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

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Synopsis: Records of Auto Registration Section, Springfield, Ill., reflect that on 6/5/67, one GEORGE SEYMOUR KELLER, Chicago, Ill., sold 1960 Chrysler to JOHN LARRY RAYNE of Winnetka, Ill. License plates transferred from this car to 1962 Plymouth purchased by RAYNE 7/14/67, from Bundy Oldsmobile, Inc., East St. Louis, Ill. This Plymouth sold by JOHN L. RAYNE 8/25/67, to JERRY W. RYAN, Northbrook, Ill., who, in turn, sold it on 10/20/67 to GJERDIS BORGTHEA RAY of Deerfield, Ill. During August, 1967, subject associated with female employee Canadian government, but there is no evidence she used her official position to assist him. Investigation at Windsor, Canada, and Detroit, Michigan, fails to verify that subject paid customs duty on television set on 8/21/67; that he spent night of 8/21/67 near Gary, Indiana; or that he spent one night during early October, 1967, at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico; as stated in "Look" magazine articles by WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE. Subject spent night of 8/26/67 at Granada Motel, Birmingham, Ala., registered as JOHN L. RAYNE or RAYNE. One ERIC S. GALT spent night of 3/22/68 at Flamingo Motel, Selma, Ala. Guest registration card is in possession of ARTHUR HANES, subject's former attorney. Revolver found in subject's possession when arrested in London had been purchased in about October, 1967, from WALTER L. SPAIN, Birmingham, Ala. Information concerning RAY's Canadian passport and concerning his activities in Lisbon, Portugal, is set out.

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AUTOMOBILES IN THE POSSESSION OF JAMES EARL RAY FOLLOWING HIS ESCAPE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY ON APRIL 23, 1967

On November 26, 1968, Mr. JOHN L. WEST, Salesman, Bundy Oldsmobile, Inc., 8th and Illinois, East St. Louis, Illinois, advised that records of his company indicate that JOHN L. RAYNS, 507 Chestnut, Post Office Box 293, Winnetka, Illinois, purchased a 1962 Plymouth, four-door, Sedan, VIN 2921165934, on July 14, 1967, as per invoice #6852. Mr. WEST advised that this invoice indicates that the price of the above car was $200. In addition, there was sales tax in the amount of $9.50 and a notary fee in the amount of 50 cents, bringing total price of the automobile to $210. Mr. WEST further advised that his records indicate that RAYNS made a cash deposit of $20, as per receipt #38466 dated July 14, 1967, and apparently returned shortly thereafter with the balance of $190, as the records indicate receipt #38469 dated July 14, 1967, indicate RAYNS paid this amount. WEST pointed out that although he could not be specific as to the time element involved between the period of time that the $20 cash deposit was paid and the balance of $190 was paid, it was apparently only a matter of a few minutes to an hour, since there were only two receipts issued between deposit receipt and balance receipt given to RAYNS.

Mr. WEST pointed out that there was no trade-in involved in the transaction. He also advised his file on RAYNS indicates Illinois sales tax form #1978804, which was dated July 14, 1967, was completed on that date and this along with the license information was mailed to the Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, Illinois, on July 31, 1967. Mr. WEST stated that from his records he had to assume RAYNS transferred his license from a previously owned automobile to the 1962 Plymouth, inasmuch as he was able to find a receipt #463, in the amount of $3.00, which is the fee normally paid for transfer of title. Mr. WEST stated if an individual purchases an automobile and applies for a new license, he would be charged a minimum of $7.00.

Mr. WEST advised he recalled that the 1962 Plymouth was taken into Bundy Oldsmobile as the trade-in from an unrecalled Negro male who had purchased a new Cutlass, about a month prior to the transaction with RAYNS. WEST stated that the salesman who sold the car to RAYNS was GOBEL BIGGS.

Mr. WEST stated he could not specifically recall the sale of the automobile to RAYNS. He stated photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were unfamiliar to him. He likewise showed photograph to other sales personnel at Bundy Oldsmobile and they, too, stated that they could not recall RAY as ever having been in Bundy Oldsmobile. WEST did point out, however, that his business is primarily the sale of new cars and used cars of a higher quality than the automobile sold to RAYNS. Therefore, the transaction was somewhat insignificant and he was unable to recall any further specific details and was only able to furnish the above information as direct result of review of the receipts, invoices and orders set forth above.

Mr. GOBEL BIGGS, Salesman, Bundy Oldsmobile, Inc., East St. Louis, Illinois, after reviewing the invoice orders and other receipts pertaining to the sale of 1962 Plymouth, four-door, Sedan, VIN 2921165934, which he sold to JOHN L. RAYNS, 507 Chestnut, Post Office Box 293, Winnetka, Illinois, stated he could not recall this individual or anything of the transaction. Mr. BIGGS advised the transaction was rather insignificant and it involved the sale of a "junker" with $200, and he could have possibly remembered more about the man had he sold the individual a new car or a used car in better condition. Mr. BIGGS did state, however, that he still has in his possession a "follow-up information card" for JOHN L. RAYNS with the address of 507 Chestnut, Post Office Box 293, Winnetka, Illinois, and he indicates on this card that RAYNS purchased a 1962 Plymouth on July 14, 1967. Mr. BIGGS stated it is the policy at Bundy Oldsmobile for all salesmen to send new car literature to individuals to whom they have sold automobiles in the past; and, based on this information card, he is relatively certain that he has sent such literature to RAYNS at the above address on at least seven or eight occasions, since the initial purchase of the 1962 Plymouth. He stated he has no way of knowing whether this literature was received by RAYNS at this address or whether it was returned by the Post Office. He stated if such literature would have been returned by the Post Office to Bundy Oldsmobile, it would have just been destroyed; therefore, he would have no way of knowing

whether or not it was actually received. BIGGS, upon viewing photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, stated he could not associate this individual with being identical with RAYNS and was unable to furnish any other details as to the transaction, including the manner of payment, although he was certain from the invoice and receipts that this automobile was paid for in cash.

Mr. JAMES TABOR, Supervisor, Auto Registration Section, Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, Illinois, advised on November 27, 1968, that a check of records reflect that 1967 Illinois license LM-5942 was issued June 5, 1967, to JOHN LARRY RAYNS, 507 Chestnut, Box 293, Winnetka, Illinois, for a 1959 Chrysler, two-door, VIN M531108240, which was purchased used June 5, 1967, from GEORGE SEYMOUR HELLER, 7102 North Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois. Certificate of Title #B1178475 issued June 6, 1967, to RAYNS for this vehicle with no lien. On August 8, 1967, above-mentioned 1967 Illinois license transferred to RAYNS for a 1962 Plymouth, four-door, VIN 2921165934, which was purchased used July 14, 1967, from Bundy Oldsmobile, Inc., 711 Illinois Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois. The application for this transfer reflects that above-mentioned 1959 Chrysler to be sold later. Certificate of Title #B1604563 issued August 8, 1967, to RAYNS for instant Plymouth with no lien.

Mr. TABOR also advised that 1967 Illinois license RT-5302 was issued 8/23/67 to JERRY W. RYAN, 2897 Techny Road, Northbrook, Illinois, for instant Plymouth, purchased used August 25, 1967, from JOHN L. RAYNS, 507 Chestnut, Winnetka, Illinois. Certificate of Title #B1777474 issued September 7, 1967, to RYAN for this Plymouth with no lien.

Mr. TABOR also advised that 1967 Illinois license SC-7905 was issued October 25, 1967, to GJERDIS DOROTHEA RAY, 1344 Hazel Avenue, Deerfield, Illinois, for instant 1962 Plymouth, purchased used October 20, 1967, from JERRY W. RYAN, 2897 Techny Road, Northbrook, Illinois. Certificate of Title #B2105425 issued November 6, 1967, to RAY for this Plymouth with no lien and has not been surrendered to date.

On November 29, 1968, Mrs. GENEVA JONES, Supervisor, Driver's License Section, Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, Illinois, advised she could find nothing in her files identifiable

with GJERDIS DOROTHEA RAY. Concerning JERRY W. RYAN she furnished the following:

Address:	314 Wisconsin, Lake Forest, Illinois
Date of Birth:	July 16, 1935
Height:	5'9"
Weight:	178 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Driver's License Number:	R500-4393-5202, which expires July 16, 1971

RYAN obtained this driver's license after taking an examination on May 20, 1968, while driving a 1960 DeSoto.

On April 19, 1968, Mr. WILLIAM KAUFMAN, Illinois State Board of Probation and Parole, Springfield, Illinois, advised that one JERRY WILLIAM RAY, also known as JERRY WILLIAN RYAN, white male, date of birth July 16, 1935, at Quincy, Illinois, 5'10", 170 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes, was the brother of JAMES EARL RAY.

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GEORGE SEYMOUR HELLER, 1337 West Fargo, Chicago, Illinois, phone 262-4854, was interviewed at his place of employment, the Bernard Harwich branch of the Jewish Community Centers of Chicago, 3003 West Touhy, Chicago, Illinois, phone RO 1-9100, where he is employed as a social group worker. Mr. HELLER advised that some time in the summer of 1967, he ran an ad in the "Chicago Tribune" for the sale of a 1959 Chrysler, green over white. He said that the manager of the Sunoco Station, Lunt and Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, named MAURICE (LNU), acted as his agent. After the ad had been run in the paper, he received a call from MAURICE (LNU), telling him that a party had called about the car and would be at the gas station. HELLER went to the gas station and waited for the purchaser to arrive. He first observed the purchaser alone walking into the gas station. This individual was dressed in a green jacket, dressed almost as in a government issued fatigue jacket and green pants. He was neat and clean and had no unusual characteristics. Mr. HELLER was exhibited a group of nine photographs, three of which were photographs taken at different times of JAMES EARL RAY. Mr. HELLER picked out photo number 00416 dated January 4, 1966, and stated that this photograph would be the closest resemblance to the purchaser of his car; however, he could not state definitely that the individual represented by this photograph was identical to the purchaser. He also advised that he has seen numerous photographs of JAMES EARL RAY in the news media and has never once associated him with the purchaser of his Chrysler He was shown additional photographs of RAY and stated that he could not say that RAY was identical to the purchaser.

He said that his overall impression of RAY was that he was "lanky" and of the "hillbilly type". He commented that RAY was extremely quiet and said no more than a dozen words during their conversation, which was completely about the Chrysler. RAY made no comment as to his residence, employment, or any other matters of a personal nature. RAY also made no comment concerning the reason for the purchase of the car and in fact seemed to have very little interest

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at HELLER's comments concerning the vehicle. RAY made no mention of utilizing the car for a long trip and asked no questions as to the roadability of the car. He appeared to be purchasing it merely for transportation. RAY also did not argue about the price and paid in cash the $200, which was HELLER's asking price. HELLER further related that there was nothing unusual about the money, that he did not believe it was new currency, and he could not recall the specific denominations of the bills.

HELLER advised that the only thing that stuck in his mind concerning RAY was that he was very quiet. HELLER took the Illinois license plates off of the car and RAY drove it away. HELLER had no further contact with him.

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FEMALE EMPLOYEE OF CANADIAN GOVERNMENT WITH WORK ABROAD MAY HAVE FRIENDLY ENEMY PERIOD AUGUST 4 - 20, 1967

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police advised that on October 8, 1968, information was received from the Superintendent of Security, Department of Transport, Ottawa, Canada, to the effect that a female employee who wishes to remain anonymous had confided to her superior that she had met with RAY on three occasions, once in the Laurentians, once in Ottawa, and once in Montreal. These meetings are believed to have taken place prior to the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Recently this woman has received telephone calls from [redacted] in Alabama, asking her about her association with RAY. This person is now concerned about the turn of events and consented to be interviewed by a member of this Force relative to her association with RAY.

