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He first saw GALT on Saturday, January 20, 1968, and last recalled seeing him on March 16, 1968. GALT would always leave a bundle of laundry consisting of underwear, T-shirts and dress shirts, and he would pick up the finished laundry the following Saturday. Photographs of the T-shirts and shorts recovered near the scene of the assassination were similar to the ones brought in by GALT, according to VERNON, but he could not be sure whether the two pieces belonged to him. The laundry markings on the underwear were identified by him as being similar to the mark used by his laundry.

GALT always paid for his laundry in cash, using \$10 and \$20 bills.

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GINGER LEE NANCE (nee CUNNINGHAM) resides 405 First Street, Dixon, Illinois, On the first Saturday or Sunday of May, 1967, she and ANITA KATZWINKEL left Dixon, Illinois, and proceeded to Los Angeles, California, where they established residence at the Palms Apartments on Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood.

After about three weeks, she and KATZWINKEL moved to 1535 Serrano and resided there for about a month and a half.

In June, 1967, she hitchhiked back to Dixon, Illinois, accompanied part of the way by her boy friend, JM LEEHY. She cannot recall writing her name and address on any paper nor did she give any name and address on a paper to any of the people who gave her a ride in a car. She did enjoy several rides across country during her hitchhiking trip in Mustangs.

She stated that SUE HARRIS and ANITA KATZWINKEL were working as prostitutes in California, working out of SUE's apartment.

NANCE further advised the name ERIC S. GALT is unknown to her.

CHARLES J. STEIN resides at 5666 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, California, and first met ERIC S. GALT at the Sultan Room of the Saint Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on December 24, 1967. His sister, RITA STEIN, was present along with his cousin, MARIE MARTIN, at the time of the meeting.

GALT offered to drive STEIN to New Orleans to pick up RITA's two children, and return them to Los Angeles.

The morning after the initial meeting, the three of them registered at GALT's request in the political party of GEORGE WALLACE.

STEIN and GALT traveled to New Orleans along the southern route through Yuma, Tucson and El Paso. While en route, GALT made several telephone calls, mostly while traveling through Texas and these calls were made from pay telephones.

GALT mentioned that he had recently returned from Mexico where he had formerly had a part ownership in a bar and that his former partner, a Mexican, had bought out his interest in the bar. This bar was located near a seaport or boats.

At New Orleans, GALT expressed the desire not to stay at STEIN's mother's residence, but to stay at a motel and he was directed to a motel in the 1000 block of Charter Street (determined to be the Provincial Notel), New Orleans. They had driven straight through from Los Angeles, arriving on December 17, 1967.

On the following day, he met GALT in the street near the residence of CLOVINA ALONZO, $1907\frac{1}{2}$ Royal Street, STEIN's mother, and GALT told him he had contacted the individuals he needed to contact and wanted to begin the trip back to Los Angeles. Subsequently, he telephoned STEIN and delayed the departure due to a storm blocking their present route.

They returned to Los Angeles on December 19, 1967, with RITA STRIN's two children. GALT paid for all expenses of food and gasoline in cash.

STEIN stated that a girl, with blond hair, about 5'2", by the name of JERI, according to information developed by he and LOUIS LOMAX, a Los Angeles newspaper man, had lived with GALT while GALT resided in Los Angeles. JERI is presently in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and had used several names in the past, one of which he believed to be DYRELL.

STEIN further stated that he learned, following his initial meeting with GALT, that GALT must have thought he was being set up for a robbery because MARIE NARTIN told STEIN that GALT had made the comment following STEIN's departure from the Sultan Room that "He would hate to have to kill someone."

When STEIN loaded his suitcase into the trunk of GALT's Mustang, he noticed GALT's blue suitcase there, as well as what appeared to be a Kodak camera box. This box was yellow and black in color, two and one-half feet long and a foot wide.

Driving through New Orleans, STEIN told GALT he was grateful to him for driving down to pick up the children of RITA STEIN, but GALT mentioned that he was not doing anyone a favor because he had business to conduct in New Orleans, himself, and he mentioned an Italian-sounding name, which he cannot recall, but is a well-known name in New Orleans and the street he mentioned gave STEIN a mental picture of the Chalmette-Industrial Canal area of New Orleans.

Near El Paso, Texas, GALT purchased a used tire for the Mustang at a tire store. Later in the evening of the same date, December 16, 1967, STEIN recalled that he awoke from a sleep and found they had stopped and GALT was making a lengthy telephone call from a public coin box telephone booth. He believes this call was made somewhere in the vicinity of Houston, Texas, and since it was dark, he could recall the light in the telephone booth shining down on GALT while he made the call.

Later in the day, after arriving at New Orleans and GALT's going to the Provincial Motel, STEIN went for a walk with his sons through the French Quarter and over near the new Trade Mart Building on Canal Street. Later in the day, during the evening, GALT commented that he had seen STEIN and the two boys earlier that day near the Trade Mart Building while he was having a beer at a bar in the area. This was at the home of his sister, MARIE LEE, that the conversation with GALT took place.

On the evening of December 19, 1967, GALT, STEIN and RITA STEIN's two children departed New Orleans for Los Angeles. They drove straight through, arriving on December 21, 1967, in the morning.

After this trip, STEIN did observe GALT on a couple of occasions in the Sultan Room of the Hotel Saint Francis. On one of these occasions, GALT mentioned the fact that he had "just finished bartending school." Sometime after this, either RITA STEIN or MARIE MARTIN

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mentioned to STEIN that GALT was going to New Orleans again, and his comment was that GALT liked hamburgers because that was all he ate on the trip to New Orleans.

