:

Mrs. EVA HAWKINS, 1098 N.E. 34th Court, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, advised that her son, DAVID HAWKINS, resides with another son, BERNARD HAWKINS, Box 18, Wellborn, Florida. Mrs. HAWKINS said that DAVID has resided with BERNARD for the past four years and that DAVID helps out on BERNARD's farm and does 4-H work.

Mrs. HAWKINS advised she last saw DAVID just before Christmas, 1967. She said that DAVID was very thin at that time and in no way did he look similar to the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT which was displayed to her. Mrs. HAWKINS displayed a photograph of DAVID noting that this photograph did not resemble the subject.

Mrs. HAWKINS stated that DAVID was formerly in the U. S. Army for about ten years; however, he was discharged about ten years ago. She described him as a white male, born June 5, 1928, at Suwannee County, Florida. She said that DAVID was about 5 feet 9 inches, weighed 130-135 pounds, had sandy hair and very thin features.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA DAVID N. JELLISON concerning an individual who placed a note in some stationery destined for the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, Miami, Florida, regarding anonymous note that stated, "_____ _____ KING will be dead by 4/4/68", which note was subsequently determined to be authored by GEORGE CHARLES GRAY, Ashland, Ohio.

On April 10, 1968, KATHRIN HOBSON, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company (PPGC), 17851 N.W. Miami Court, Miami, Florida, advised she had ordered some stationery supplies from the A. L. Garber Company, Printers, Ashland, Ohio, through the PPGC and that this stationery arrived at PPGC, Miami, Florida on April 10, 1968.

Mrs. HOBSON advised she opened the outer package and removed one inner package and started to remove a second inner package when she noted a 3" x 1/2" piece of paper which had been ripped from the package copy of the shipping bill. Written on this slip of paper was "Dr. Rev. MARTIN L. KING will be dead by 4/4/68." This slip of paper together with the shipping bill was taped with cellophane tape to a package of paper pads.

Mrs. HOBSON advised that the Garber shipping number was 52360 and that this package was picked up by the United Parcel Service on April 5, 1968, and delivered on April 10, 1968.

The above described items were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory in Washington, D. C. for comparison and examination purposes.

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On April 12, 1968, the New York Office advised that it had been reported that an individual named THOMAS D. ROOD, JR., who resided in Vero Beach, Florida, allegedly resembled the subject.

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Date 4/19/68

THOMAS ROOD, 1827 South U. S. #1, Vero Beach, Florida; mailing address, Post Office Box 1913, Vero Beach, Florida, was interviewed at his residence. He furnished the following information:

He is not currently employed and has not been employed since he resigned his position with the Hartford Insurance Group with whom he worked as an insurance adjustor from October, 1966, through April, 1967.

ROOD broke a rib shortly following his resignation and was "laid up" for four weeks. He then became involved in marital difficulties with his wife, RITA NOE ROOD from whom he separated in July, 1967, and who divorced him in August, 1967. Following his divorce he was unable to find a suitable position and remained unemployed until December 1, 1967, when he entered the Veterans Administration Hospital on Montrose, New York. He was treated at the hospital for his general physical run down condition and for his condition due to a nervous disorder. He was released from the hospital on January 3, 1968. He straightened up his personal affairs in New York State, including the sale of his former residence at 7 Jervin Drive, Stony Point, New York, and he came to Vero Beach, Florida, at the end of January to reside with his mother and stepfather.

He has resided with his mother and stepfather since the end of January, 1968, and has taken no trips out of Vero Beach, which have lasted more than one day.

ROOD advised that he had not been outside the State of Florida, since the end of January, 1968. He did not recall his activities on March 29 and 30, 1968, but he did recall that on April 4, 1968, he slept until

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On 4/12/68 at Vero Beach, Florida File # Miami 44-1854 -198

by SAS DAVID C. CALLAN & RONALD TODD Date dictated 4/16/68

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about noon. He spent the afternoon out at either the beach or the public library, and he believed that he rented an adding machine for his mother from O'Hare's Business Machine Company in Vero Beach, Florida. He was home for dinner and stayed at his residence on the evening on April 4, 1968.