On October 15, 1968, this individual was interviewed and the following information was obtained from her:

"On the 4th of August 1967, my girlfriend and I went to St. Jovite, P.Q, to spend the long weekend. We arrived there at around 7:00 p.m. and registered at the "Petit Manoir" Inn. We had supper and then decided to go to the Grey Rock Resort for the evening. As we entered the lounge, we saw a man sitting alone at a table facing the Dance Floor. My girlfriend said 'That man is alone, let's see if we can sit with him.' She approached him and he invited us to sit at his table. He introduced himself as Eric Galt and said that he was on holidays from Chicago and was staying at the Grey Rock. He also mentioned that his brother and his sister-in-law had come up with him from Chicago and that they had left for Montreal. He said that he had been there for about one week and that he would be leaving within the next few days for Montreal to meet his brother. At around Midnight, my girlfriend said that she was not feeling well and she returned to the Petit Manoir. Eric and I went to the Manoir Pinoteau to see the entertainment. We returned to Grey Rock at around 4:00 a.m. and I spent the rest of the night with him in his room, I was intimate with him. I did not notice anything unusual about

him. He was quiet, polite, neat and reserved. The next morning, I left him at around 11:00 a.m., at which time he told me that he was leaving for Montreal. He said that he did not know where he would be staying in Montreal, but that he would like to see me again and that he would call the Petit Manoir and let me know where he was staying. He was driving an old red Plymouth around a 1966 model. I did not look at the license plates.

He called around supper time and since we were out, he left a message with the desk advising to call a number in Montreal. I called and talked to a desk clerk at a hotel in the East end of Montreal. She gave me the address and the number of the room where Eric was staying. He was not in at the time. On Monday, the 7th of August, my girlfriend and I drove down to Montreal and went to the hotel to see Eric. I don't remember the name of the hotel except that it is around the corner from the Acapulco Club. We met Eric in the hall and he appeared pleased and surprised to see us. We shared his quarters during the two nights we spent in Montreal. He was not intimate with either of us in Montreal. He took us out to the Acapulco Club and to restaurants. He seemed to have money and appeared to pay for everything with Canadian $20.00 bills. In fact, he gave me a Twenty before we left Montreal, in case I had car trouble. I gave him my address in Ottawa.

Some three weeks later, he called me and said that he was in Ottawa staying at the Town and Country Motel for the weekend. He stayed in Ottawa for two days and I showed him around Ottawa. I did not stay with him at the Town and Country. He did not appear to know anyone in Ottawa. I don't recall him saying where he was coming from, but I assumed it was Montreal. He did not have a car and probably came by train. He mentioned that he was working for his brother in Real Estate and that he did not do much but was paid well. He also said that he had no problems with money and could always get some.

He never mentioned any friends or associates besides his brother and I never saw him with anyone. He never mentioned the name Martin Luther King and never indicated any hatred toward any Negroes.

I did not hear any more from him until around March 1968 when I received a letter from him postmarked Hollywood, California. I don't remember the address and have since destroyed the letter and envelope. The letter was short and did not contain much of interest. He was inquiring as to when I was taking my holidays and said if I write, to do it soon because he would not be at that address after a couple of weeks. I received the letter some three weeks before the assassination of Martin Luther King.

When I heard that Eric Galt had been arrested and was implicated in the murder of Dr. King, I panicked and destroyed the letter.

About one month ago, I received a phone call from one William Bradford Huie who said that he was writing a book about James Earl Ray and when he mentioned the names Grey Rock and Eric Galt, I knew that he must have gotten my name and address from Ray. I agreed to see him and we met for lunch at the Holiday Inn. At that time he showed me his credentials, his picture in Time Magazine with Ray's lawyer and some of his books. He was very charming and appeared to know all about my association with Ray, including the fact that I had been intimate with him. He appeared to be mainly interested in what I thought of Ray and I told him that as far as I was concerned, he was a normal man. He said that I would be the Mystery woman in his book and assured me that my name would not be mentioned. He had a photographer with him and I agreed to let him take smoky pictures which they assured me would show only shadows. He gave me $100.00 for the information and invited me to go to New York at his expense, any time I felt like it, and to call him collect if I could remember anything else.

I have no other information to offer and the above is all I can remember about my association with James Early Ray alias Eric Galt."

The above information was obtained during several hours of questioning and our investigator is satisfied that it contains all that this informant knows about Ray.

She is very concerned about the possibility of her name and photograph appearing in Hale's book and in this regard she was advised to consult a lawyer.

The girlfriend mentioned has been contacted, however, she has no information of value to offer. She could not remember the name of the hotel where they stayed in Montreal and could not elaborate on any of the points covered by the informant.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) advised they have again interviewed the female who met with James Earl Ray in Canada during the Summer of 1967, and she furnished the following information:

"Further to my statement dated October 15, 1968, I wish to state that James Earl Ray never mentioned anything about Passports to me. The first time the subject was mentioned was when William Bradford Huie came to see me. He said that Ray had told him that he intended to use me to obtain a Canadian Passport, but changed his mind because he figured that I would turn him in to the Police. In my position with the Department of Transport, I would not risk my job by helping someone fraudulently obtain a Canadian Passport. The article in "Look" Magazine is factual with a few minor discrepancies. I did not show Ray the RCMP Headquarters and only received one letter from him, not letters as mentioned in the article. After reading the article, I remembered that the name of the hotel where we stayed with him in Montreal was the Mar-K on Notre-Dame Street. I have a sister who is employed by the Registrar of Citizenship, but I am positive that I never mentioned her name or employment to Ray. I told her about my involvement with Ray only after Huie's visit."

The RCMP also interviewed the sister and she stated as follows:

"I have been employed at office of the Registrar of Citizenship for the past three years. About one and a half months ago, my sister told me about her involvement with James Earl Ray. It was after Huie's visit to Ottawa to see her. At no time did my sister ever ask me to help her obtain a passport for anyone. In fact, she never mentioned the word passport during the course of our conversation. The reason that she came to me after Huie's visit was that she was very worried and needed to confide in someone close to her. My sister is a very honest and dependable person, and her only fault is that she is a little too naive."

The RCMP investigator advised:

"I am satisfied that Ray did not mention anything about Passports to the female. I am positive that she is an honest person, placed in a very embarrassing position by her association with Ray."

The girlfriend of the female who consorted with Ray advised the RCMP the following:

"During the first long weekend in August, I accompanied my friend to St-Jovite, P.Q., where we stayed at the "Petit Manoir" Inn. During the evening, we motored up to the Grey Rock Inn where we met a man who introduced himself as Eric Galt. I did not pay much attention to him and after a few drinks I went back to the Manoir. My friend stayed with him. I did not see Galt again until we visited him in Montreal the following Monday. Since it was impossible to find a room in Montreal because of Expo, we stayed with him during the two nights that we spent in Montreal. He took us out to the Acapulco Club. He seemed to have enough money to get along, but he did not strike me as being very prosperous. He never mentioned friends or associates and did not introduce us to anyone. He appeared to be a quiet and regular sort of a guy. He never mentioned the word passport to us. I never saw him again after we left Montreal. I heard from my friend later that he had been to Ottawa to see her. After James Earl Ray's arrest, she called me and asked if I thought that he could be the man we had met. I did not think so at the time and was surprised when it turned out to be him."

Discreet inquiries at the Town and Country Motel, 1476 Richmond Road, Ottawa, revealed that ERIC GALT registered there on August 18, 1967, and left on August 20, 1967. He gave his address as 507 Chestnut Street, Chicago, Illinois, and was driving a Plymouth, License No. LM5042. He stayed in Cabin No. 30, which is not equipped with a telephone. Any calls made by him from one of the several pay phones at the

Motel would not go through the Motel Switchboard and be recorded. Although he registered as Mr. and Mrs. ERIC GALT, his female friend did not stay with him at the Motel, as mentioned in her statement dated August 15, 1968. The Desk Clerk on duty at the Town and Country Motel when RAY, alias GALT, registered, Mrs. MARTHA CORLEY, is reported to be dying from terminal cancer and will not be interviewed.

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TELEVISION SET ALLEGEDLY DECLARED AT U. S. CUSTOMS, DETROIT, MICHIGAN, ON AUGUST 21, 1967

An article by WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE appearing in the November 26, 1968, issue of "Look" magazine quotes JAMES EARL RAY as saying that on August 21, 1967, he met one "RAOUL," otherwise unidentified, at Windsor, Canada, and on that date made two trips via automobile between Windsor, Canada, and Detroit, Michigan. According to this article, on one of these trips from Windsor to Detroit, RAY stopped at United States Customs and declared a television set which had been purchased in Montreal, Canada. RAY allegedly paid an import duty of $4.80.

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On November 10, 12 and 13, 1968, the informal entries and baggage receipts indicating all articles imported by individuals into the United States from Canada via the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel and the Ambassador Bridge, Detroit, Michigan, for the periods April, 1967, through May, 1968, were reviewed.

No import duty receipt in the amount of $4.50 identifiable with a television set allegedly imported by JAMES EARL RAY using the alias Eric S. Galt was discovered.

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On 11/10,12 &13/68 Detroit, Michigan File # Detroit 44-989

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On December 2, 1968, FRANK GRIDER, United States Customs, Buffalo, New York, advised SA R. GORDON KEDY that customs had completed a check of its records for August and September, 1967 and could locate no record of a television set being declared at any of the points of entry to the United States from Canada within the Buffalo Division for the months of August and September, 1967. GRIDER said that these records would normally be maintained on an informal entry form in the Monies and Accounts section and are retained for a period of two years. He had the records checked for both the names ERIC S. GAIT and JAMES EARL RAY.

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INVESTIGATION AT THE GRANADA HOTEL, FLAMINGO HOTEL, AND AT NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO, AND GARY, INDIANA

An article by WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE appearing in the November 26, 1968, issue of "Look" magazine quotes JAMES EARL RAY as saying that he departed Canada via Detroit, Michigan, on August 21, 1967, and spent that night in a motel about five miles east of Gary, Indiana.

This article further states that RAY spent the night of August 25, 1967, at the Granada Motel, Birmingham, Alabama, and the night of March 25, 1968, at the Flamingo Motel in Selma, Alabama.

Additionally, this article describes a trip which RAY took to Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. While the exact dates are not given, HUIE states that RAY was in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, after October 5, 1967, and prior to his arrival in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Previous investigation has determined that RAY arrived in Puerto Vallarta on October 19, 1967, and registered that date in the Hotel Rio.

All hotels and motels in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, have been contacted, and no record was found to indicate that the subject RAY stayed at a hotel or motel in that town during the month of October, 1967, under either his true name or his aliases.

The following motels in the vicinity of Gary, Indiana, have been contacted, and their records for August 21, 1967, have been reviewed without success in locating a registration for the subject RAY under his true name or known aliases:

On November 13, 1968, the following individuals advised the records of their businesses failed to indicate anyone using the name JAMES EARL RAY, ERIC S. GALT or JOHN L. MAYNE registered for August 21, 1967, nor did they have a record of an older model Plymouth with Illinois license plates for that date:

MARGUERITE PILGRIM, Manager, Gary Travelodge, 6200 Melton Road, Gary, Indiana;

ETHEL MIHALKO, Assistant Manager, Holiday Inn, 3030 East 8th Avenue, Gary, Indiana;

JEAN KIRCHMAYER, Bookkeeper, Diplomat Motel, 4905 Melton Road, Gary, Indiana;

MARGARET LEWIS, Owner, Sleepy Hollow Motel, 5296 Melton Road, Portage, Indiana;

HOWARD KEMBERGALL, Owner, Park Side Motel, 5192 Melton Road, Portage, Indiana;

RICHARD TRETHEWEY, Owner, Ron's Motel, 5500 Melton Road, Portage, Indiana;

MARTY MARFLAK, Owner, Gary Motel, 5400 Melton Road, Portage, Indiana.

On November 14, 1966, KATHERINE TROUP, Manager, U. S. 20 Motel, 11200 Melton Road, Portage, Indiana, advised her place of business had no record as above.

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Guest registration cards and the guest ledger pertaining to guests at the Granada Hotel, 2230 Fourth Avenue, North, Birmingham, were reviewed for the period August 22, 1967, through August 28, 1967, in an effort to determine whether any record might be located of the registration of JAMES EARL RAY under his alias, John L. Rayns.

Such a registration card, #9022, was located reflecting the registration of one JOHN L. RAYNS or RAYMS, residence 1825 Lafayette Street, St. Louis, Missouri, who registered at 9:05 a.m. (Saturday), August 26, 1967. The card reflected that RAYNS had luggage and was assigned to Room 210, at a rate of $4.50, with one being indicated in his party. No telephone charges were made to his room and the initials of the desk clerk on duty reflected he was assigned a room by A. M. KOONCE.