STEIN did advise that he had helped LOUIS LOMAX, the newspaper reporter, identify DYRFLL DENNIS, who is now in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who allegedly dated GALT on one occasion while he resided in Los Angeles. STEIN feels that LOMAX "Used" him for publicity purposes, identifying STEIN as the "Key to the case." This upset STEIN because he felt whoever shot KING might take a shot at him.

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JOHN EUGENE GAWRON, residing at 1807 South 11th Street, St. Louis, Missouri, was born on at Chicago, Illinois, and estimates that he has spent about 45 years of his life in penal institutions.

Paroled in 1954 to a Soldier's Home, Quincy, Illinois, GAWRON became acquainted at a tavern in Quincy with LUCILLE RYAN who was separated from her husband, JERRY RAYNES. LUCILLE had a daughter named CAROL, then living with her; a son named JERRY, who was also living with her; a son named JIMMY (JAMES EARL RAY), who was then serving a Federal sentence in the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas; a son named FRANKLIN DENNIS RAYNES, deceased; a daughter named MELBA, who was in a mental hospital in Jacksonville, Illinois; a son named MAX, who was in an orphanage located in the vicinity of Springfield, Illinois; a daughter named SUSAN, who was in a Catholic orphanage located at Alton, Illinois; and a son named JOHN (JACK), who was serving a sentence in the Illinois State Penitentiary, Menard, Illinois.

GAWRON, allegedly involved in a burglary at Quincy, Illinois, in 1956, had his parole revoked and was returned to the Illinois State Penitentiary, but in 1959 he escaped from this institution. After a few days, he went to the home of LUCILLE RYAN (RAYNES) where her mother, MARY MAHGR, was operating a rooming house, and GAWRON resided with LUCILLE at 1913 Hickory, St. Louis, Missouri.

During a period of several months in 1959, he was closely associated with JAMES EARL RAY and taught him to be a burglar and they went together on a number of burglaries, estimated to be twelve. They were committed outside St. Louis in the northern part of Missouri, in Iowa, and in Illinois. GAWRON taught JIMMY (JAMES EARL RAY) to always wear gloves on any kind of a job, and he was surprised that he would now go on any job without wearing gloves at the risk of leaving fingerprints.

Together they spent a great deal of time, and in St. Louis they frequented a tavern known as Ruby's Bar, later known as the Haven Bar, Lafayette Street, just west of 18th.

RAY generally drank bourbon, which he mixed with sweet soda. He did not drink beer or smoke. When meeting any girl for the first time, he (RAY) had a tendency to lisp or stutter in his speech. When RAY wanted a girl, GAWRON usually found a girl for him and on such occasions, his relationship with the girl was only brief and temporary at some second or third rate hotel room.

RAY dresses extremely well when he has money, likes good food, and buys expensive clothes, but he always chooses a second or third rate hotel or a cheap rooming house in which to live.

GAWRON, RAY, and JAMES OWENS, with whom RAY was arrested and sentenced to the Missouri State Penitentiary, cased the Kroger Store in East St Louis, Illinois, for a robbery. GAWRON declined to participate because of the danger involved.

The following day RAY and OWENS were arrested and subsequently RAY was transferred to the Missouri State Penitentiary. GAWRON has not seen RAY since that time.

In 1961, GAWRON, ALBERT PEPPER, and JOHN RAY, brother-in-law and brother of JAMES EARL RAY, respectively, were arrested at Louisiana, Missouri, and while his parole was revoked, the other two persons received sentences of ten days in jail. He does not believe that JAMES EARL RAY knows ALBERT PEPPER, who is married to RAY's sister.

GAWRON is on friendly terms with JERRY RAY and CAROL RAY PEPPER. All of RAY's family referred to him as "Uncle JACK," although he has no family relationship. The PEPPERs have two young sons, the youngest being named JIMMY, reportedly named for JAMES EARL RAY. The PEPPERs operate the Grapevine Tavern, and JOHN RAY is active in the operation of this tavern at St. Louis, Missouri.

GAWRON stated that insofar as he knows, the subject has not been in St. Louis since his escape from the

Missouri State Penitentiary in view of the fact he is too well known. GAWRON has not seen JAMES EARL RAY since 1959.

GAWRON believes JAMES EARL RAY trafficed in drugs or barbiturates at the Missouri State Penitentiary and also had a loan shark business there. On three different occasions, he made purchases of inhalers, normally used for colds, at the request of RAY. His request, though originating from RAY in prison, was relayed to him by CAROL PEPPER. On each of these occasions, GAWRON purchased a gross of these inhalers (probably Benzedrine) and on three separate occasions, he was contacted by a guard from the prison at Jefferson City, Missouri, who would pick up the inhalers and take them to RAY at the prison. Reportedly, the guard told GAWRON that each trip was worth a "C" to the guard.

GAWRON recalls being told by JOHN RAY that JAMES EARL RAY was in Omaha, Nebraska, during well, making good money as some sort of a salesman. This was in June, 1967. Shortly thereafter, JOHN RAY told GAWRON that JAMES was now in Los Angeles, California. GAWRON had no knowledge as to how JOHN RAY and CAROL PEPPER would have come into possession of information relative to the location of JAMES EARL RAY in June, 1967.