ROOD is described from observation and interview as follows:

Name:	THOMAS ROOD
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
DOB:	5/2/33
POB:	Colchester, Vermont
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	130 pounds
Hair:	Reddish brown
Eyes:	Hazel
Scars and Marks:	None
Occupation:	Insurance adjustor
Residence:	1827 South U. S. #1 Vero Beach, Florida
Former residence:	7 Jerven Drive, Stony Point, New York
Former Employment:	Hartford Insurance Group, New York, N. Y.
Relatives:	
Mother:	Mrs. MARGARET SARGENT same address
Stepfather:	Mr. MURRAY SARGENT, same address
Former wife:	RITA NOE ROOD, 183 Rice Avenue, Staten Island, New York
Daughter:	KERRY, age 8, same as above

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Daughter:	Laurie, age 5 same as above
Grandmother:	DOROTHY NOURSE, Colchester, Vermont
Brother:	GEORGE NILO ROOD, 37 Madison Avenue, New York City, New York
Arrest Record:	He admitted being arrested in 5/66 on a Driving While Intoxicated charge at West Harvestraw, New York
Military Service:	Formerly in U. S. Army, had U. S. Army SN 51302463

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On April 12, 1968, Mrs. MARGARET SARGENT, ROOD's mother, and Mr. MURRAY SARGENT, ROOD's stepfather, both of whom reside at 1827 South U. S. 1, Vero Beach, Florida, were interviewed separately. Each advised that THOMAS ROOD had spent every night at the above residence since he first came to live with them in late January, 1968. They recalled that he had slept late on the morning of April 4, 1968, and that he had eaten dinner with them on the evening of April 4, 1968. They also recalled that he had spent the evening of April 4, 1968, watching television in his room.

On April 15, 1968, Mrs. BETTY ROGERS, Librarian, Vero Beach Public Lib ary, advised that she is acquainted with THOMAS ROOD. She stated that in recent weeks he has frequently visited the library. She advised that she does not recall whether or not he was in the library on April 4, 1968. She stated that he did not withdraw any books on April 4, 1968, but that he frequently came to the library without withdrawing books.

She further advised that it was very possible that he may have been at the library on the day in question.

On April 15, 1968, JACK O'HARE, Manager, O'Hare's Office Machine Store, 1422 20th Street, Vero Beach, Florida, advised that he had rented an adding machine to Mrs. MARGARET SARGENT, the manager of Sargent's Antiques, which is an antique store on Highway 1, south of Vero Beach. He advised that Mrs. SAREENT's son had picked up the rented machine and to the best of his recollection this had been on April 4, 1968. He stated that he could not be sure of the exact date because of the fact that no written record was made of the transaction.

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On April 18, 1968, Mr. JAMES PARISH, 11225 Washington Boulevard, Richmond Heights, Dade County, Florida, telephonically advised that he is employed as a mailman and a part-time service station attendant at Zayre's Service Center, 136th Street and South Dixie Highway, Miami, Florida. Mr. PARISH stated that while servicing a 1967 red Mustang on the evening of April 17, 1968, he recalls that the driver of this vehicle closely resembled the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT which appeared in the "Miami Herald" newspaper of April 18, 1968.

Mr. PARISH stated that the driver would not leave this vehicle and that the individual had a "funny look on his face". He said that this individual purchased $1.00 worth of gasoline and noted that this individual had the windows of the automobile rolled up even though it was warm outside.

Mr. PARISH stated that this individual had sandy brown hair and was wearing a recently grown "CLARK GABLE style" mustache.

Mr. PARISH advised that the above mentioned Mustang bore 1967 Iowa license plate number 8/9-3681.