The above-mentioned registration card was made available and has been forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for appropriate handwriting comparisons. A review of the registration records during the above-mentioned period, August 22 -28, 1967, reflected the following guests had been registered at the Granada Hotel during that period:

August 22, 1967

H. J. LOVE
address illegible (drunk)

JEWEL LATHAM
address illegible

JOHN L. HERRIN, JR.
Birmingham, Alabama

ROY TURNER
no address

ROY TURNER,
no address

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On 11/20-21/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740
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M. N. HENLEY,
city illegible, Alabama (day rate)

O. BROWN,
city illegible, Alabama (day rate)

J. E. KNOX,
1140 Wells Avenue,
Gadsden, Alabama

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W. W. NALLY,
Smyrna, Georgia

H. T. JOHNSON,
Birmingham, Alabama

August 23, 1967

R. V. TOMPKINS,
Curry Court,
Talladega, Alabama

W. E. BRYANT,
403 Fourth Avenue,
Jasper, Alabama

MARVIN AUCY,
Route 1,
Huntsville, Alabama

F. O. OLIVER,
Birmingham, Alabama

Mr. and Mrs. GENE PHILLIPS
Birmingham (do not readmit - she tried to knife bellboy)

JERRY LANGSTON,
Birmingham, Alabama

W. R. SMITH,
Atlanta, Georgia

ANTHONY DAUGHERTY and
BERNARD PETTIT,
34 Court Drive,
Wilmington, Delavare

JESSE WHITE,
Springville, Alabama

T. E. (illegible)
Birmingham, Alabama

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CECIL MORGAN,
Route 1, Box 91,
no city, Alabama

B. R. BROWN,
2893 Dunn,
Memphis, Tennessee

Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE STRANGE,
Jasper, Alabama

J. E. JACKSON,
Chicago, Illinois

H. P. GOINS,
1754 Pennington Place,
Atlanta, Georgia

CHARLES SMITH,
Atlanta, Georgia

ARLEN WORKMAN,
908 Broad,
Durham, North Carolina (Navy)

THOMAS C. PRANER,
Trussville, Alabama

ROBERT BISHOP,
Sylacauga, Alabama

R. E. GLANTON,
Tarrant, Alabama

J. B. CARTER,
Cullman, Alabama (day rate)

W. CROOK,
Bessemer, Alabama

ROY HIGGINBOTHAM,
Birmingham (day rate)

WILMA PARKER,
2211 Forrest,
Gadsden, Alabama

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C. T. PATTON,
Cullman, Alabama (day rate)

M. F. KING,
Maylene, Alabama

August 24, 1967

F. O. OLIVER,
Birmingham, Alabama

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. BUSBY,
5209 Center Street,
Houston, Texas

TOM WILLIAMS,
Sou. Cafeterias,
Birmingham, Alabama

WALLACE JORDAN,
515 Eleventh Street,
Sylacauga, Alabama

ARLEN ARRINGTON,
Holly Pond, Alabama

C. L. WOOD,
515 Pine Street,
Leeds, Alabama

G. L. BOSWELL,
Valpariso, Florida

J. W. BANFORD,
Bessemer, Alabama

GEORGE CAUSEY,
Pell City, Alabama

ERNEST G. WALLACE,
Pea Ridge, Alabama

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W. W. NALLY,
Smyrna, Georgia

MARVIN HERRING,
no address

JOHN SCOTT,
Birmingham, Alabama

JAMES BLACK,
1123 Peachtree Street,
Atlanta, Georgia

J. B. MC GRAW,
Ensley, Alabama

V. L. GAY PARKER,
2211 Forrest Avenue,
Gadsden, Alabama

MARTIN PHILLIPS,
Birmingham, Alabama

JACK WILLIAMSON,
2617 Pansy,
Huntsville, Alabama

JAMES FOSTER
no address

T. W. WINSTON,
Birmingham, Alabama

AL HURST,
Route 4,
Piedmont, Alabama

JIM POYNTER,
308 North Cherry,
Effingham, Illinois

H. T. JOHNSON,
Birmingham, Alabama

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August 25, 1967

L. P. FRACHISEN,
1216 Raley,
East Gadsden, Alabama

KENNETH WASSURN,
Birmingham, Alabama

HARRY B. CARTER,
843 St. Charles Avenue, Northeast,
Atlanta, Georgia

GEORGE BURK,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

EDWARD P. MOSS,
1721 McCahill Street,
Decatur, Alabama

PATRICIA A. MIROLA and
KATHLEEN A. DELANEY,
369 North Street,
Middletown, New York

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. JOHNSON,
2116 Fourteenth Street,
Chattanooga, Tennessee

RICHARD GLENN,
Birmingham, Alabama

BILL GREEN,
Route 3, Birmingham, Alabama

JACK MILLER,
2125 Lake Street,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

JAMES FOSTER,
Leeds, Alabama

FLOYD TURNER,
7905 Fifth Avenue,
Anniston, Alabama

RAY MATTOX,
Route 2,
Hanceville, Alabama

J. F. MURPHREE,
1237 Forty-eighth Street, North,
Birmingham, Alabama

Mrs. LARRY BLACK,
Birmingham, Alabama

LUKE HARBIN,
2373 Cherokee Road,
Birmingham, Alabama

TONY SMITH and
THOMAS JONES,
address illegible

WESLEY HISSAIN,
1824 South Utah Avenue,
Gadsden, Alabama

JAMES MARSHALL,
Johnson City, Tennessee

HUGH W. PARR,
912 Tenth Street, Southwest,
Birmingham, Alabama

ROY CHAPMAN,
Mobile, Alabama

BILL WILSON,
2132 Earglow Avenue,
Gadsden, Alabama

T. M. VICK,
Columbiana, Alabama

HELEN PURDY,
Birmingham, Alabama

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MARK PHILLIPS,
Oneonta, Alabama

DELL DYARS,
Route 1,
Talladega, Alabama

E. J. SMITH,
104 Second Avenue,
Huntsville, Alabama

JOHN HOWELL,
Crimson Towers,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

R.M. KERSEY,
1000 Marshall,
Mattoon, Illinois
(REA Express)

August 26, 1967

S. COX,
Birmingham, Alabama

J. C. JONES,
Birmingham, Alabama

WADE FOWLER,
Sylacauga, Alabama

JOE SMITH,
Mobile, Alabama

A. L. CLAYTON,
Gadsden, Alabama

LARRY DAVIS,
Route 2,
Centreville, Alabama

COLVIN VICTORY,
5361 First Avenue, North,
Birmingham, Alabama

PAUL J. LEAGUE,
819 Asylum Street,
Flint, Michigan

Mr. and Mrs. JAMES O'BRIAN,
1625 Twelfth Avenue,
Meridian, Mississippi

FRED HERR,
Birmingham (drunk)

PASCO BIGBIE,
Birmingham, Alabama

PAUL WESSE (or WESSON),
3924 Knollwood Lane,
Birmingham, Alabama

PAUL SOUTH (or SMITH)
Birmingham, Alabama

LEE SMITH
132 South Spruce Street,
Kansas City, Missouri

FRED GINGSS (?)
Birmingham, Alabama

C. A. HENDERSON,
Hanceville, Alabama

C. R. DAVIS,
1114 Jupiter Street,
Gadsden, Alabama

Mr. SELLERS (beaten up)
Route 1, Box 407,
Jemison, Alabama

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BILLY JACKSON,
481 South Brevard,
Cocoa, Florida

* JOHN L. RAYNS (receipt executed for card),
1825 Lafayette Street,
St. Louis, Missouri

August 27, 1967

B. L. FROST (trouble),
29 Lakewood,
Birmingham, Alabama

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. WELLS,
Birmingham, Alabama

F. O. OLIVER,
Birmingham, Alabama

E. Q. BLACK, JR.,
667 West 12th Street,
Jasper, Alabama

August 28, 1967

JIM POYNTER
308 North Cherry,
Effingham, Illinois

T. M. VICK,
Columbiana, Alabama

GERALD W. HAMILTON,
Birmingham, Alabama

H. L. GRIMES,
3890 Lee Street,
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

J. B. HAYES,
Cullman, Alabama

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ROSEMARY LINDSEY,
Birmingham, Alabama

J. E. WATKINS,
Birmingham, Alabama

CURTIS PARKER,
Birmingham, Alabama

R. B. FROST (trouble)
Birmingham, Alabama

DON CLARK,
Gary, Indiana

A. L. WHITE,
911 Westover Drive,
High Point, North Carolina

ROY BURGESS,
630 Kennan Road,
Huntsville, Alabama

JOE BRADY,
no address (day rate)

Mrs. P. STONE,
415 Naylor Street,
San Antonio, Texas

CORLEE PARISH,
no address (day rate)

W. J. BROTHER,
Birmingham, Alabama

PETE MARTIN,
Birmingham (day rate).

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/10/68

CHARLIE TRONCALE, Manager-Owner, GRANADA Hotel, 2230 Fourth Avenue, North, inspected the registration card of one JOHN L. RAYNS (or RAYMS), who was a guest at his hotel on August 26, 1967. He advised that he had no independent recollection of that guest and did not recall him. He advised that he had previously viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY without having made any identification but he pointed out that he is rarely in his establishment and all guests' registrations are handled by the desk clerk on duty.

On 11/20/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740
~~MK 44-1987~~

by SA HENRY A. SNOW:rte 34 Date dictated 12/10/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/10/68

ADRIAN M. KOONCE, regular night clerk at the Granada Hotel, 2230 Fourth Avenue, North, reviewed the registration card, #9022, which reflected the registration of guest, JOHN L. RAYNS or RAYMS at his hotel at 9:05 a.m. (Saturday), August 26, 1967. Mr. KOONCE identified his initials as being the desk clerk on duty at that time and stated that ordinarily throughout the work week, he is on duty at night but on Saturdays, he works the day shift. He stated he had no independent recollection whatsoever of the guest whom he had registered as RAYNS or RAYMS on August 26, 1967, but that his notation indicated the guest did not have luggage, and occupied Room 210 at a rate of $4.50 per day, with only the guest being indicated as in the party. No telephone charges were made to the room and the method of arrival of the guest was unknown. The time of departure was not indicated in the records of the Granada Hotel.

Mr. KOONCE related that he had previously viewed several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and had been unable to recall that individual as being a previous guest in his establishment and did not connect the photographs of RAY with the registration of guest RAYNS or RAYMS.

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SA HENRY A. SNOW:rte 35 12/10/68

by Date dictated

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 11-01-60

Mrs. [redacted], 1325 Lafayette Street, St. Louis, Missouri, advised [redacted] resided at that address, which is a two-story, single-family, brick dwelling, for the past 25 years and that no part of the premises had ever been rented to other individuals during that period. She was unable to identify the names utilized by and photographs of the men pertaining to any person who had ever known, to such person ever stayed at or occupied any portion of, her home at that address during the period of her residence. She was likewise unable to recall ever having been acquainted with any member of the [redacted] family.

On 11-01-60 at St. Louis, Missouri File # [redacted]

by SA [redacted]:mmb 36 Date dictated 11-01-60

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/20/68

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Mrs. BESSIE BARRETT, owner and operator of the Flamingo Motel, Highway 30 East, Selma, Alabama, telephonically furnished the following information:

She recalls locating a registration card for one ERIC S. GALT, which she believed was dated March 24, 1968. She stated that she recalls locating this card because she was contacted by an ARTHUR HANES, who is an attorney from Birmingham, Alabama. She advised that Mr. HANES came to the motel and asked her if she recalled an individual by the name of GALT staying at her motel. She stated that HANES had indicated to her that this individual, by the name of GALT, had been identified as the killer of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. She told HANES that she would never knowingly permit any individual such as this to stay at her motel and she could not recall any individual that looked like the photographs of this person, which appeared in the paper, as staying at the motel.

HANES requested that she review registration cards for the dates of March 1, 1968, through March 25, 1968, and after reviewing these cards she found a registration card for an ERIC S. GALT. HANES requested that she allow him to take this car with him. Mrs. BARRETT said she relinquished possession of the car to Mr. HANES and she believes it is in his possession at the present time.