V. IDENTIFICATION RECORD AND DESCRIPTION

The following is subject's identification record as furnished by the FBI Identification Division on April 23, 1968, under FBI # 405 942 G:

CONTRIBUTOR OF	NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	2/19/46		6 E
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, Calif.	James Earl Ray #B-119908	10/11/49	suspicion of burglary	
PD, Los Angeles Calif	James Earl Ray #139648	10/11/49		8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years proba- tion served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 12/30/49 Cs129438
SO Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	4/18/50	vagrancy	2 2
PD Alton,	James Earl Ray #7514	7/23/51	no opera- tor's lic- ense - no City Licens	released to pay later
PD Chicago	James Ray #D90696	5/6/52	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago Ill	James Ray #131165	5/9/52	robbery	6/13/52 sen- tenced to peni- tentiary 1 to 2 years
State Peni- tentiary, Joliet, Ill.	James E. Ray #32419	6/13/52	robbery	1 to 2 years

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPHINTS	f name and Number	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
State Peni- tentiary Pontiac, Ill.	James E. Ray #19121	7/7/52 1952 in transfer from Joli	robbery	1 to 2 years 3/12/54 discharged
SO Edwards- ville, Ill.	James Earl Ray #2640	8/30/54	burglary & larceny	
PD Hannibal Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	3/23/55	investigation of breaking entering Postoffice	&c
State High- way Patrol Macon, Mo.	James Earl Ray #B-3376	3/23/55		released to Postal Inspec- tor Kansas City Mo., 3/24/55
USM Kansas City, Mo.	James Earl Ray #12018	3/28/55	forgery U.S. Postal Money Order	
SO Kansas City Mo.	James Earl Ray #29637	3/28/55	forgery - Government	3/7/55, 3 years and 9 months
U. S. Peni- tentiary Leavenworth, Kan.	James Earl Ray #72498-L	7/7/55	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months 5/20/58, conditional release 3/31/59, maximum 4/5/58, conditional release on charge of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
PD St. Louis, Mo.	James Earl Ray #81071	10/10/59	suspicion of robbery	e a

CONTRIBUTOR O		ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD St. Louis No.	James Earl Ray #81071	10/16/59	suspicion of robbery stealing & fugitive other authorities	
State Peni- tentiary Jefferson City, Mo.	James Earl Ray #00416	3/17/60	"TC" operating motor vehi- cle without permission of owner robbery fire "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	Service Servic

The following is a description of the subject, obtained from sources set out elsewhere in this report:

Name: Sex: Race:

Date of Birth: Place of Birth:

Height: Weight: Hair: Eyes:

Social Security No.: Army Serial Number: FBI Number: JAMES EARL RAY, aka

Male White

Alton, Illinois

5 10"

163 - 174 pounds

Brown Blue

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GALT did make a payment of \$100 on December 14, 1967, and on December 21, 1967, he made a payment of \$364.

According to these records, GALT took dancing lessons at the National Dance Studio on the following dates subsequent to December 14, 1967:

12/21/67 12/25/67 12/26/67 12/27/67 12/28/67 1/2/68 1/3/68 1/9/68 1/11/68 1/15/68 1/16/68 1/18/68 1/22/68 1/23/68 1/25/68 1/29/68 1/30/68 1/31/68 2/1/68 2/5/68 2/6/68 2/8/68 2/12/68

12/15/67

Under ticket #31053 GALT left laundry at the Avalon Cleaners and Laundry, Inc., 5662 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, which laundry was marked "20R-3" by a Thermo Seal marking machine. IT IS NOTED THAT BED LINEN FOUND IN THE WHITE MUSTANG ABANDONED APRIL 5, 1968, AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA, BORE THE LAUNDRY MARK 20R-3.

12/15/67

ERIC GALT and CHARLES J. STEIN, 5666
Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, California, a new acquaintance, departed Los Angeles in GALT's 1966 white Mustang en route to New Orleans, Louisiana, to bring back 2 children belonging to CHARLES STEIN's sister, RITA STEIN. GALT's association with CHARLES J. and RITA STEIN is being set forth in a separate section of this report.

12/17 - 19/67

On December 17, 1967, ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, registered in Room 126, Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, and checked out of the motel before checkout time of 1:00 P.M. on December 19, 1967. At time of registration GALT indicated on the registration card that he was driving a Mustang with Alabama license 1-38993.

The FBI Laboratory determined that the Provincial Motel registration card was prepared by the writer of the registration card which was subsequently located at the Rebel Motel in Memphis, Tennessee, under the name of ERIC S. GALT.

12/19/67

ERIC GALT, CHARLES J. STEIN, and RITA STEIN'S 2 daughters, KIM and CHERYL, departed New Orleans, Louisiana, in GALT's 1966 white Mustang to return to Los Angeles, California.

12/22/67

ERIC GALT picked up laundry which had been left on December 15, 1967, at Avalon Cleaners and Laundry, Inc., 5662 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles.

12/28/67

By letter dated December 28, 1967, ERIC S. GALT, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, advised Mr. JOHN ACORD, Chairman, American - Southern Africa Council, 800 Fourth Street, S.W., Washington, D. C., that he was considering immigrating to Rhodesia and desired answers to certain questions. GALT indicated that:

- "(1): The U. S. government will not issue a passport for travel to Rhodesia.
- "(2): Would their be any way to enter Rhodesia legally (from the Rhodesian government point of view)

"I would appreciate any information you could give me on the above subject or any other information on Rhodesia."

Mr. ACORD replied to GALT's letter with a form letter enclosing literature on Rhodesia.

The FBI Laboratory determined that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on the typewritten letter dated December 28, 1967, was prepared by the writer of signatures in this name appearing on other items submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

ERIC S. GALT purchased a Bank of America Money Order #0799 18037 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$15 and was made payable to Locksmithing Institute.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on specimens previously submitted.