The following investigation was conducted by SA HENRY E. WILSON:

On April 19, 1968, Mr. W. A. MEABE, Manager, Universal CIT, 485 N.W. 42nd Avenue, Miami, Florida, advised the writer that the 1967 Ford Mustang bearing 1967 Iowa license 8/9-3681 was sold on January 29, 1968, to L. E. Caskey Motor Company, 1368 N.W. 36th Street, Miami, Florida. He has no idea as to who CASKEY might have sold this automobile.

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On April 19, 1968, Mr. L. E. CASKEY was contacted at his place of business, 1362 N.W. 36th Street, Miami, Florida. CASKEY stated he sold the 1967 Ford Mustang bearing 1967 Iowa license 8/9-3681 on April 15, 1968, to South Miami Motors, 16540 South Dixie Highway, Miami, Florida.

On April 19, 1968, Mr. ROBERT PLUMLEE, 7160 S.W. 21st Street, Miami, Florida, was contacted at South Miami Motors, 16540 South Dixie Highway, Miami, Florida. PLUMLEE advised he was driving the 1967 red Ford Mustang bearing 1967 Iowa license 8/9-3681 on the evening of April 17, 1968. Further, he advised that he is the son of the owner of South Miami Motors. PLUMLEE denied having been in Memphis, Tennessee except when he was a small child, about twenty years ago. He further advised that he had no involvement in the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

The following description of PLUMLEE was obtained by observation and interrogation:

Name	ROBERT L. PLUMLEE
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	August 16, 1945
Place of Birth	Suffolk, Virginia
Height	6 feet 2 inches
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Brown, curly
Eyes	Light brown
Military	Florida National Guard NG 246 67 983
Pecularities	Extremely high cheek bones

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The following investigation pertains to information relating to a J. CONRAD MORGAN, Memphis, Tennessee.

On April 9, 1968, Florida Highway Trooper JOSEPH CHANCY, Miami, furnished the following information:

CHANCY's brother-in-law, JOHN EDWARDS, who presently resides at Hollywood, Florida, and who is employed as a firearms salesman, informed Trooper CHANCY on the evening of April 8, 1968, that during October, 1967, he (EDWARDS) had an occasion to occupy a booth at a firearms show in Memphis, Tennessee. According to EDWARDS, on October 29, 1967, one J. CONRAD MORGAN, 1018 North Watkins, Apartment Number 4, Memphis, Tennessee, appeared at the firearms show and at his booth purchased a .22 caliber rifle. During the course of this sale, MORGAN commented that he owned a 30.06 caliber automatic rifle.

Trooper CHANCY stated that EDWARDS recalled that MORGAN fitted the general description of the man that was seen running from the building from which the shot was fired that killed MARTIN LUTHER KING.

EDWARDS had informed Trooper CHANCY that MORGAN was employed at a Burger Chef located at 3701 Lamar Street, Memphis, Tennessee. EDWARDS described MORGAN as a "weird and funny talking" individual.

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The following investigation pertains to TOMMY NASH, JR., LaGrange, Georgia.

On April 9, 1968, an anonymous note scribbled on a scrap of paper was received at the Miami Office of the FBI in an airmail envelope addressed to the FBI, Miami, Florida, which bore the postmarking of Miami Beach, P. M., April 7, 1968.

This note stated as follows: "Get TOMMY NASH, JR., in LaGrange, Ga. You will have KING's killer".

This anonymous note was furnished to the FBI Laboratory, Washington, D. C. for comparison purposes.

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The following investigation was conducted regarding an individual observed at Eatonville and Orlando, Florida, on April 7 and 8, 1968, as furnished by the Tampa Office on April 15, 1968.

On April 15, 1968, Mr. A. J. STROUDMIER, Greyhound Bus Driver, 11780 S.W. 188th Street, South Miami Heights, Florida, advised SA FRANCIS J. MC CARRON that on April 8, 1968, he made Greyhound run number 311 from Orlando to Miami, Florida, departing Orlando at 8:15 a.m.