Mrs. BARRETT stated that the bookkeeper for the motel is a Mrs. THELMA GARDNER, Services Unlimited, 1353 Madison Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama, and Mrs. GARDNER would have a "sheet record" of the motel occupants which would show the date, name of person, room he occupied, and charges; however, would not contain any information concerning make, model or license number of the individual's automobile or the address he listed as being his home.

She stated that the motel would have no records of

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by SA ROBERT L. FRYE : mrc 37 Date dictated 11/20/68

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any prepaid calls received by GALT or calls made by GALT unless he received a collect phone call at the motel or made calls from the motel room, which calls would be placed on his bill and he would be charged for same. She stated that any calls made by GALT from the motel room should be shown on the "sheet record" or on a billing card in possession of the bookkeeper.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 11/12/68

Mr. U. K. GARDNER of the Services Unlimited Company, 1353 Madison Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama, advised that his company was in possession of the records of the Flamingo Motel of Selma, Alabama. Mr. GARDNER advised that as a result of a review of these records on November 9, 1968 for the period of March 1 through 31, 1968 that one ERIC GALT registered at the Flamingo Motel of Selma, Alabama, on March 22, 1968. He was assigned Room Number 3 and was charged $8 for a one day stay at this motel. According to Mr. GARDNER, ERIC GALT had no charges against his account for any outgoing telephone calls or any incoming collect telephone calls. GARDNER advised that the account records for the Flamingo Motel for the period of March 1 through 31, 1968 contained no additional reference to ERIC GALT.

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by SA CARMELO GRAFFAGNINI /ljr 39 Date dictated 11/11/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/26/68

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Mrs. BESSIE BARRETT, owner and operator of the Flamingo Motel, advised as follows:

She and her husband maintain some handwritten notes relative to telephone billings of various individuals who stay at the motel and who might make a local or long distance call from his or her motel room. She reviewed these notes for March 22, 1968, when an individual named ERIC S. GALT occupied Room Number 3 at the motel for a one day period. She could find no record of this individual making any calls for which he was billed. She stated that she could not review the original registration card as it is still in the hands of ARTHUR HANES, an attorney in Birmingham, but a copy of this card appeared in a Look magazine article of recent date. She pointed out the copy in the magazine article and commented that on the edge of the card is marked only "Pd". She stated that if any additional charges were to be added to the room charges, the word "over" is usually placed on the edge of the card.

Mrs. BARRETT furnished the registration cards from the motel for the month of March, 1968. A review of all of these cards for March, 1968, failed to locate any name such as "RAOUL" or JOHN L. RAYNS.

The following list of occupants at the motel was obtained through a review of the Flamingo Motel records which list covers the period of March 19 through 25, 1968:

Date	Room Number	Name and Address	Period of Occupancy	Vehicle Description
March 19,1968	16	THOMAS K. KLINE 1201 Saint Clair Indianapolis, Indiana	one night	not listed

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Date	Room Number	Name and Address	Period of Occupancy	Vehicle Description
March 19,1968	14	CHARLES REESE Route 3, Box 248 Saraland, Alabama	3 nights	Mercury, 1968 Alabama License 2A-10464
"	7	RAY WATSON (Motor Convoy) Atlanta, Georgia	1 night	Not listed
"	13	JAMES D. GWIN Mobile, Alabama	1 night	Not listed
"	7	OTIS B. CASANOVA 505 North First Street Rolling Ford, Mississippi	1 night	Not listed
"	9	LEM GRIFFITH 5522 North Davis Highway Pensacola, Florida	1 night	Ford pickup 1968 Florida License 90/K3090
"	29	KEVIN R. BONNER Post Office Box 1157 Craig Air Force Base Selma, Alabama	1 night	1960 Dodge 1968 Alabama License 27-7190
"	27	Mr.&Mrs.HERBERT R. HORTON Box 1351 Jamestown, North Dakota	1 night	Mercedes Benz 1968 North Dakota License 276096
"	8	BILL SNOW 620 Royal Street City and state illegible	1 night	Not listed
"	15	GENE HUDSON (Montgomery Elevator Company) 262 Huntley Drive Montgomery, Alabama	1 night	Barracuda, 1968 Alabama License 3-54700
"	16	CALVIN COOPER Shelby, North Carolina	1 night	Not listed

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Date	Room Number	Name and Address	Period of Occupancy	Vehicle Description
March 20,1968	26	M. L. MURPHY (Western Electric) 2141 McKinley Montgomery, Alabama	3 nights	Rambler, Alabama tag not listed
"	2	GEORGE J. WILLIAMS 1654 Second Street Northwest Birmingham, Alabama	1 night	Ford truck, Alabama License 8P-26217
"	3	GLEN R. SCHAEFFER TERRY W. JOHNSTONE Post Office Box 86 Marion, Mississippi (U.S.Government)	1 night	International Government License C19392
"	13	A. F. BETTENTON 410 Clinton Vidalia, Louisiana	1 night	Not listed
"	27	GEORGE CONTON and family, 828 Greenwood Avenue Trenton, New Jersey	1 night	New Jersey License 15K887
"	8	R. F. McCLELLAN 203 Dalraida Montgomery, Alabama	1 night	Make of car not listed, 1968 Alabama License 3-6583
"	29	FLOYD B. ELSMIRE 1308 East Wendover Greensboro, North Carolina	1 night	Pontiac, North Carolina License AA8695
"	19	ELSIE VAN ENGEL MARY OAKLEY 1018 East Anderson Street Orlando, Florida	1 night	Buick, 1968 Florida license 7-45645

Date	Room Number	Name and Address	Period of Occupancy	Vehicle Description
March 20,1968	15	JACK WILSON 1308 Allamont Way Birmingham, Alabama	1 night	Pontiac 1968 Alabama License 1-42424
"	16	EDWARD STAFFIRE 411 Putnam Drive Tallahassee, Florida	1 night	Volkswagen, 1968 Florida License 1D-28189
"	1	HAROLD GREER Route Number 2 Kodak, Tennessee	1 night	Not listed
March 21,1968	29	LARRY D. BROWN Fort Gordon, Georgia	1 night	1967 Chevrolet Impala, state not listed, license number MDX745
"	15	Sp. & Mrs. WALTER C. STURGE 449 Main Street Phoenix, Arizona	1 night	Not listed
"	1	D. G. SMOUSE Box 11 Gantt, Alabama	1 night	Not listed
"	25	ROBERT C. MULLER Box 8,F43615 Souron Craig Air Force Base Selma, Alabama	1 night	Not listed
"	17	STEPHEN L. SMITH 1030 North Third Street Apartment 33 Phoenix, Arizona	1 night	1967 Mustang, 1968 Arizona License JCN537
"	9	B. W. DURHAM (Precision Point Corporation) 82 Shoreline Drive Gulf Breeze, Florida	1 night	Ford, 1968 Florida License 33W5521

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Date	Room Number	Name and Address	Period of Occupancy	Vehicle Description
March 21,1968	7	LAWRENCE T. BAILEY (Rushton Equipment Corporation) 3220 Ridgley Drive Birmingham, Alabama	1 night	Oldsmobile, 1968 Alabama License 1-21046
"	3	S. E. MILLER and wife 1420 33rd Street San Diego, California	1 night	1964 Oldsmobile, California License OKV-041
"	5	JOHN P. CRISP Knoxville, Tennessee	1 night	Pontiac, 1968 Tennessee License CH8746
March 22,1968	6	CHARLES BOYER 88 Marvin Road Ormond Beach, Florida	1 night	Lincoln, 1968 Florica License 8WW3038
"	28	BILL BIVENS and RON RABON Route 5, Box 397 Highpoint, South Carolina	1 night	GMC, state not listed, number 399
"	2	Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD MURRAY 4128 Summitt Ridge Dallas, Texas	1 night	Ford, 1968 Texas License KRB232
"	9	Mr. and Mrs. W. O. STUD address not listed	1 night	Make and model of vehicle or state not listed, number 2291
"	26	Lieutenant C. R. MUDRIE Craig Air Force Base Selma, Alabama	1 night	Make and model of vehicle not listed, New Jersey license NAX-620

Date	Room Number	Name and Address	Period of Occupancy	Vehicle Description
March 22,1968	8	WILLIS W. OVERSTREET (Security) Randolph Air Force Base San Antonio, Texas	1 night	Not listed
"	17	RALPH CLAYTON (Turner Motor Company) 2060 Zula Mafill, Alabama	1 night	1968 Plymouth 1968 Alabama License 2A-9696
"	12	WILLIAM EUGENE BATSON (General Battery and Ceramic Corporation) 1121 Wood Drive Greer, South Carolina	1 night	Not listed
March 23,1968	5	JAMES LESTER Deluth, Minnesota	1 night	Not listed
"	9	ARTHUR L. SHARPE (Transit Homes,Incorporated) Greenville, South Carolina	1 night	Chevrolet, North Carolina License 135F
"	10	JAMES BRANTON (General Battery and Ceramic Corporation) 313 Pine Street Greer, South Carolina	1 night	Volkswagen, South Carolina License A37673
"	7	CHARLIE REESE and wife Address not listed	1 night	Nct listed
"	15	GILBERT GORDON Montgomery, Alabama	1 night	1964 Ford, 1968 Alabama License 367442
"	14	ROBERT R. LAWRENCE 614 Campbell Avenue West Haven,Connecticut	1 night	White truck, state not listed, License Number G8484

Date	Room Number	Name and Address	Period of Occupancy	Vehicle Description
March 23,1968	20	VERNON TURNER Lugoff, South Carolina	1 night	1968 Chevy II, South Carolina License D1-59511
"	11	JIM A. BROWN 903 Pope Columbia (state not listed)	1 night	Ford, License Number B-130
"	6	RUDOLF DEVERLING 301 Mangels Avenue San Francisco, California	1 night	Chevrolet, California License CVL803
"	17	TALMADGE KEYNEEDS Louisville, Mississippi	1 night	Ford, Mississippi License 80B725
March 24,1968	14	RICHARD LAMAR FARRISH Box 134 Lanett, Alabama	1 night	Not listed
"	25	Mr. and Mrs. H.P. BARGANEIR Greenville, Alabama	1 night	Not listed
"	5	JANET KIRBY Apartment 840 Fairbanks Street Anchorage, Alaska	1 night	1964 Cadillac License DBZ355
"	20	G. LAWRENCE HANN 422 West Minnesota Deland, Florida	1 night	Vehicle not listed, Florida License 8-3399
"	8	Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE W. SMYTH Route 4 Saffard, Alabama	1 night	Pontiac, 1968 Alabama License 27-1620

Date	Room Number	Name and Address	Period of Occupancy	Vehicle Description
March 24,1968	25	L. H. SCHWAB 3247 Dorchester Drive Montgomery, Alabama	1 night	Chevrolet station wagon, Alabama License (number not listed)
"	23	C. W. HATHAWAY 428 Kimbrough Fort Worth, Texas	1 night	Chevrolet, Texas license (number not listed)
"	11	JOSEPH FLETCHER 1849 Green Pine Drive Cincinnati, Ohio	1 night	Chevrolet, (state not listed) license number 7536TT
"	21	RONALD WILSON 1229 Marlene Street El Cajon, California (Aero Mayflower Transit)	1 night	Ford truck (state not listed) license number 449-H
"	28	PHILIP MEARS 1536 Schley Augusta, Georgia	1 night	1967 Chevrolet (license not listed)
"	26	RAYMOND BUNCH address not listed	1 night	Vehicle not listed
March 25,1968	4	Mr. and Mrs. B. F. KILLIAN, and Mrs. D. C. VAUGHAN 407 Durant Avenue North Charleston, South Carolina	1 night	Ford, license not listed
"	7	R. C. VAUGHAN 2129 Georgia Avenue Birmingham, Alabama	1 night	Not listed
"	11	FRED WILLIAMS Route 7, Box 858 Birmingham, Alabama	1 night	Not listed

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Date	Room Number	Name and Address	Period of Occupancy	Vehicle Description
March 25,1968	17	J. B. WILLIAMS 11 South Central Avenue Lindale, Georgia	1 night	½ ton Chevrolet Georgia license, number not listed
"	9	Mrs. LUCILLE CONWAY 450 Earl Place Montgomery, Alabama	1 night	Vehicle not listed, license number 29-11164
"	5	ALEX M. FARKAS 304 South Eighth Street West Helena, Arkansas	1 night	Not listed
"	25	W. M. GRIFFIN Georgiana, Alabama	1 night	Truck, make and model not listed or license not listed
"	22	F. J. WAHRENBERGER 6345 Fourth Avenue Saint Petersburgh, Florida	1 night	Dodge, 1968 Florida License 4-64288
"	20	R. C. FISHER 1915 Glenwood Circle Vicksburgh, Mississippi	1 night	Not listed
"	4	Mrs. AMANDA SCHMIDT Freemont, Wisconsin	1 night	Not listed
"	8	RICHARD BITTON Route 1 Pulaski, Tennessee	1 night	Chevrolet, Tennessee License EJ9499
"	23	J. GREENHILL 2716 Lionheart Drive Winter Park, Florida	1 night	Mustang, no number listed.