1/8/68

1/19 - 3/2/68

ERIC S. GALT, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, made application to attend the International School of Bartending, 2125 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on GALT's application to attend the International School of Bartending and his signature on the installment note dated January 19, 1968, were prepared by the writer of this signature appearing on other items previously submitted.

GALT attended class Monday through Friday from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

1/20/68

JEROME WALLIS VERNON operated the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, from about January 16, 1968, to March 23. 1968. He said that a man named ERIC GALT was a regular customer who came in each Saturday afternoon with a bundle of laundry which usually consisted of underwear, T-shirts, and dress shirts. believes he first saw GALT on Saturday, January 20, 1968, and he recalled seeing him for the last time on about March 16, 1968. VERNON was shown the laundry marks on the T-shirt and undershorts abandoned by the killer in front of 424 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968. identified the laundry marking on the undershorts and T-shirt as being similar to the mark used at his laundry. Found in the records of the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company was laundry list #3065 in the name of E. GALT with Thermo Seal sticker 02B-6.

IT IS NOTED THAT UNDERSHORTS AND T-SHIRT ABANDONED BY THE KILLER AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL 4, 1968, CONTAINED A THERMO SEAL LAUNDRY MARK 02B-6.

The Los Angeles Division forwarded to the FBI Laboratory a piece of paper and a cloth square, each containing 12 samples of laundry marking printed by a Thermo Seal marking machine manufactured by the Textile Marking Company, Syracuse, New York, and obtained from the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaners, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

The FBI Laboratory advised that these 12 laundry tapes are similar to the laundry tapes in color, construction, and composition to the laundry tapes appearing on the undershorts and T-shirt abandoned at 424 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, by the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Five of these tapes have the same length (1 1/16") as those appearing on the undershorts and T-shirt. The other 9 are longer, either 1 3/32" or 1 1/8" in length.

The FBI Laboratory advised that no significant differences were noted between the laundry tapes appearing on the undershorts and T-shirt when compared with some of the laundry tape specimens submitted by Los Angeles indicating that they may have originated from the same machine.

On January 21, 1968, ERIC GALT rented Room 403 of the St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Holly-wood Boulevard, Los Angeles, for a monthly rental rate of \$85. GALT remained a tenant there until March 17, 1968.

ERIC S. GALT, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, sent a typewritten letter dated January 21, 1968, to DALE LEROY DYKEMA, 3325 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, receiver for the apartment building located at 1535 North Serrano, advising DYKEMA that GALT had moved from the Serrano address.

1/21/68

1/22/68

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The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on this letter dated January 21, 1968, was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name on other items submitted.

ERIC GALT purchased a Bank of America Money Order #0799 18288 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$4.25 and was made payable to Free Press, Newspaper.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC GALT signature appearing on this Bank of America Money Order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted.

The following advertisement ran in the February 2 - 8, 1968, issue of the "Free Press":

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

It is noted that 406 South Second Street, Alhambra, California, is the address of a mail forwarding service which was subscribed to from February 1, 1968, to March 1, 1968, at a cost of \$3 by ERIC GALT, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles.

ERIC GALT purchased a Bank of America Money Order #0799 18289 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$3 and was made payable to Mr. HEDGPETH.

C. M. HEDGPETH is the operator of a mail forwarding service. GALT engaged this mail forwarding service for the purpose of

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forwarding all mail to him in care of the St. Francis Hotel under the names ERIC S. GALT, ERIC S. or ESG. In connection with this service GALT executed a Post Office form #1583 dated February 1, 1968, authorizing the mail forwarding service to forward mail to GALT. GALT also directed a typewritten letter to this service signed ERIC S. GALT and received by HEDGPETH on January 30, 1968.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC GALT signature appearing on the above described Bank of America Money Order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted.

The Laboratory concluded that the signatures ERIC S. GALT appearing on the Post Office form #1583 and the typewritten letter received by the mail forwarding service were prepared by the writer of the GALT signatures on other specimens submitted.

ERIC S. GALT purchased a Bank of America Money Order #0799 17281 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$7.50 and was made payable to the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted.

A 1966 white Mustang bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-38993 which was later determined to be registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, Birmingham, Alabama, was serviced at the H. Beckman Chevron Service Station, 1506 North Normandie Avenue, Los Angeles, California. The mileage at the time of this service charge was noted to be 34,185 miles.

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It was also ascertained that this vehicle was serviced at the Cort Fox Ford Company, 4531 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, with mileage noted to be 34,291 miles; however, no date of servicing was noted.

Mrs. PATRICIA ANDERSON, 2800 Glenview Avenue, Los Angeles, California, received a letter dated February 17, 1968, from ERIC S. GALT. This letter was addressed to her under her maiden name, PATRICIA SCHUBERT, and is as follows:

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"DEAR MISS:

"I AM ANSWERING YOUR LISTING IN THE LOCAL SWINGER SINCE I THINK I SHARE MOST OF YOUR INTERESTS, WITH EMPHASIS ON FRENCH CULT. AND SWING SESSIONS. I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM MEXICO AFTER FIVE YRS. AND THE FEW FEMALES I HAVE MET DON'T GO FOR THE SWING PARTIES AND IT TAKES TWO TO SWING. THE SAME ROUTINE GETS BORING, DON'T YOU THINK. WILL CLOSE UNTIL I HERE FROM YOU.

"SINCERELY
"ERIC S. GALT
"5533-HOLLYWOOD BLVD.
"HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.
"90028.
"PH. 464-1131."