Mr. STROUDMIER was unable to identify anyone resembling subject as being a passenger on his Greyhound Bus on the above mentioned date.

On April 16, 1968, Mr. CHARLES TITUS, 17621 N.W. 10th Court, Miami, advised SA DAVID N. JELLISON that he is a Greyhound Bus Driver. Mr. TITUS advised that he made Greyhound run number 363 from Orlando, Florida to Miami, Florida on April 8, 1968, noting that the Greyhound Bus departed Orlando at 9:20 a.m. Mr. TITUS was unable to recall seeing anyone who fitted the description of the subject as being a passenger on the above mentioned Greyhound Bus.

An artist's conception of the subject was shown to both of the above mentioned Greyhound Bus Drivers without effecting an identification as such.

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The following investigation relates to an individual seen by a Mrs. MABEL SCHRAY, St. Louis, Missouri, at the lobby of the Miami International Airport.

On April 18, 1968, St. Louis Office advised that a Mrs. MABEL SCHRAY, St. Louis, Missouri, had observed an individual resembling the subject seated in the lobby of the Miami International Airport Hotel, Miami, Florida, on April 11, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by SA DAVID N. JELLISON:

On April 18, 1968, photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT were exhibited to employees of the Miami International Airport Hotel, Miami, Florida. These employees stated that they had no recollection of observing anyone who looked like the individual in the photographs or anyone fitting the description of GALT at the Miami International Airport Hotel in the past several days.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA RICHARD D. KELLOGG regarding information furnished by MARY ELLIOTT, Tilford Flying Service, West Palm Beach, Florida, concerning JOHN C. PRICE, JR.:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/10/68

MARY ELLIOTT, Tilford Flying Service, Palm Beach International Airport, West Palm Beach, Florida, advised persons identifying themselves as JOHN C. PRICE, JR., and his wife, MARY PRICE, arrived at that airport during the late afternoon of April 5, 1968, in a private Beechcraft Debonair, Number 653V, from Memphis, Tennessee, en route to the Bahamas. They returned from the Bahamas during the afternoon of April 8, 1968, intending to return to Memphis that date, but learned the Memphis airport was closed. They did depart West Palm Beach in the above aircraft, which Mr. PRICE was piloting, to go on towards Memphis, but did not file a flight plan, which is not required, so their exact immediate destination was not known.

Mrs. ELLIOTT said PRICE was using a credit card in the name of J. CARY PRICE, JR., Post Office Box 11243, Memphis, Tennessee, which is the address of Argonauts, Inc., Memphis. She described Mr. PRICE as about 40 years of age, 5'10" tall, 185 pounds, with a fair complexion and brown or sandy-colored hair. She said his hairline was somewhat receded and thinner in front than in back, making it appear somewhat sandy in front and more brown in back. The hair was combed straight back. He is built wider in the hips than in the shoulders, and appeared to be slightly knock kneed and had a slight paunch. Mrs. PRICE was described as about 27 years of age, 5'8" tall, 145 pounds, with brown hair. Mrs. ELLIOTT noted neither Mr. nor Mrs. PRICE were wearing wedding rings.

Mrs. ELLIOTT said when Mr. PRICE first arrived at the terminal in West Palm Beach and she learned he was from Memphis, she mentioned what a nasty thing the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING was. PRICE took an attitude of no remorse about this, and indicated KING got just what he deserved; that he was just making things bad in Memphis, and that was the reason they got out of Memphis for a while. Mrs. ELLIOTT then said she would not want to shoot anyone or have anyone shoot her, and no response was made to this, but Mrs. PRICE gave her a very "dirty look." On learning on his return trip that the Memphis airport was closed, apparently because of the KING matter, Mr. PRICE again voiced disgust, indicating

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On 4/9/68 at West Palm Beach, Florida File # Miami 44-1854

by SA RICHARD B. KELLOGG:plm Date dictated 4/9/68

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KING was the fault of this, and such actions following the death of KING are not justified.