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REVOLVER FOUND IN POSSESSION OF
JAMES EARL RAY WHEN ARRESTED
JUNE 8, 1968, IN LONDON, ENGLAND

When JAMES EARL RAY was apprehended by members of New Scotland Yard on June 8, 1968, in London, England, he had in his possession a .38 caliber "Liberty Chief" revolver manufactured by Hiroku Firearms Manufacturing Company, a Japanese concern. This revolver has serial number 715.

The National Police Agency of Japan was requested to determine to whom this revolver was shipped by the manufacturer, and the following letter was forthcoming from that agency:

On June 10, 1968, Mr. NILA STURGIS, owner, Liberty Arms Company and Solingen Cutlery Company, Post Office Box 306, Montrose, California, advised that Liberty revolver #715 had been sold to R. [illegible], New and Used Guns, 118 Edwards Drive, Mableton, Georgia, on October 3, 1966, under Invoice No. 13060.

On June 11, 1968, Mr. [illegible], 118 Edwards Street, Mableton, Georgia, advised SA JAMES RICHARD FLICK that the Liberty Chief revolver having serial number 715 had been sold by him on November 3, 1966, for $99.00 to WALTER E. SPAIN, 2904-42nd Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama.

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Japan

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NATIONAL CENTRAL BUREAU

Telegraphic Address:
"INTERPOLJAPAN TOKYO"

TOKYO, June 10, 1968.

Mr. Roderick V. Prechtl, Jr.
Legal Attache
American Embassy
Tokyo

Re: Information about a pistol "Liberty-Chief" No. 715

Dear Sir;

In reply to your telephone request made this morning concerning the captioned matter, we wish to inform you as follows:

1. Destination of this weapon's shipment:
This pistol in question was shipped from the manufacturing company given below on August 3, 1966, and was cleared by our Customs' inspection on August 19, 1966 and was loaded on the "HAVANA-MARU" at "SUMA-PORT" in Hyogo Prefecture for shipment to:
Name of a company : LIBERTY ARMS CORPORATION.
Address: P.O. BOX. 306, MONTROSE, CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.

2. Items for your reference:
The name of this weapon's manufacturing company is "KABUSHIKI KAISHA, MIROKU SEISAKUSHO" (translated in English : MIROKU MANUFACTURING COMPANY LTD.).
Address: 160, IMARI-CHO, KOCHI-CITY, KOCHI PREFECTURE, JAPAN.
Name of the President: IDO Chiyoki.

Trusting the above information is of some assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

for HEAD, NCB, JAPAN:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 20, 1968

WALTER E. SPAIN, 2904 - 42nd Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama, furnished the following:

Sometime in December, 1966, SPAIN went to Atlanta, Georgia, with his father, WALTER LEON SPAIN, so his father could attempt to obtain employment. While in Atlanta, WALTER E. SPAIN saw an advertisement in a newspaper for a .38 caliber Liberty snub-nose revolver, which was being sold by a gun dealer in a small town outside Atlanta, believed to be Mapleton, Georgia. SPAIN, accompanied by his father, went to this gun dealer and bought the gun and SPAIN returned it to his residence in Birmingham, Alabama.

In the Spring of 1967, SPAIN gave the gun to his father in partial payment of a debt he owed to his father. SPAIN was later told by his father that he had sold the gun after placing a want ad for it in a Birmingham newspaper. SPAIN was not present when his father sold the gun and therefore did not see the purchaser.

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by SA ROBERT M. BARRETT and SA WILLIAM A. SAUCIER / RMB:hss 52 Date dictated 6/14/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 20, 1968

WALTER LEON SPAIN, #3 Glen Iris Parkway, Birmingham, Alabama, furnished the following:

In the Spring of 1967, SPAIN's son, WALTER E. SPAIN, gave Mr. SPAIN a .38 caliber Liberty snub-nose revolver, which his son had purchased in late 1966 or early 1967 from a gun dealer near Atlanta, Georgia. His son owed Mr. SPAIN some money and the gun was a partial payment of this debt.

In the Fall of 1967, after having been hospitalized in August, 1967, at Huntsville, Alabama, for an illness and being in need of money to pay bills, Mr. SPAIN sold many personal items by means of placing want ads for these items in the "Birmingham News." Among the items sold was the .38 caliber Liberty snub-nose revolver. Mr. SPAIN recalled he placed an ad for this gun in a Sunday paper, and that same Sunday he received a call from a man who asked about the gun, the price, and the directions to get to SPAIN's residence. The caller said he was in the western section of Birmingham. About an hour after this call, and while SPAIN's wife and daughter were at church, a man came to the front door and said he had called about the gun. He looked at the gun, stated he had been looking for a gun of the same type, and when told again that the price was $65.00, he gave SPAIN two twenty dollar bills, two ten dollar bills, and a five dollar bill, after saying he would take it. SPAIN did not give the man a receipt for the money, nor did he record his name or see any identification of the man, and he did not obtain any information as to his name. The man left carrying the gun in his hand. SPAIN furnished neither ammunition nor any papers for the gun.

When the man first arrived, SPAIN observed he had parked his car, described by SPAIN only as a late model, white or light-colored, on the street in front of SPAIN's house, a distance of about 150 feet. SPAIN did not pay any further attention to the car. SPAIN did recall the buyer saying he lived in the western section of Birmingham, but he did not mention any specific address or employment.

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The buyer said he wanted the gun to keep around his house. Mr. SPAIN described the buyer as a white male, about forty to forty-five years of age, 5'8" or 5'9" tall, 170 to 175 pounds, dark hair slightly graying at the temples, with a local (Alabama) accent. The man was wearing a sport shirt and slacks, colors unrecalled, and he did not have glasses.

Mr. SPAIN was shown five different photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, and he chose one which had been taken in California during January or February, 1968, as "resembling the man" who bought the revolver; however, Mr. SPAIN would not make a definite identification of the photograph of RAY as the buyer.

Mr. SPAIN recalled he was contacted by FBI Agents on April 7, 1968, and shown an artist's conception of an individual the FBI was attempting to locate. At that time, he advised Agents the drawing reminded him of someone he may have seen previously, but was unable to furnish any other identifying information. After viewing the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and being questioned about the sale of the revolver, SPAIN said he was now able to connect the sale of the revolver with the drawing in that the person depicted in the drawing reminded SPAIN of the person to whom he had sold the revolver.

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All Sunday issues of "The Birmingham News" for the months of September and October, 1967, were reviewed at "The Birmingham News." From this review, it was determined that only one want ad for a .38 caliber revolver was placed by WALTER LEON SPAIN, that being in the October 1, 1968, issue.

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CANADIAN PASSPORT OBTAINED
BY JAMES EARL RAY

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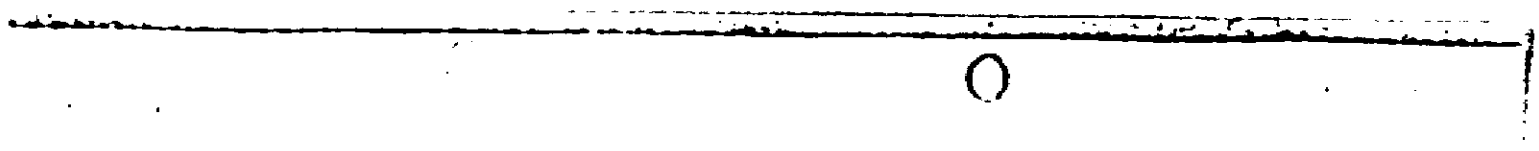

On April 8, 1968, JAMES EARL RAY, using the name PAUL BRIDGEMAN, obtained a room in a rooming house located at 102 Ossington Avenue, Toronto, Canada, operated by FELIKSA SZPAKOWSKA. He paid one week's rent in advance. It is noted that there is a "Room For Rent" sign in the window at the front of this house. Concerning possible reasons for his using the name PAUL BRIDGEMAN, it is noted that one PAUL BRIDGMAN is a former inmate of his in a prison in Kansas City, Missouri, who was paroled on January 16, 1968, and whose identity may or may not be known to RAY. While at this rooming house at 102 Ossington Avenue, RAY had no visitors, did not become friendly with any other tenants, was not known to be employed, but, according to the landlady, usually left the house early in the morning and returned late at night.

On April 10, 1968, RAY, using the name BRIDGEMAN, wrote a letter to the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Toronto, Canada, requesting a copy of the birth certificate of PAUL EDWARD BRIDGMAN, indicating that it should be sent to him at 102 Ossington Avenue. This letter reflected BRIDGMAN's date of birth as November 10, 1932, gave his father's name as EDWARD G. B. BRIDGMAN and his mother's maiden name as EVELYN GODDEN. It should be noted that this biographical information relative to BRIDGMAN is accurate insofar as it relates to an existent PAUL EDWARD BRIDGMAN, who resides at 80 Cassandra Street, Toronto, and who is employed as a consultant for the Board of Education.

In interviews with the real BRIDGMAN and his wife by members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), both recalled having received several telephone calls in early April 1968 wherein they believed the caller claimed to be a representative of the Canadian Immigration Department and inquired as to whether or not BRIDGMAN had applied for a passport. Both Mr. and Mrs. BRIDGMAN deny having furnished to the unknown caller any information concerning BRIDGMAN's background.

On April 11, 1968, RAY, using the name BRIDGMAN, visited the Arcade Photo Studio, Toronto, and obtained passport-size photographs.

On April 16, 1968, RAY, using the name RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, obtained a room at 962 Dundas Street West, Toronto, in a rooming house operated by Mrs. SUN FUNG LOO. He paid one week's rent in advance in the amount of $9.00 with the understanding he would take occupancy on April 19, 1968. It is noted that a "Room For Rent" sign appears in a front window of this house.

On April 16, 1968, RAY, as SNEYD, visited the Kennedy Travel Bureau, 424 Bloor Street West, Toronto, where he arranged with Miss LILLIAN SPENCER, Manager, for a round-trip ticket via British Overseas Airlines Company (BOAC) from Toronto to London, England. In connection with arranging for this reservation, it was necessary for RAY to furnish an affidavit for a Canadian passport. He furnished this affidavit in the name of RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, listing his date of birth as October 8, 1932, and giving his address as 962 Dundas Street, Toronto. RAY indicated on a passport application executed in the name of SNEYD that he had been in Toronto for only three weeks and had no local sponsor. He also indicated on this application that in the event of an emergency they should notify PAUL BRIDGMAN at 102 Ossington, Toronto. RAY furnished to Miss SPENCER three copies of the photograph which he had previously obtained from Arcade Photo Studio on April 11, 1968, at which place he used the name of PAUL BRIDGMAN. It is noted, however, that nowhere on the photograph does any name appear.

Miss SPENCER obtained through BOAC a reservation for RAY to travel from Toronto to London, departing Toronto May 6, 1968, via BOAC Flight 600, and a return flight reservation leaving London May 21, 1968, via BOAC flight 601. Anticipating that it would take approximately ten days to receive the passport, Miss SPENCER suggested that RAY return to pick up his ticket and passport in about ten days.

On April 16, 1968, using the name RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, RAY wrote a letter to the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Toronto, requesting a birth certificate for SNEYD. He listed SNEYD's date of birth as October 8, 1932, at Toronto, Canada, and gave his parents' names as GEORGE SNEYD and GLADYS MAE KILNER. He requested that the birth certificate be sent to him at 962 Dundas Street West, Toronto.