"The Local Swinger" is a correspondence club operating from P. O. Box 3802, Downey, California. "The Local Swinger" placed an advertisement in the Los Angeles "Free Press" offering to send a list of local swingers to anyone who paid the price of \$1. In addition, it was understood that for each letter sent to "The Local Swinger" the sender would have to pay \$1. During February 1968 ERIC S. GALT sent \$1 and a request for a list of swingers and thereafter sent 5 letters to 5 individuals.

PATRICIA ANDERSON, nee SCHUBERT, is the only one of these thus far identified. She has made available a photograph which GALT enclosed in his letter to her. PATRICIA ANDERSON has never subscribed to "The Local Swinger" nor has she ever written to pen pal clubs or subscribed to the Los Angeles "Free Press." She has never met GALT and has had no further correspondence from him.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on the type-written letter dated February 17, 1968, was prepared by the individual who prepared this signature in this name appearing on numerous other items submitted.

ERIC S. GALT purchased Bank of America Money Order #0799 19430 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$6.44 and was made payable to Futura Books.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

ERIC S. GALT purchased Bank of America Money Order #0799 19701 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order is in the amount of \$7.50 and was made payable to Locksmithing Institute.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

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ERIC S. GALT purchased Bank of America Money Order #0799 19704 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$5.25 and was made payable to "Locksmith Ledger."

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

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ERIC S. GALT purchased Bank of America Money Order #0799 19702 from Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$6.44 and was made payable to Tiffany Enterprises.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on this money order is too distorted for an identification with these previous signatures but similarities were noted.

ERIC S. GALT purchased Bank of America Money Order #0799 19703 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$9.98 and was made payable to Tiffany Enterprises.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signature in this name appearing on other specimens submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

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By letter postmarked February 26, 1968, addressed to Tiffany Enterprises, 8512 Whitworth Drive, Los Angeles, California, ERIC S. GALT, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California, ordered one pair of Japanese handcuffs.

It is noted that Tiffany Enterprises is a mail order business but that they do not stock these Japanese handcuffs, so it was necessary for them to have the order filled by the International Police Equipment Company, 806 South Robertson Avenue, Los Angeles. These handcuffs were shipped to GALT on March 16, 1968.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on the typewritten letter dated February 26, 1968, was prepared by the writer of the "GALT" signatures on other specimens previously submitted.

On this date GALT was graduated from the International School of Bartending, 2125 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, and a photograph made that date has been discovered. Approximately a week after GALT's graduation he was telephonically contacted by the director of this school, who indicated he had employment for GALT as a bartender. GALT declined stating that he was leaving town within 2 weeks to visit his brother and did not wish to take employment. GALT indicated he would later return to Los Angeles.

ERIC S. GALT, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, purchased a U. S. Postal Money Order #1,916,211,078 at Los Angeles, California. This postal money order was in the amount of \$15 and was made payable to the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey.

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The FBI Laboratory advised that on the basis of the available writings attributed to the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, it was concluded that the questioned handprinting and handwriting appearing on U. S. Postal Money Order #1,916,211,078 were prepared by this individual.

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A change of address order listed for ERIC S. GALT with the St. Francis Hotel dated March 17, 1968, advised that his old address of 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, had been changed to General Delivery, Main Post Office, Atlanta, Georgia. This change of address was indicated to be temporary until April 25, 1968.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on the Post Office change of address order submitted by the Los Angeles Division was prepared by the writer of the signature in this name appearing on other specimens previously submitted in this matter.

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As well as can be established, it was on or about this date that the subject left at 4019 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, a box of clothing belonging to MARIAN de GRASSE. It is noted that MARIAN de GRASSE is the daughter of MARIE MARTIN, one of the subject's associates in Los Angeles. Additional information concerning MARIE MARTIN is set out elsewhere in this report. It is also noted that 4019 Royal Street, New Orleans, is the residence of THERESA STONE and that THERESA STONE is the cousin of CHARLES STEIN and MARIE MARTIN.

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On this date the subject as ERIC S. GALT rented Room 2 in a rooming house at 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, which rooming house is operated by JIMMY DELTON GARNER.

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Atlanta, Georgia, purchased a U. S. Postal Money Order #5,615,057,923 at Atlanta, Georgia. This postal money order was in the amount of \$7.50 and was made payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey.

ERIC S. GALT, 113 14th Street, N.E.,

The FBI Laboratory concluded that on the basis of the available writings attributed to the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, it was concluded that the questioned handprinting and handwriting appearing on U. S. Postal Money Order #5,615,057,923 was prepared by this individual.

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

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

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SN A17350. He again left with this gun in the Browning cardboard box. The .243 caliber ammunition was exchanged for a box of 30-06 ammunition. LOWMEYER indicated he wanted to use the 30-06 rifle to hunt in Wisconsin.

Investigation at Birmingham disclosed that LOWMEYER is unknown at 1907 South 11th Street and is unknown in that general neighborhood.

On this date the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, received a change of address from GALT indicating his new address to be 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

The Newark Division forwarded to the FBI Laboratory 4 green payment coupons to the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, showing payment for lessons #6 through #9. Coupons #6 through #8 bore the handprinted address of 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, and the handprinted name of ERIC S. GALT. Coupon for lesson #9 bore the handprinted address of 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the questioned handprinting appearing on the green payment coupons was prepared by the individual responsible for preparing other handprinting on specimens in this case attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

It is unknown by officials of the Locksmithing Institute the exact manner in which GALT furnished the above described change of address.