Mrs. ELLIOTT said after she first saw PRICE, she observed in a local newspaper an artist's conception of the person who killed KING, which drawing she believed was attributed to a newspaper in Memphis. When she saw this drawing she was struck by the resemblance with PRICE. She said a combination of all these things made her believe the matter should be reported for what it was worth.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT SCHACHNER at West Palm Beach, Florida regarding an individual resembling subject in "Jet Magazine":

On April 16, 1968, ELDER S. BARROW, 434½ 20th Street, Apartment 1, West Palm Beach, Florida, furnished the following information:

BARROW stated he had just seen the current issue of "Jet Magazine". On Page 43 was a photograph of the composite of the suspect in the assassination of Reverend Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. Mr. BARROW stated that on Page 47 of this magazine was a photograph of a man who had previously made an attempt against Dr. KING in Selma, Alabama.

Mr. BARROW stated, in his opinion, there was a definite resemblance between the two photographs.

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On April 19, 1968, the Jacksonville Office advised that North Carolina Highway Patrol Trooper HARRY L. WILLIAMS, Catawba County, North Carolina, had observed an individual resembling subject on the night of April 9, 1968 at Newton, North Carolina driving a 1955 or 1956 Dodge four-door with an off white top, dark green on sides, hood and trunk and with an off white bottom bearing 1968 Florida License #10W followed by four or five digits.

The following investigation was conducted by SA DENNIS J. O'SHEA:

On April 19, 1968, the Broward County Auto Tag Agency, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, advised that Florida licenses with the number prefix 10W are assigned to Broward County, Florida.

The Broward County Tag Agency advised that since they are not computerized, it would require physically pulling and observing over 150,000 registration cards in order to segregate the 1955 and 1956 Dodge automobile registered in Broward County, Florida. Further that since these records are located in five different agencies, the task of pulling these registration cards in this regard would be an overwhelming task.

The Broward County Tag Agency advised that since the State Automobile Registration Bureau in Tallahassee, Florida is computerized, the possibility exists that the state agency could possibly obtain a "read out" of all such automobiles for the entire state of Florida; and that in this matter, the 10W tags could then be obtained from this "read out".

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On April 20, 1968, the Milwaukee Office of the FBI advised that Mr. DANIEL S. KELLY telephonically furnished the following information to the Milwaukee FBI Office:

Mr. KELLY stated he and his wife had recently returned from a vacation in Florida. They stayed at the Sun Castle Club, 1380 South Ocean Boulevard, Pompano, Florida, which Mr. KELLY stated was operated by an ERNEST CASTLE.

Mr. KELLY stated after seeing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY that a bellboy at the Sun Castle Club closely resembled RAY both in looks and general description. He stated that this bellboy's name was EARL and that he had told people at the club he was leaving to work as an electrician in Tennessee.

The following investigation was conducted by SA EUGENE L. PAYNE at Pompano Beach, Florida from April 23, 1968, to April 29, 1968:

HERB BLONSTRUM, Assistant Manager, Sun Castle Motel, 1380 South Ocean Boulevard, Pompano Beach, Florida, advised that the individual named EARL was probably EARL R. SHIELDS of 15 Almond Drive, Randolph, Massachusetts. His Social Security Number was listed as 014-22-9081.

After an exhaustive search for pertinent records, BLONSTRUM determined SHIELDS was employed from March 28, 1968, to April 1, 1968, as a bellboy. He remembered that SHIELDS mentioned going to Tennessee but could not remember the name of the city.

BLONSTRUM was unable to locate the employment application for SHIELDS and admitted his records were extremely disorganized. His motel has highly transient help and in fact the supervisor of SHIELDS had since departed.

BLONSTRUM viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and said he did not believe this photograph was identical

with SHIELDS. He indicated SHIELDS has more shallow checks and a wider nose.