According to Mrs. KELIKSA SZPAKOWSKA, landlady at 102 Ossington, Toronto, a letter arrived there addressed to PAUL E. BRIDGMAN, bearing the return address of the Toronto Bureau of Vital Statistics. This letter arrived several days before RAY left that address, and although she pointed out to him on at least two occasions that the letter was for him, RAY never took possession of it, and after he departed from that address she returned it to the Bureau of Vital Statistics.

On April 17, 1968, Miss LILLIAN SPENCER of the Kennedy Travel Bureau addressed a letter to the Canadian Passport Department, Ottawa, forwarding the passport application in the name of RAMON GEORGE SNEYD and enclosing standard fee in the form of a $5.00 money order.

On April 19, 1968, RAY, using the name RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, moved into the rooming house at 962 Dundas Street West. According to the landlady, Mrs. LOO, he had no baggage and she did not see him again until April 26, 1968. She said he did not appear to make friends with anyone in the rooming house and she has no information regarding any employment or other activities on his part.

On April 20, 1968, RAY, as SNEYD, wrote to the Kennedy Travel Bureau, advising them that he had to go to Capreal for several weeks on business, and that he would pick up his passport upon his return.

Investigation by the RCMP at Capreol, a small town in northern Ontario, failed to indicate that RAY was known in this small town, nor was there any evidence to indicate that he had actually gone there.

With regard to the RAMON GEORGE SNEYD identity used by RAY beginning approximately April 16, 1968, it is noted that there is an existent RAMON GEORGE SNEYD who is a police officer in the Metropolitan Toronto Police Department and who has been so employed for over 12 years. He resides at 1731 Victoria Park Avenue, Toronto, and his biographical background is identical with that furnished by RAY to the Bureau of Vital Statistics at Toronto on

April 16, 1968, when RAY requested SNEYD's birth certificate. Interviews with the real RAMON GEORGE SNEYD by representatives of both the RCMP and the Metropolitan Toronto Police Department have failed to establish any information as to how RAY might have obtained background information on SNEYD. The real SNEYD has advised that he does not know RAY and as far as he could recall had never seen him.

Mrs. LOO, the landlady at 962 Dundas Street, West, advised that on April 26, 1968, RAY paid her another week's rent in advance and told her that since he had last seen her on April 19, 1968, he had gone back to Montreal. According to Mrs. LOO, she did not again have any contact with RAY until May 2, 1968, when he again paid her one week's rent in advance.

On May 2, 1968, RAY visited the Kennedy Travel Bureau in Toronto and picked up his new Canadian passport and his round-trip ticket via BOAC to London. RAY paid $345 in Canadian money for the round-trip ticket. When interviewed, Miss SPENCER was very emphatic that RAY paid for the ticket with Canadian money rather than with U. S. currency.

On May 6, 1968, RAY, using the name SNEYD, departed Toronto International Airport at 7:00 p.m. via BOAC Flight 600 for London, England. Mrs. LOO, the landlady at 962 Dundas Street West, has advised that it was not until May 10, 1968, that she realized that RAY had abandoned his room in her house. She claims not to have seen him subsequent to May 2, 1968, when he paid a week's rent in advance.

It is noted that while Mrs. LOO and Mrs. SZPAKOWSKA and Miss SPENCER, as well as the employees of the Arcade Photo Studio, all recognized the passport photograph, none could make a positive or even strong identification of any other available photographs of RAY. It is also pointed out that according to RCMP investigation in Toronto, persons who had contact with RAY during his stay in Toronto from

from April 8, 1968, to May 6, 1968, have advised that he wore glasses at all times and none recall having seen him without them.

Concerning possible means by which RAY could have obtained background information concerning both BRIDGMAN and SNEYD, it is noted that announcements of birth appear in Toronto newspapers listing, in addition to the date of birth, the names of both parents. Old issues of these newspapers are available through the public library. It is further noted that both SNEYD and BRIDGMAN were born within approximately one month of each other.

It is also noted that RAY applied to the Toronto Bureau of Vital Statistics for the SNEYD birth certificate on exactly the same date on which he arranged through the Kennedy Travel Bureau for his Canadian passport, even though it was not necessary for him to have a birth certificate in connection with his obtaining a passport.

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ACTIVITIES OF JAMES EARL RAY IN PONTIAC

The following investigation was conducted at Lisbon, Portugal, on June 8-12, 1968:

Sr. JOSE MANUEL DA CUNHA PASSO, Inspector of the Policia Internacional e de Defesa do Estado (PIDE - Portuguese International and State Security Police), Lisbon, on June 8, 1968, furnished the following documents:

1. Entry card executed by RAMON GEORGE SNEYA when he arrived at Lisbon Airport at 1:15 AM, May 8, 1968, via British European Airways Flight 074. The entry card showed that he was born on October 8, 1932, in Toronto, Canada; employed by an "auto agency"; a resident of 962 Dundas Street, Toronto; carrying Canadian Passport #DJ-909324, issued in Ottawa, Canada, on April 24, 1968.

2. Exit card executed by RAMON GEORGE SNEYD when he departed from Lisbon en route to London, England, on May 17, 1968, at 11:00 AM, on Portuguese Airlines Flight 450. This exit card indicated he was in possession of Canadian Passport #YT-602294, issued by the Canadian Embassy in Lisbon on May 16, 1968.

   The exit card indicated that SNEYD had been questioned by the passport inspector as to the fact that his Canadian passport issued in Lisbon on May 16, 1968, did not reflect his entry into Portugal. He then produced his original Canadian passport issued April 24, 1968, in Ottawa, which reflected his entry into Portugal on May 8, 1968. This was noted by the passport inspector on the exit card.

3. Registration card for RAMON GEORGE SNEYA at the Hotel Portugal, Lisbon, dated May 8, 1968.

Sr. PASSO advised that a careful check of entry and exit records between May 8 and 17, 1968, failed to disclose that the subject, under the name of SNEYD, had

departed or re-entered Portugal between those dates. Likewise, a careful check of records since May 17, 1968, failed to reflect that he returned to Portugal at any time following his departure.

ANTONIO ROCHA FAMA, Passport Inspector at Lisbon Airport, Lisbon, was interviewed on June 8, 1968, at the Lisbon Airport and advised that he recalled the incident when the subject departed Lisbon on May 17, 1968, since it was necessary for him to question the subject regarding his new passport and the fact that it did not reflect his entry into Portugal. He recalls that SNEYD then produced his original passport issued April 24, 1968, at Ottawa and explained that a new passport had been issued by the Canadian Embassy in Lisbon on May 16, 1968, since the original passport contained a misspelling of his name as SNEYA rather than SNEYD.

Mr. ROCHA FAMA stated that he was satisfied with the subject's explanation and noted that his original passport had been properly cancelled by the Canadian Embassy, but he had been advised to retain it since it reflected his entry into Portugal. Mr. ROCHA FAMA recognized a photograph of the subject from his original passport application at Ottawa.

Mr. AUBREY L. MORANTZ, Second Secretary and Consul of the Canadian Embassy, Lisbon, was contacted and interviewed. He furnished the application executed by SNEYD on May 16, 1968, for a replacement passport. He stated that SNEYD had come to the Embassy explaining that his original passport issued April 24, 1968, at Ottawa, Canada, had a misspelling in his name as SNEYA rather than SNEYD and that this had caused confusion. He requested advice as to how this could be rectified. Mr. MORANTZ decided to issue a replacement passport gratis in the name of SNEYD.

Mr. MORANTZ stated that the subject produced a copy of an original birth certificate showing his birth as October 8, 1932, at Toronto, Canada. The original passport application executed by SNEYD reflected his date and place of birth as October 8, 1932, at Toronto, Canada, and gave his residence as 962 Dundas Street, Toronto, Canada. It indicated that a replacement passport, #YT-602294, was being issued in Lisbon to replace the original passport, #DJ-909324, issued in Ottawa on April 24, 1968, since the original passport contained a typographical error which had caused some confusion in the past. There was attached to the passport application an affidavit executed by SNEYD to the effect that there was no guarantor in Lisbon who could vouch for his identity since he was here alone on vacation

as a tourist. He did not give any local residence.

Mr. MORANTZ advised that he did not engage in a lengthy conversation with the subject but interviewed him briefly and authorized the issuance of a new passport since he was convinced by the presentation of the birth certificate as to the subject's identity as a Canadian citizen. He stated that the passport application had been handled by Mrs. MANUELA TEIXEIRA LOPES, a Consular Assistant in his office.

Mrs. MANUELA TEIXEIRA LOPES, who was vacationing at a distant location in Portugal, was interviewed by telephone from Lisbon on June 8, 1968. She stated that when she assisted SNEYD in executing his passport application, he said he was staying in Lisbon only one or two days and debated whether to bother to change his passport because he "did not want to spend all of his time waiting around the Embassy." A new passport was issued the day after he first came in. It is noted that the passport photograph does not identify the photographer. Mrs. LOPES stated she may have referred RAY to Foto Lusitania to have the photographs taken, but she could not definitely recall whether or not she had done so.

Mrs. LOPES advised that subject displayed a Canadian birth certificate in the name of RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. He needed a great deal of help in filling out the application, leading Mrs. LOPES to believe he did not have a good education. She also advised that he had a rather unusual accent for a Canadian. She cancelled the passport issued at Ottawa by stamping it cancelled on each page and clipping one inch from each of the inside pages.

Sr. PASSO advised that Foto Lusitania, Parc Mayer, Lisbon, had been contacted on June 11, 1968. They recognized the photograph of subject and recalled that he had been referred there by the Canadian Embassy on May 16, 1968, for passport photographs. They took his photograph and he purchased several copies (six is the usual number). They considered this a normal routine transaction and nothing out of the ordinary was noted.

Mr. GENTIL LUIS SOARES, Hotel Portugal, 4 Rua Joao das Regras, Lisbon, advised on June 9, 1968, that the subject registered under the name of RAMON GEORGE SNEYA on May 8, 1968, and departed on May 17, 1968. This is a small, inexpensive hotel. The registration book maintained by the hotel reflects the dates of his arrival and departure and indicates his occupancy of the room during the entire period. The registration book reflects (probably taken from his passport) that his nationality is Canadian and he is 36 years of age.

Mr. SOARES advised that it was his impression that the subject resided there as a tourist. He was not particularly friendly with any other clients of the hotel. He slept late during the day and stayed out late at night. Mr. SOARES advised that it was his impression that the subject was spending his time in bars or nightclubs where he could pick up girls, since on at least two occasions he attempted to bring girls into his room and the hotel refused to permit him to do so, he departed departed with the girls and stayed out for the entire night. Mr. SOARES stated that he did not know the identity of the girls whom SNEYD brought to the hotel.

Mr. SOARES advised that at the time of his departure on May 17, 1968, he paid cash for the last three days, having previously been billed for his first week of occupancy. He recognized the subject's passport photograph taken at the time of the issuance of his original passport in Canada and stated that subject did not wear the glasses constantly during his stay at the hotel.

Sr. PASSO advised that on the night of June 9, 1968, Inspector ANTONIO TEIXEIRA DA SILVA of the PIDE visited numerous nightclubs and bars of the type which the subject may have frequented, in an effort to obtain further specific information as to his contacts, associates, and activities. Inspector SILVA visited the following bars and nightclubs:

Texas Bar
Arizona Bar
Niagara Bar
California Bar
Europa Bar
Atlantico Bar
Bolero Bar
Maxime's Nightclub
Gale Bar and Nightclub
Fontoria Nightclub
Tagida Nightclub
Nine Nightclub

Inspector SILVA interviewed approximately 50 individuals, including doormen, managers, bartenders, bar girls and prostitutes. He displayed the subject's photograph in all instances to determine if the subject was known and, if so, the extent of the contacts. Inspector SILVA advised that subject had visited the Texas Bar on two occasions alone and had purchased beer on each occasion. He had not remained for more than an hour. The same was true at the Niagara Bar. There were various individuals in the other bars contacted who vaguely thought they recognized his photograph but could furnish no specific information.

At the Bolero Bar, the propriator indicated that the subject had come there on two occasions at approximately midnight and had remained there until 2:00 or 3:00 a.m. drinking beer. He was alone and quiet and attracted no special attention.