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JIMMY DELTON GARNER, operator of a rooming house located at 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, admits being drunk during a large portion of the time around Warch 24 - 31, 1968, but states that on March 31, 1968, GALT paid for an additional week's rent. GARNER does not recall seeing GALT after March 31, 1968.

GARNER advised that when ERIC S. GALT paid his rent for the second week commencing March 31, 1968, he had GALT write his name on an envelope. According to GARNER who made this envelope available, GALT hand-printed his signature on the envelope. The reason GARNER requested that GALT sign his name was the fact that GARNER intended to then transfer this name to his official records when he returned to his own room,

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the handprinted name of ERIC S. GALT that appears on the envelope furnished by JIMMY DELTON GARNER, manager of the rooming house located at 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, was prepared by the person who prepared the handprinting on material previously submitted in this matter and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

As a result of a lawful search of Room 2 of this rooming house conducted on April 15, 1968, numerous items of a possible evidentiary value were obtained, including a map of Mexico.

The FBI Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, reported that 2 latent fingerprints were developed on this map and that these latents were identified with fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G.

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On this date an individual using the name ERIC GALT left both laundry and dry cleaning at the Piedmont Laundry pick up station, 1168 Peachtree, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, registered at the Rebel Motor Hotel, 3466 Lamar Avenue, on April 3, 1968, was assigned Room 34, and departed the hotel prior to the checkout time of 1:00 P.M. on April 4, 1968. At the time of registration GALT indicated on the registration card that he was driving a Mustang bearing Alabama license 1-38993.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature of ERIC S. GALT appearing on the hotel registration card was prepared by the same individual who prepared other specimens submitted under the same name.

Between 3:00 P.M. and 3:30 P.M. on this date a man using the name JOHN WILLARD rented sleeping room 5B at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, at the rate of \$8.50 per week. He paid one week's rent in advance. He was not required to execute a registration card or to otherwise provide any information concerning himself or his automobile.

At about 4:00 P.M. on April 4, 1968, an unknown individual purchased from York Arms Company, 162 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, a pair of Bushnell 7 x 35 binoculars. The salesman did not record the serial number of the binoculars; however, he wrote the price of the binoculars \$39.95 and the amount of the tax \$1.60 on the side of the cardboard box in which the binoculars came and added them for a total of \$41.55. He placed the sales slip, the binoculars, box, and the leather type carrying case in a gray paper bag which bears on its side the name York Arms. This witness subsequently identified photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as

being identical with the purchaser of the binoculars; however, it should be noted this witness has since been committed to the Tennessee Psychiatric Hospital and Institute, Memphis, Tennessee.

At about 6:00 P.M. on this date Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was shot and killed by a single bullet fired from the bathroom of the rooming house at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis. At the time he was struck KING was standing on the second floor balcony in front of Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry, Memphis. Other occupants of the rooming house at 422½ South Main Street heard a rifle fired and observed a man run from the rooming house onto South Main Street where he dropped a large bundle in front of 424 South Main Street. Neighborhood investigation disclosed that a white Mustang was seen immediately leaving the area at a high rate of speed. A canvass of motels in the Memphis area disclosed that one ERIC S. GALT had spent the night of April 3, 1968, at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, and had been driving a white Mustang. He gave as an address 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama. When inquiries were made at that address solely for the purpose of further identifying GALT, it was determined that he had not resided there since about October 1967. It was for this reason that GALT came to our attention in connection with this case.

Inspector N. E. ZACHARY, Homicide Bureau, Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department, recovered numerous articles dropped by the assailant of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., on the sidewalk near the entrance of the building located at 424 South Main Street. Included among these articles are the following:

- 1) Remington Game Master rifle, Model 760, SN 461476, on which was mounted a Redfield telescopic sight, SN A17350
- 2) Banner by Bushnell binoculars, SN DQ408664
- 3) First section of the April 4, 1968, issue of the "Commercial Appeal," a daily newspaper published in Memphis

- 4) A plastic bottle of Mennen Afta Shaving Lotion
- 5) An unopened can of Schlitz beer, bearing the legend "Mississippi Tax Paid. IV Cents."
- 6) A Channel Master radio receiver,
 Model #6502, 6 Transistor, Super
 Hetrodyne, with a frequency range of
 535-1605 Kc/s. This radio bears
 scratchings on one side interpreted
 to read "00416."
- 7) One pair of undershorts and one T-shirt
- 8) Green and brown bedspread (see date of April 5, 1968, concerning items found in abandoned Mustang)

The Latent Fingerprint Section of the FBI Identification Division advised that one latent fingerprint on this rifle; one latent fingerprint on the telescopic sight; one latent fingerprint on the binoculars; one latent fingerprint on the newspaper; one latent fingerprint on the newspaper; one latent fingerprint on the bottle of Afta Shving Lotion and one latent fingerprint on the Schlitz beer can have been identified with the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G.

The Bureau advised that the number "00416," which was the interpretation of the scratchings appearing on the above described Channel Master radio, is the same number as the inmate number for JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G, while confined at the Missouri State Penitentiary.

The FBI Laboratory examination revealed that the undershorts and T-short each bears a laundry tag on which appears the characters "02B-6." Only a portion of the first character is present on each tag.