Credit and criminal checks at Pompano Beach and Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, regarding SHIELDS met with negative results.

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On April 24, 1968, the Savannah, Georgia Office of the FBI advised as follows:

Investigation on April 24, 1968, at Darien, Georgia, had determined that on April 9, 1968, an individual identifying himself as JOSEPH LUNCEFORD who closely resembled artist's conception of the assassin of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was seen in Darien, Georgia. LUNCEFORD had made inquiries at Darien, Georgia concerning a money order which was to be forwarded to him at New Smyrna, Florida.

The following investigation was conducted at Boca Raton, Florida by SA ROBERT SCHACHNER on April 25, 1968:

Mrs. NONNIE PETERSON LEONE, Apartment 26A, Garden Apartments, advised she has been living at this address about two weeks and comes from Clinton, North Carolina. She advised she met JOSEPH LUNCEFORD in Clinton, North Carolina, about the last week in March, 1968. She stated since that time she has been with LUNCEFORD every day both in Clinton, North Carolina and in Boca Raton, Florida. She advised they came to Florida together and plan on getting married when she is divorced from her separated husband. She advised LUNCEFORD was definitely in Clinton, North Carolina, with her on April 3, 4, 5, 1968.

She advised LUNCEFORD is working at the Palms Gulf Station.

JOSEPH LUNCEFORD was located at the Palms Gulf Station and eliminated as being subject by fingerprint comparison.

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On April 24, 1968, the Tampa Office of the FBI advised that DAVID O. CONGER, III, of North Largo, Florida, had furnished information to the effect that on April 8, 1968, he had flown from Miami, Florida, to St. Croix, Virgin Islands. He flew on Pan American Airways (PAA) Flight 429 and believes he saw a person identical to JAMES EARL RAY sitting in Seat 7F or Seat 9F.

The following investigation was conducted at Miami, Florida, by SA DAVID N. JELLISON at PAA, Miami International Airport, Miami, Florida, from April 25 to April 29, 1968:

FRANK WARFIELD, Assistant Passenger Manager, PAA, advised his records indicate that Seat 7F on Flight 429 from Miami to St. Croix, Virgin Islands, was occupied by CARL NULL on April 8, 1968. WARFIELD further advised that it would take approximately two or three days to determine where NULL was residing at the time he made his reservation. Seat 9F on this flight was not occupied.

On April 29, 1968, FRANK WARFIELD advised that CARL NULL left as a contact point telephone number 933-5561 at Pompano Beach, Florida, which number is listed to Adapt-O-Core Precast Co.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROGER B. COLTON at Pompano Beach, Florida, on April 29, 1968:

Mr. LAWRENCE FITZSIMONS, Personnel Manager, Adapt-O-Core Company, Pompano Beach, Florida, advised that CARL T. NULL was employed on a job in Pompano Beach, Florida, on April 4 and April 5, 1968, from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

FITZSIMONS described NULL as a white male, 6' tall, slender build, who has two fingers missing on one hand and one finger missing on the other as a result of a 1963 accident. He stated that there was a possibility that NULL resembled JAMES EARL RAY, however, he positively stated that NULL is not identical to JAMES EARL RAY.

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On April 25, 1968, the Atlanta Office of the FBI advised that a WILLARD F. RAY previously resided at 225 Kinsey Court, NE, Atlanta.

Investigation indicated that RAY had since moved to 1251 Dickenson, Apartment 332, Coral Gables, Florida.

The following investigation was conducted by SA DAVID N. JELLISON and SA LEONARD C. PETERSON at Miami, Florida, on April 26, 1968:

Attempts to locate WILLARD F. RAY at 1251 Dickenson Drive, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida, met with negative results. It was determined that WILLARD F. RAY resides at Apartment 33L, 1252 Dickenson Drive. RAY was contacted and was eliminated as a suspect through a check of his fingerprints.