At Maxime's Nightclub, GLORIA SAUSA RIBEIRO, a prostitute, advised that she had met the subject when he had visited there one night. She spent several hours with him in the nightclub and then went out and spent the night with him. She advised that she does not speak English and he did not speak Portuguese and, therefore, they spoke "only the international language of love." She declined to say where she had spent the night with him, but did advise that he insisted on presenting her with gifts rather than paying her in cash since this made the transaction less commercial. He, therefore, presented her with a dress and stockings in payment for her services. She has not seen nor heard from the subject again. She could not recall specifically the date when she met him and could furnish no further pertinent information. She reiterated that the conversation was very limited.

At the Galo Bar, MARIA JOSE GUTERRES recognized the subject's photograph and stated that he had visited this bar on two occasions and had bought her drinks on each occasion. She likewise speaks practically no English and, therefore, the conversation was very limited. On each occasion, he spent one or two hours drinking beer and departed alone. No further pertinent information was available from this source.

At the Fontoria Nightclub, the subject was vaguely known by various employees. One Spanish girl, not further identified, stated that the subject had purchased her beer during a visit when he stayed there for one or two hours. No further specific information was available from this source.

It was noted that at the time of the subject's arrest in London, England, he had in his possession a timetable of South African Airways on which Salisbury, Rhodesia, was checked.

Sr. PASSO advised on June 11, 1968, that the South African Airways office in Lisbon had been contacted. One employee, not further identified, vaguely recognized the photograph of the subject as a person who may have made inquiry, but he was not certain as to this. He stated that numerous persons enter the South African Airways office and that no particular note is made of the transaction unless something unusual occurs. He may have inquired for a time-table, but the employee does not specifically recall this. There is no record of any travel having been purchased by SNEYD at this office.

Sr. PASSO also advised that inquiry had been conducted at the Rhodesian Mission in Lisbon. Employees there failed to recognize the subject's photograph and there was no record of any inquiry having been made by him.

Since the British press indicated that an inquiry had been received at the Biafra office in Lisbon from an individual who requested information as to going to Biafra as a white mercenary, Sr. PASSO was requested to make inquiry at the Biafra office.

Sr. PASSO advised that the Biafra office, which is located at 16 Avenida Torre da Belem, Lisbon, does not ordinarily receive inquiries from prospective white mercenaries. He stated that the purpose of this establishment is probably to purchase arms throughout Europe and to handle their transit through Lisbon en route to Biafra. He stated that inquiry there had failed to reflect that the subject had made any inquiries there.

It was also noted that the British press had indicated that the subject had made some inquiries in London of a British reporter regarding the possibility of going to Angola, a Portuguese possession in Africa, as a white mercenary.

Inquiry was made of Sr. PASSO regarding this possibility. He advised that there are no white mercenaries fighting in Angola. He also advised that no foreigner is allowed to enter Angola without the specific permission of the Portuguese authorities.

Since information was received indicating that the subject had converted South African money into British money in London, inquiry was conducted in Lisbon to determine if he had purchased South African currency at the Lisbon Airport.

Mr. CARLOS GAMEIRO, Manager, Banco Lisbos Acores, Lisbon Airport, failed to recognize a photograph of the subject. He also displayed the photograph to several employees of the bank, who likewise failed to recognize the photograph. They explained that they handle numerous exchange transactions and they do not necessarily note an individual's appearance.

In all of the above inquiries particular attention was given to attempting to determine if the subject was alone or was accompanied by other individuals. It was ascertained that he was alone in all instances, except those described above.

At the time of subject's arrest in London, England, on June 8, 1968, he was found to be in possession of a South African Airways flight schedule showing flights from Lisbon, Portugal, to Luanda, Angola, Salisbury, Rhodesia, and Johannesburg, South Africa. A notation, which appeared to be Lisbon telephone number 535041, was found on the cover.

Sr. JOSE MANUEL DA CUNHA PASSO, Inspector of the Policia Internacional e de Defesa do Estado (PIDE - Portuguese International and State Security Police), Lisbon, was requested to conduct inquiry to identify the subscriber to that telephone number and conduct interview to determine connection with RAY.

Sr. PASSO advised on June 17, 1968, that the above telephone number is assigned to the South African Embassy, Lisbon. Inquiry there revealed that subject is unknown to personnel in that Embassy, his photograph was not recognized, and there was no record of any inquiry by him.

Sr. PASSO advised that all banks in Lisbon area have been circularized with the true name and aliases of the subject to determine if he had opened an account, rented a safe-deposit box, or handled any transfer of funds or other transaction there. No positive information has been received by PIDE as yet. Sr. PASSO advised that no response from the banks will indicate that no record was found.

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Original inquiry conducted by the Policia Internacional e de Defesa do Estado (Portuguese International and State Security Police - PIDE), Lisbon, determined that the telephone number is assigned to the South African Embassy, Lisbon. Original inquiry there revealed that the subject was unknown to personnel in that Embassy, his photograph was not recognized, and there was no record of any inquiry by him.

On June 22, 1968, Sr. JOSE MANUEL DA CUNHA PASSO of PIDE advised that additional inquiry at the South African Embassy in Lisbon succeeded in locating an employee who had received a telephone call from the subject using the name RAMON GEORGE SNEYD on an undetermined date during his visit in Lisbon. He advised that he had a brother in Africa, whose whereabouts he did not know, and that he desired to go to South Africa and commence attempting to locate his brother. He inquired as to what steps were necessary for him to enter South Africa. The Embassy clerk advised him that if he is an American it would be necessary for him to obtain a visa. The subject advised that he was not an American but a Canadian. The clerk advised him that, in that case, a visa would not be necessary but it would be necessary for him to show proof of financial responsibility and advise as to the reason for his trip to South Africa and his exact destination there.

No further inquiry was received from the subject by the South African Embassy.

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On June 27, 1968, Mr. AUBREY L. MORANTZ, Second Secretary and Consul, Canadian Embassy, Lisbon, Portugal, advised that an examination of the visitors book there disclosed that the subject had signed the visitors book on May 13, 1968, as RAMON SNEYD. In addition to his signature, he listed the Hotel Portugal as his local address, Ottawa as his home address, and stated that he planned to stay in Lisbon seven days. The receptionist at the Canadian Embassy and other Embassy employees were unable to furnish any details regarding subject's visit to the Embassy on May 13, 1968.

It is noted that Sr. JOSE MANUEL DA CUNAH PASSO of the Policia Internacional e de Defesa do Estado (Portuguese International and State Security Police - PIDE), Lisbon, had previously advised on June 22, 1968, that inquiry at the South African Embassy in Lisbon had succeeded in locating an employee who had received a telephone call from the subject using the name RAMON GEORGE SNEYD on an undetermined date during his visit in Lisbon.

However, a report received from Sr. PASSO on June 28, 1968, stated that the subject visited the South African Embassy and that an employee of the Embassy recognized his photograph. The report states that RAY did not furnish any name and spoke English with an American accent. He asked what the entrance requirements were if he wished to go to South Africa. He was informed that if he was an American citizen he would be required to obtain a visa and he answered that he was not American but was a Canadian national. He was advised of the requirements needed and stated that he wanted to go to South Africa to make inquiries and to endeavor to trace his brother who had left home a few years ago and had not been heard of again. He said that he did not know where in Africa his brother was but had last heard that he was in the Congo. The subject also asked whether there was any organization in South Africa which had connections with mercenaries in Africa and which might be able to assist him in tracing his brother. He was informed that the recruiting office for mercenaries which at one time existed in Johannesburg, South Africa, had been closed and the Embassy had no knowledge of any organization in South Africa that might be able to help him. The subject left the Embassy without further questions and gave no indication as to his future plans.

It is also noted that Sr. PASSO had previously advised that inquiry at the Rhodesian Diplomatic Mission in Lisbon for information regarding any contact by RAY there had resulted negatively. However, he advised in his report received on June 28, 1968, that further inquiry at the Rhodesian Diplomatic Mission revealed that RAY visited there between May 8 and 11, 1968, the exact date not determined. He produced a valid Canadian passport in the name of SNEYD and inquired if he could be assisted in contacting his brother who he claimed was serving as a mercenary in Angola, a Portuguese possession in Southern Africa. He specifically requested an address in Salisbury, Rhodesia, to which he could forward correspondence to his brother. He was obviously seeking the address of an organization in Salisbury which may recruit mercenaries. The answer to his inquiry was negative and he posed a number of questions regarding immigration to Rhodesia.

Sr. PASSO advised in his report that all banks in Lisbon have been canvassed for any information regarding an account, safe-deposit box or any banking transaction of JAMES EARL RAY under this name and his aliases with negative results.

The PIDE conducted inquiry at the Banco Totta Alianca of Lisbon regarding an inquiry received by a Chicago bank regarding one ARTHUR T. GALT. An official of the Banco Totta Alianca informed PIDE that the request made to the La Salle National Bank of Chicago, Illinois, was based upon a request received by the Banco Totta Alianca from a Portuguese firm known as "ALAR - Empresa Iberica de Material Aeronautico." This firm informed the bank that ARTHUR T. GALT is a man about 50 years of age and a partner in two companies known as the "Executive Airlines" and "Rapid Airlines" and reportedly has a large deposit at the "Illinois National Bank" in Chicago.

On June 25, 1968, ANTHONY G. BARBIERI, Regional Security Officer, American Embassy, Madrid, Spain, advised that during the morning of June 19, 1968, an unknown individual had called the Embassy, speaking Spanish, and desired to talk to someone in the Embassy regarding the JAMES RAY case. Since no one was immediately available to talk to him, he requested that he be called at 6:30 PM at telephone number 222-1604, a bar in downtown Madrid. He identified himself only as RAMON.

One RAMON was subsequently telephonically contacted at 6:30 PM by the Security Office. At first he declined to come to the Embassy, indicating he desired a meeting in some public gathering place. He subsequently agreed to come to the Embassy at 11:00 AM on June 20, 1968. RAMON, however, failed to keep the appointment.

The above-mentioned telephone number was identified by the Direccion General de Seguridad (Directorate General of Security - DGS), Spanish National Police, Madrid, on June 25, 1968, as being listed to MANUEL GARCIA FERNANDEZ under the name A. Agumr-Dientes (Liquor outlet), Calle Minas 15, Madrid.

On June 26, 1968, Inspector RAFAEL TRIGUEROS of the DGS interviewed MANUEL GARCIA FERNANDEZ, proprietor of the Casa Garcia Bar at Calle Minas 15, Madrid. GARDIA FERNANDEZ was unable to identify anyone by the name of RAMON as a client of the bar. MIGUEL SANCHEZ GALAN, bartender, was interviewed and he advised that the only RAMON using the bar was an individual who had been coming to this bar approximately two to three months ago. He was unable to further identify this individual, indicating, however, that he had been coming to the bar recently at approximately 8:00 PM. SANCHEZ GALAN stated he had no recollection of this individual having used the telephone in the bar.

At approximately 8:30 PM on June 28, 1968, the individual described by the bartender as RAMON was interviewed. He identified himself as RAMON MARTINEZ ALONZO, Spanish Identity Card #50098. This individual denied ever calling the American Embassy or any other embassy in his life.

Subsequent inquiries in the vicinity of the Casa Garcia Bar to identify the individual who had called the American Embassy proved negative.

Sr. PASSO advised that inquiry at the Portuguese Airlines (TAP), Lisbon, revealed that the subject had purchased an Airline ticket on May 16, 1968, for which he paid cash. He traveled under the name of Mr. SMEYD from

Lisbon to London on May 17, 1968, on TAP Flight 450, leaving Lisbon at 11:00 A.M. Inquiry by PIDE of various TAP employees revealed that subject was alone at the time he purchased the ticket. There was no recollection by any employee of TAP who was present on the flight on May 17, 1968, from Lisbon to London of any unusual incident and none was able to recognize the subject's photograph.

EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
LABORATORY, WASHINGTON, D. C.

The FBI Laboratory, Washington, D. C., has been requested to compare JAMES EARL RAY's handwriting with the handwriting on other documents obtained during this investigation. The results of these examinations are set forth below. It should be noted that the rooming house ledger described in these laboratory reports was obtained from a rooming house at 2731 Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois, and that the hotel registration card number 8075 was obtained from the Lincoln Apartment Hotel, 1648 West Lunt, Chicago, Illinois.