Samples of the Thermo Seal marking machine, SN 31454, Model RH-5Kl, in possession of the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, using the numbers and letters 02B-6 on red colored tape, were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory. machine was used in this laundry between January 16, 1968, and March 23, 1968. The FBI Laboratory advised that the specimens from the Thermo Seal marking machine, SN 31454, are similar to the laundry tapes appearing on the T-shirt and undershorts in color, construction, and composition. Five of these tapes have the same length (1 1/16") as the tapes appearing on the T-shirt and shorts. The other 9 are longer, either 1 3/32" or 1 1/8" in length. These tapes submitted by Los Angeles are of varying lengths; however, no significant differences were noted between the T-short and shorts laundry tapes when compared with some of the specimens submitted by Los Angeles indicating that they may have originated from the same machine.

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

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An unknown white male at about 8:30 A.M. on Friday, April 5, 1968, parked instant white Mustang bearing Alabama license 1-38993 in the parking lot of Capitol Homes, a public housing project in Atlanta, Georgia.

Among other items found in this abandoned Mustang was bed linen bearing laundry mark 20R-3. As mentioned earlier in this report, records of the Avalon Cleaners and Laundry, Inc., 5662 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, reflect that laundry belonging to an individual named GALT, which laundry was brought in on December 15, 1967, had been assigned laundry #20R-3.

Brown cotton fibers, green cotton fibers, and green rayon fibers were found in the abandoned Mustang. The FBI Laboratory has compared these with the bedspread found abandoned by the killer in front of 424 South Main Street, Memphis, on April 4, 1968, and has concluded that the fibers found in the Mustang could have come from this bedspread.

Between 9:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. on April 5, 1968, an individual stopped at the Piedmont Laundry pick up station, 1168 Peachtree, N.E., Atlanta, and picked up laundry left there on April 1, 1968, under the name ERIC GALT. The clerk, Mrs. ESTELLE PETERS, when shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, stated she believes the photograph of RAY in which he was wearing a bow tie is a better likeness; however, the most recent photograph in which he is wearing a four-in-hand tie looks older and the eyes and nose appear very similar.

No information has been received concerning the whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY since April 5, 1968.

The Kansas City Division submitted the following described documents to the FBI Laboratory requesting appropriate hand-writing and handprinting examination with the handprinting and handwriting specimens submitted to the Laboratory as evidence in this matter:

One copy of a letter dated October 24, 1966, in the handwriting of JAMES E. RAY. This letter was from RAY to Dr. EARL C. KEPLER, Biggs Building, Fulton, Missouri.

34 pages containing purported handwriting and handprinting of JAMES EARL RAY obtained from the records of the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri.

22 pages of handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY obtained from the U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, and one copy of a form dated April 4, 1958, signed by JAMES EARL RAY which was obtained from the U.S. Probation Officer, Kansas City, Missouri.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the questioned handwriting and handprinting appearing on items attributed to ERIC S. GALT were prepared by JAMES EARL RAY.

Because of the presence of characteristics which cannot be explained on the basis of the known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY, the FBI Laboratory advised that it cannot be definitely determined whether the "HARVEY LOWMYER" signature appearing on the sales invoice of the Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, Alabama (place where Remington rifle, Model 760, SN 461476, was purchased), was prepared by this individual; however, significant handwriting similarities were noted.

The FBI Laboratory stated that because of the lack of identifying defects, it could not be definitely determined whether the same typewriter was used in preparing all the typewritten impressions appearing on items previously submitted in this case attributed to ERIC S. GALT, but no significant differences were noted.

TY RELATIVES OF JAMES EARL RAY

Subject's family is reported to have changed the family name as often as it suited them, and they have been known at various times under the names RAY, RAYNES, RYAN, and BERNES.

A birth certificate has been located reflecting that JAMES EARL RAY was born at Alton, Illinois, to JAMES RAY and LUCIE MAHER.

Mother

LUCILLE MARY RAY, nee MAHER, was born at Alton, Illinois, and died an alcoholic on January 25, 1961, at St. Louis, Wissouri. She is reported to have been a prostitute during most of her life and

Her husband, who now uses the name JERRY RAYNES, abandoned her in about 1952. From about 1954 until her death in 1961 she lived with JOHN EUGENE GAWRON whenever GAWRON was not in prison.

Father

JERRY RAYNES, born resides alone on a small farm on Route 2, Center, Missouri, and has telephone number AM 7-3467. He claims to have married the subject's mother at Jacksonville, Florida, in the spring of 1929, 1930, or 1931 but he admits to having lived with her in a common-law relationship prior to their marriage. He states that he and the subject's mother separated about 1949 and he admits to having lived with RUBY CARPENTER off and on from about 1952 until 1963. RAYNES claims to have last seen the subject about 17 years ago, and he claims to have no information regarding his present whereabouts.

Brother

JOHN LARRY RAY, born resides alone at 1900-A Cherokee, St. Louis, and is engaged with his sister, CAROL PEPPER, in the operation of the Grapevine Tavern, 1982 Arsenal, St. Louis. The telephone at the tavern is number PR 6-9417.

JOHN has served sentences in both the Illinois State Penitentiary and in the

Indiana State Penitentiary. He claims to have last seen the subject some 2 to 4 years ago when he visited the subject at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), and he claims to have seen him prior to that time about 15 years ago at which time the subject had just been discharged from the U.S. Army.

JOHN will admit to having visited the subject at the MSP only 3 or 4 times. MSP records reflect visits by JOHN on the following dates:

10/17/62 7/7/63 11/3/63 11/11/63 5/6/65 7/10/66 11/13/66 12/20/66 4/22/67

It should be noted that this last visit on April 22, 1967, occurred on the day prior to the subject's escape on April 23, 1967; however, JOHN RAY denies having had any part in the subject's escape.