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On May 6, 1968, CAROL YVONNE CROWLEY advised the Tampa Office of the FBI that she and her husband had stayed at the Buena Vista Hotel, 409 North Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, from approximately April 18, 1968, to April 25, 1968. She further stated that while residing at the Buena Vista Hotel, an individual known to her only as JESSE, was also staying at the Buena Vista Hotel and resembled pictures of JAMES EARL RAY.

The following investigation was conducted at West Palm Beach, Florida by SA RICHARD B. KELLOGG on May 6, 1968:

WILLIAM COCKRIN, Manager, Beauna Vista Hotel, West Palm Beach, Florida, stated that a RUDY JESSE SMITH registered there on April 19, 1968, and departed the following day. COCKRIN stated that SMITH was definitely not identical with JAMES EARL RAY. He further stated that SMITH was at least six feet tall, was less than 30 years old, had a very crooked "Dick Tracy type" nose, and a large prominent chin.

COCKRIN advised that SMITH was quite obviously of a very low mentality.

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On April 24, 1968, the San Francisco Office of the FBI advised that they had received information to the effect that witnesses at Douglas, Georgia believed JAMES EARL RAY hitchhiked through Douglas, Georgia on April 20, 1968.

He allegedly stayed overnight at the Ivy Manor Hotel using the name WILLIAM R. STEKLY and gave his address as Lupin Lane, Carmel Valley, California.

His parents were contacted by the San Francisco Office and they advised their son WILLIAM RAYMOND STEKLY was currently employed at the Boca Raton Hotel Club, Boca Raton, Florida and furnished a photograph of their son.

The following investigation was conducted at Boca Raton, Florida by SA ROBERT SCHACHNER on April 24, 1968:

Mrs. NAOMI CAMPBALL, Personnel Director, Boca Raton Club and Hotel, advised her records reflect WILLIAM RAYMOND STEKLY went to work for the hotel April 3, 1968, as a houseman. He worked until April 19, 1968, when he left, leaving a forwarding address of, in care of WANDA JEAN STEKLY, Lupin Lane, Carmel Valley, California, a sister. She advised his supervisor was Mrs. HILDA FENNEY. She stated he is described as a white male, born February 12, 1944, 5'11" tall, 182 pounds, brown hair and brown eyes. His Social Security Number is 563-60-7964.

Mrs. HILDA FEENEY, Supervisor, Boca Raton Club, advised after viewing a photograph of RAY, that STEKLY was not similar in appearance to RAY. She stated STEKLY was definitely at the Boca Raton Club and working for her on April 3, 4, 5, 1968, and through April 19, 1968, when he left to return to California.

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The Baltimore Office of the FBI advised on May 5, 1968, that NATALIE MAZZOLLA, while traveling through the State of Georgia on February 12, 1968, met three men in a restaurant, name and location not recalled.

MAZZOLLA saw these men at intervals while traveling along the highway. When they stopped at a gasoline station somewhere in Florida, MAZZOLLA advised that one of these men identified himself as JAMES CRAIG and stated that he was traveling to Naples, Florida. MAZZOLLA furnished a description and address for CRAIG at Naples, Florida.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ERNEST HARRISON, JR. at Naples, Florida:

On May 8, 1968, Mrs. MACK RICHARDS, 2364 Bayside Street, advised she has known JIM CRAIG for over eight years. She stated he recently visited her and her husband and left about a month ago. He was alone and was traveling by bus back to his home in Alliance, Ohio.

She described JIM CRAIG as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	About 35 years
Height	5'8" tall
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Light blond, straight
Teeth	Two front teeth missing
Marital Status	Married
Brothers	None

Mrs. RICHARDS stated CRAIG in no way resembles JAMES EARL RAY. She produced two snapshots she stated were taken of CRAIG and the person on the snapshots did not resemble RAY.