REPORT
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FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Re: MURKIN
CR

Date: September 4, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680826086 JK
D-680826101 JK

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

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

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

Q406 Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate dated May 10, 1967, bearing Social Security Number 318-24-7098 and signed "John L. Rayns"

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

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

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

Result of examination:

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

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

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

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

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Qc409 Photocopy of registration card of Town'n Country Ltd. Motel & Restaurant bearing the name and address "Eric Galt, 507 Chestnut St., Chicago, Ill."

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writings appearing on Qc409 were prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G.

Specimen Qc409 has been retained in the files of the Bureau.

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Date: November 29, 1968
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Lab. No. D-681126110 JK

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Q411 Registration card bearing the name and address "John L. Rayms 1825 Lafayette St. St. Louis Mo."

Result of examination:

Employing K171, K211, and K257 as known standards, it was concluded that the questioned writings on the Q411 registration card were prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G.

Q411 will be returned separately. Photographs were made.

MISCELLANEOUS INVESTIGATIONS

FD-302 (Rev. 1-25-60)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 8/27/68

PERNELL EZZELL was interviewed at the Shreveport, Louisiana, Resident Agency. At the outset of the interview EZZELL was advised of his rights but declined to sign a waiver of same. EZZELL declined to furnish a signed statement but voluntarily furnished the following information:

EZZELL denied that he had received or was ever in possession of a great amount of money as a result of his participation in the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING and the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He further denied stating to anyone he was on the payroll of the OSI and CIA.

EZZELL said he definately did not participate in any manner, nor did he have any knowledge of or information concerning the murders of MARTIN LUTHER KING and Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

EZZELL admitted that he was glad KING was dead as he felt KING was a troblemaker, but emphasized that he did not have anything to do with killing him.

EZZELL said he could not remember making any statements to anyone regarding any of the above. He admitted that he may have made them when he was in a drunken condition, but could not recall making any such statements. He said he often has black-out periods which occur when he is drinking and he has been known to appear sober even when he is in a drunken state.

EZZELL said FRANK WETZEL is the Shop Foreman for his former employer at Perdue Radio and Television Company, Orlando, Florida. He and Wetzel have been out drinking together on a few occasions, usually after closing shop or on a payday night. WETZEL has been trying to get him into trouble with his wife. EZZELL said WETZEL thinks he is a ladies man and has in the past tried to take his wife out. His wife has told him that WETZEL has called her several times and in addition to trying to make a date would tell her of his [illegible]round with other women. EZZELL believed WETZEL tells his (EZZELL's) wife what he tells WETZEL in confidence. He was sure WETZEL told her about

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by SA RONALD W. BEINNER /bab 82 Date dictated 8/24/68

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his being responsible for another girl's pregnancy at the time he married his wife.

EZZELL stated he has never confronted WETZEL with any of the above, but WETZEL has told him that he called him one night when he was drunk and cursed him out. EZZELL said he could not remember this call.

EZZELL advised that he has a serious drinking problem, but he did not consider himself an alcoholic. He said he was treated in the Veterans Administration Hospital, Fayetteville, North Carolina, for drunkeness shortly after his release from the Air Force in 1953. He further advised he had been a patient at Cherry Hospital, Goldsboro, North Carolina, for about 2 months during the past year. While at this hospital he underwent a number of psychiatric tests. He did not know the results of the tests.

EZZELL stated that he has had this serious drinking problem since his marriage in November 1967. He indicated he was forced to marry his wife as a result of her pregnancy prior to their wedding. He said, since his marriage he has been under constant pressure from his wife and in addition has serious financial problems.

EZZELL advised that because of his heavy drinking and the resulting "black-outs" he is not able to fix exactly his whereabouts on specific dates during the past year. However, he remembered the night of MARTIN LUTHER KING's death and said he was drunk at the time. He was registered at the Motel South, Orlando, Florida. With him at the time was a girl friend, whom he identified as VIOLET ALLRED, a nurse, who operates the Clear Lake Manor Nursing Home, Orlando, Florida. He said she is about 38 years of age. He recalled hearing of KING's death on the T.V. on the night it happened.

EZZELL said he did not remember where he was the night Senator KENNEDY was shot.

EZZELL could not account for his whereabouts on the night of June 5, 1968 and said he could not recall where he was at all during the month of June as he again was on a drunk.

EZZELL remembers flying from Orlando, Florida,

to Los Angeles twice in recent months. The last was about August 4, 1968 when he flew via Delta Airlines. He stayed in Los Angeles four days and left driving a rented car after an unsuccessful effort in finding a job. On his way to Shreveport he stopped briefly at Phoenix, Albuquerque, and Hope, Arkansas. He claimed he pawned his 357 magnum revolver with a police officer in Hope, Arkansas, for $45 on August 23, 1968. The gun was purchased for his second job as a security guard with Associated Security Company, Orlando, Florida. He claims he has never used the gun in commission of a crime.

EZZELL believed the previous trip to Los Angeles was made in June 1968 when he flew via Delta Airlines from Orlando, Florida. He was looking for a job on the occasion also. He stayed only two days and remembers returning from California via an unrecalled airline and that he stopped at Las Vegas, Denver, New Orleans and Miami. He does not remember if he stayed in any of these cities for any length of time. After reaching Miami he rented a car and drove to Orlando.

EZZELL claims he had no employment other than his jobs in Orlando and that he financed his trips with the money earned from working these two jobs, along with using his credit cards.

EZZELL recalled after driving from Miami he did not go home, but to a motel with Miss ALLRED. The following day he drove back to Miami and then returned to Orlando by bus. He thinks he rented the car at Miami from either Hertz or Avis-Rent-A-Car.

EZZELL stated he has not worked any where since August 4, 1968, and that he presently had in his possession $36.00 which was left over from the sale of his gun.

EZZELL claimed he pawned a .38 Colt "Cobra" in Los Angeles on the last trip at an unrecalled pawn shop and that he presently has no weapon.

EZZELL could not recall any other details concerning his first trip to Los Angeles, he said he was drinking heavy on these trips and could not remember anything much about them. He could not remember the names of motels where he stayed. He claimed he has no friends in Los Angeles and

that he made none while there on these trips.

EZZELL stated he is not now and never has been a member of any "hate" type organization such as the Ku Klux Klan.

EZZELL stated he would be leaving Shreveport, Louisiana, this evening by bus and could be reached through his mother Mrs. ACRIE EZZELL, Route 4, Clinton, North Carolina.

The following description was obtained from interview and observation:

Name	PERNELL EZZELL alias "Easy"
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	April 26, 1932
Place of Birth	Fayetteville, North Carolina
Height	6'1"
Weight	175
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Scars and Marks	None
Marital Status	Married to FAYE MARIE EZZELL 636 22nd Street, Orlando, Florida
Children	CLINTON EARL - 11 months
Parents	Father - deceased Mother - ACRIE EZZELL Route 4, Clinton, North Carolina
Brothers	THOMAS OZELLE EZELLE, age 33, Simco, Ontario, Canada WENDELL EZZELLE, age 25, High Point, North Carolina
Sister	DIANE McMILLIAN, age 19, Fayetteville, North Carolina employed Ft. Bragg, North Carolina
Residence	636 22nd Street, Orlando, Florida
Military Service	US Air Force 1951-1953, Honorable discharge Serial # AF14408130

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	numerous drunk arrests - no felony arrests
	244-38-4049
	T.V. repairman and security guard
Previous employment	Perdue Radio and T.V. - Orlando, Florida; Associates Security, Orlando, Florida; Electronic Service, Inc., Patco Division., Newport News, Virginia; American District Telegraph - Winston Salem, North Carolina American District Telegraph - Indianapolis, Indiana
Previous Residences	Raleigh, North Carolina, Fayetteville, North Carolina, Ashville, North Carolina, Newport News, Virginia, Indianapolis, Indiana, Orlando, Florida
Friends	CHRISTINE TENDELL, Clinton, North Carolina VIOLET ALLRED, Orlando, Florida

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/15/68

ROBERT LEE SAUNDERS, Private, United States Army, Serial No. US 67 184 827, advised he was in military custody while being transported to Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, following his apprehension at Cleveland, Mississippi, for being absent without leave. SAUNDERS provided the following information to Special Agent LARRY K. SYLVESTER, who identified himself as a Special Agent with the FBI. Also present during this interview of SAUNDERS was Lt. Col. DALE HAMILTON, Provost Marshal, Ft. McClellan, Alabama.

SAUNDERS advised that he went AWOL from Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, around March 29, 1968. He then traveled to Cleveland, Ohio, where he stayed for a period of approximately two days and then obtained a ride from Cleveland, Ohio, to Memphis, Tennessee, with an individual SAUNDERS knew only as "Snoop" who drove a pink Cadillac and was from Memphis, Tennessee. SAUNDERS stated that he was broke when he arrived in Memphis, Tennessee, and located a place to sleep in a condemned building at 1408 Beal Street in Memphis. SAUNDERS slept there one night and was walking down an alley to return to this building at approximately 3:30 A.M., the second night when he observed four Negro males standing near the alley just ahead of him. SAUNDERS stated that he stopped and stood in the shadows as he was afraid these individuals would try to harm him. As SAUNDERS stood there he overheard these individuals arguing. One individual said "Let me get him." The other individuals were arguing they should be the one to "get him." One of the individuals who SAUNDERS described as a large Negro male, approximately 6'6" to 6'7" tall; approximately 30 years of age, and wearing a thin beard which encompassed his entire face, stated something to the effect that he should be the one to "get KING." Also, this individual stated that he would get the gun.

SAUNDERS described the others with the big man as follows:

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No. Two Man was described as a Negro male, young, approximately 20 years old, 5'4", wearing khaki pants.

No. Three Man was described as a Negro male, 5'11", medium-heavy build, balding hair and worn natural with two parts. This individual also wore metal rim glasses with very small lens.

No. Four Man was described as a Negro male, approximately 5'10", approximately 25 years of age, and wore a black tam with blue decorations.

SAUNDERS stated that upon hearing these individuals talk, he became afraid and ran in the opposite direction so that he would not have to pass in front of them. SAUNDERS stated that he then went to the Greyhound Bus Station where he sat the rest of the night.

At approximately 10:30 A.M., the following day, SAUNDERS stated he returned to Beal Street where he went to a bar called the Bucket of Blood and purchased approximately two beers. SAUNDERS stated that he observed these four individuals in the tavern at that time. He then got up and left this tavern after having been inside approximately 15 minutes and upon coming out observed two of the four individuals he had seen the previous night standing on the curb on Beal Street near the tavern. SAUNDERS stated as he began to walk down Beal Street, he observed a 1954 blue Ford convertible with white top drive up and the individuals who were standing on the curb then got inside. SAUNDERS stated that he observed this vehicle was driven by the large Negro male with the beard who he had seen the previous night. SAUNDERS stated that he also observed that a rifle sight approximately 8" in length was laying in the rear deck of the automobile. SAUNDERS stated that he did not see any gun and that it was obvious the sight was not attached to a gun.

SAUNDERS stated that he returned to the bus station where he later learned of the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He stated that up until this time he was unaware that KING was in Memphis and had not

associated any of the statements he had overheard with MARTIN LUTHER KING.

SAUNDERS advised he felt he could identify the large Negro male who wore the beard but would be unable to identify any of the other individuals. He reiterated that his entire basis for believing that these individuals may have been responsible for the murder of KING was the single mention of the word "KING" by one of the individuals in the alley the previous night.

The following descriptive data was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	ROBERT LEE SAUNDERS
Alias	Robert Lee Richardson (SAUNDERS stated that this is the name that appears on his birth certificate; however, he has never used this name)
Sex	Male
Race	Negro
DOB	December 17, 1947
POB	Cleveland, Mississippi
Height	5'11"
Weight	162 lbs.
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Wife	ANNIE BELLE SAUNDERS % VEESSIE NELSON Cleveland, Mississippi
Mother	SALLIE MAE SAUNDERS Route 1, Box 54 Cleveland, Mississippi
Occupation	Private, United States Army currently stationed at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky
Arrest record	Claims once for auto theft in Chicago, Illinois, approximatel 1963, and was released after being held 8 or 9 hours. SAUNDERS also claims to have been arrested twice for being AWOL.

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