JOHN RAY has expressed the belief that the subject had money in his possession when he escaped, money which he made from the sale of amphetamines while the subject was in the MSP. JOHN has also stated he believes the subject has left the United States as the subject reportedly told him that he would do this if he ever got out of prison. JOHN denies having seen the subject since the subject's escape and claims to have no information concerning his whereabouts.

Brother

JERRY WILLIAM RAY, born resides in Apartment 14, 314 Wisconsin Avenue, Lake Forest, Illinois. He has no telephone. He is employed as a maintenance man at the Sportsman's Country Club, 3535 Dundee Road, Northbrook, Illinois.

JERRY, described as being of "low mental capacity," has served sentences at both the Illinois State Penitentiary and at the MSP. He claims to have last seen the subject outside of prison in about 1951, and he claims to have last visited him in prison in about 1964. MSP records reflect JERRY visited the subject on the following dates:

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JERRY RAY is divorced from GJERDIS STREET, who presently resides on Wisconsin Avenue in Lake Forest, Illinois. During the period that he and STREET were married, she bore a child which had been conceived by her previous husband. She and JERRY RAY separated during August 1967 and were divorced during January 1968. He previously lived common-law with CAROL SARTAIN by whom he had a child MICHAEL, age 6, who now lives with CAROL's parents, Mr. and Mrs. WILLARD SARTAIN, Route 2, Whitesburg, Tennessee. He periodically sends money to the SARTAINs to assist in the support of MICHAEL.

JERRY claims to have had no contact with the subject since the subject's escape and claims to have no information concerning his whereabouts.

Brother

Brother

Sister



FRANK DELANO RYAN was killed in an automobile accident during 1963.

CAROL PEPPER, born arried to ALBERT PEPPER and resides at 2025 Belleview, Maplewood, Missouri, a suburb of St. Louis. She is the owner of record of the Grapevine Tavern, 1982 Arsenal, St. Louis, Missouri, which she operates with her brother, JOHN LARRY RAY. Her home telephone is 645-2948 and the telephone at the tavern is PR 6-9417.

has been married to ALBERT BENNY PEPPER, FBI #581 723 D, for about the past 6 years and ALBERT PEPPER denies ever having met the subject. When questioned regarding a letter addressed by the subject from the MSP to Albert J. Pepper Stationery, 712-A Shenandoah, St. Louis, Missouri, ALBERT PEPPER stated he formerly resided at that address but was not aware of any mail addressed in such a manner. He admitted that his wife might have received such a communication but he denied having any information concerning this. Neither CAROL nor ALBERT PEPPER admitted having heard from the subject since his escape and neither will admit to having any information concerning his whereabouts. CAROL PEPPER claims to have seen the subject only 3 or 4 times in her lifetime and this was after she came to reside in St. Louis at about age 16. She states she has never visited him at the MSP but did write letters to him for her grandmother, MARY MAHER, now

deceased, and admits she wrote several letters after MAHER's death.

Sister

MELBA MARIE RYAN, born is the recipient of a disability pension and now resides at the Virginia Hotel, Quincy, Illinois, telephone number 223-0403. MELBA RYAN has been committed on several occasions to mental hospitals, and it is reported by her associates that any information furnished by her may be completely unreliable. She claims to have no information concerning the subject's whereabouts.

Sister

SUSAN DONIAN, born is married to MICHAEL DONIAN and resides at 3414 Bryn Mahr, Chicago, Illinois, telephone number 588-1410. Beginning at about age 6, SUSAN lived first in an orphanage and later in a foster home. She last saw the subject when she was in the first grade at Quincy, Illinois, and believes that he does not know her whereabouts. She claims to have no information concerning the subject but has agreed to cooperate should he contact her.

Stepmother

RUBY CARPENTER, 630 North Sixth Street, Quincy, Illinois, telephone number 223-9465, advised that in 1952 she met the subject's father while both were working in Quincy, Illinois, and that they left Quincy together and went to live in St. Louis, Missouri. She stated that they lived together from 1952 until 1961 before they married on August 1, 1961, at Palmyra, Missouri. They were divorced in Palmyra, Missouri, during 1964 and the subject's father moved to Center. Missouri. where he continues to reside on a small farm. She stated she has not seen the subject since he went to prison around 1960, and she has had no contact with him since she and his father moved to Clarence, Missouri, on August 1, 1961. She said she is certain the subject does not know her present whereabouts.

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WILLIAM E. MAHER and his wife, MILDRED MAHER, 712 Brown Street, Alton, Illinois, claim to have last seen the subject 10 or 12 years ago and has expressed the belief that the subject has not been in Alton, Illinois, since 1959 when he was involved in an armed robbery. They do not believe the subject will contact them and have indicated they will make known any attempt on his part to do so.

EARL E. RAY is reported to have died May 2, 1959, at Buffalo, New York.

Mrs. FRANK (MABLE) FULLER, 2601 Chestnut Street, Quincy, Illinois, telephone number 222-7412, has not seen the subject since 1955 when her mother, subject's grandmother, died. She stated she has not seen her brother, the subject's father, for a number of years and has had no close contact with him. She said that while the subject was in prison at MSP she had sent him mail on a number of occasions and occasionally sent him small amounts of money. She said he had sent her 2 or 3 Christmas cards, and this was the only contact she had with She said these Christmas cards were smuggled out of the prison as she apparently had not been on the subject's mailing list. She claims to have had no contact with the subject since his escape and is not aware of his present whereabouts. She has offered her cooperation in the event he does contact her.

Grandparents

Both maternal and paternal grandparents are reported to be deceased.

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