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On April 30, 1968, the Minneapolis Office of the FBI received information from JAMES L. THOMAS that an unidentified individual delivered a variety of seafood to Michael's Restaurant, Minneapolis, on April 30, 1968. THOMAS advised that this individual appeared to be identical with JAMES EARL RAY and that the seafood was delivered from an Alterman Transport Lines, Inc. truck with home offices in Miami, Florida.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents DAVID N. JELLISON and LEONARD C. PETERSON at Miami, Florida, on May 1, 1968:

DAVID ALTERMAN, proprietor, Alterman Transport Lines, Inc., 2424 N. W. 46th Street, Miami, Florida, advised that the truck bearing 1967 Florida license 1-0-614 left Miami for Minneapolis dated April 27, 1968, and was driven by DONALD EUGENE ABPLANALP. GLENN HECTOR BOWCOTT accompanied ABPLANALP on this trip as a helper.

It was determined from company records that both these individuals were working for Alterman Transport Lines in the greater Miami, Florida area on April 4, 1968.

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On April 25, 1968, the Buffalo Office of the FBI advised that Mrs. GLADYS D. MEEHAN has advised their office that she and her family had recently visited Eleuthera, Bahamas. While there, she observed a man in the Rock Sound Club who bore a remarkable resemblance to JAMES EARL RAY.

On April 26, 1968, this information was furnished by SA FRANK J. SMITH by telephone to STANLEY R. MOIR, Assistant Commissioner, Bahamas Police Force, Nassau, Bahamas. MOIR had previously been furnished with several copies of wanted flyers and identification orders pertaining to JAMES EARL RAY.

MOIR contacted the officials at the Rock Sound Club, Eleuthera, and none were able to identify photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as being those of any guest at the club.

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On April 23, 1968, the Chicago Office of the FBI advised that they had received an anonymous telephone call in which the caller stated that JAMES EARL RAY was staying at Perrine, Florida, using an assumed name and wearing a disguise. The caller advised he would call back at a later time and furnish the alias RAY was using. However, the caller never called back.

On the same date, the following investigation was conducted by SA CHARLES W. KELLY:

Dade County authorities, Perrine Sub-Station #4, were contacted and advised there were no hotels, motels or flop houses in the Perrine area wherein individuals of RAY's description would stay. There is no agency in Perrine, Florida, that maintains records of new arrivals in the Perrine area.

All detectives and police officers at the sub-station of the Dade County Department of Public Safety, Perrine, Florida, were furnished with copies of wanted flyers and identification orders and 64 identification orders were furnished to businesses and restaurants in the Perrine, Florida area. No positive information was developed regarding RAY as a result of this investigation.

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On April 19, 1968, BILL MARTIN, 922 14th Avenue, North Nashville, Tennessee, advised the Nashville Office of the FBI that he observed a 1965 or 1967 blue Mustang bearing Florida license 6-75466. A passenger in this vehicle looked very much like JAMES EARL RAY.

Investigation by the Jacksonville Office at Tallahassee, Florida, on April 24, 1968, indicated that 1967 Florida license 6-47566 was issued to RAY MORRIS, 2052 Lake Osborne Drive, Lake Worth, Florida, for use on a 1965 Ford Mustang.

1967 Florida license 6-75466 is a non-existant number.

MARTIN advised the possibility existed that the 754 in the Florida license could be mixed up.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT SCHACHNER at Lake Worth, Florida, May 7, 1968:

Mrs. RAY MORRIS, 2052 Lake Osborne Drive, Lake Worth, Florida, advised that her husband owns a 1965 Ford Mustang, navy blue in color, bearing a Florida license, number not recalled.

Mrs. MORRIS advised her husband is a former teacher at Lake Worth High School, Lake Worth, Florida, but recently changed position . She advised her husband is now employed at a Career Academy, Nashville, Tennessee, and stated that they were now in the process of moving the family to Nashville. She advised her husband moved to Nashville on about April 2, 1968, and believes he is residing in a room at 115 Blue Hills Court, Nashville, Tennessee.