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Photo of John Willard of Ponoatoc County

Two photos of handwriting on box found by Mrs. W. Pitman

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File No. 157-9586-1A26
Date Received 4-15-68
From C. L. GUNN CHIEF OF POLICE
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
MERIDIAN MISS
(CITY AND STATE)
By John N. Proctor
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

- 1- Typewritten letter & envelope
dated 4/12/68
- 1- ~~Fingerprint card of Chief~~
~~C. L. Gunn~~

Sent Bureau 4-16-68
wgj

File No. 157-9586-1A27Date Received 4-15-68From C. L. Gunn (COP)
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)Meridian, Miss
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
(CITY AND STATE)By John H. Proctor, Jr.
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes☐ No

Description:

Fingerprint card
of Chief Gunn.

Sent Bureau 4-16-68
wj

File No. 9W 157-9586-1A28Date Received 4/15/68From John Ray Willard
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)Box 1
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)Boise, Miss.
(CITY AND STATE)By George P. Gambler
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes
☐ No

Description:

"Waiver of Rights"
Form.

157-9586-1A28

YOUR RIGHTS

Place At. 1, Royce, Miss
Date April 15, 1968
Time 2:01 PM

Before we ask you any questions, you must understand your rights.

You have the right to remain silent.

Anything you say can be used against you in court.

You have the right to talk to a lawyer for advice before we ask you any questions and to have him with you during questioning.

If you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be appointed for you before any questioning if you wish.

If you decide to answer questions now without a lawyer present, you will still have the right to stop answering at any time. You also have the right to stop answering at any time until you talk to a lawyer.

WAIVER OF RIGHTS

I have read this statement of my rights and I understand what my rights are. I am willing to make a statement and answer questions. I do not want a lawyer at this time. I understand and know what I am doing. No promises or threats have been made to me and no pressure or coercion of any kind has been used against me.

Signed

John Ray Willard

Witness

George P. Gambler

Witness

Time 2:00 PM
4: PM (Interview terminated)

FD-340 (REV. 6-24-65)

File No. 157-9586-1A29

Date Received 4/15/68

From Southtown Men's Shop
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

HGR 51
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Southtown Minn
(CITY AND STATE)

By James W. Johnson
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

Empty "Schlitz" 12oz
pop top beer container
" 03 "
158 .

sent Lab 4-17-68 met

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

EVIDENCE
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

FD-340 (REV. 6-24-65)

File No. 157-9586-1A30

Date Received 4/15/68

From Southdown Men's Shop
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Hgh 51
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Southdown, Miss.
(CITY AND STATE)

By J. W. Anderson
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

"Homestead - Subby"
Size 20 paper bag.

sent Lab 4-19-68 mex

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

File No. 157-9586-1A³⁴

Date Received 4/20/68

From Kansas City
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes

☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes

☐ No

Description:

*Photo of Subject
James Earl Ray*

File No. 157-95-86-1A ³²

Date Received 4/20/68

From Kansas City
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

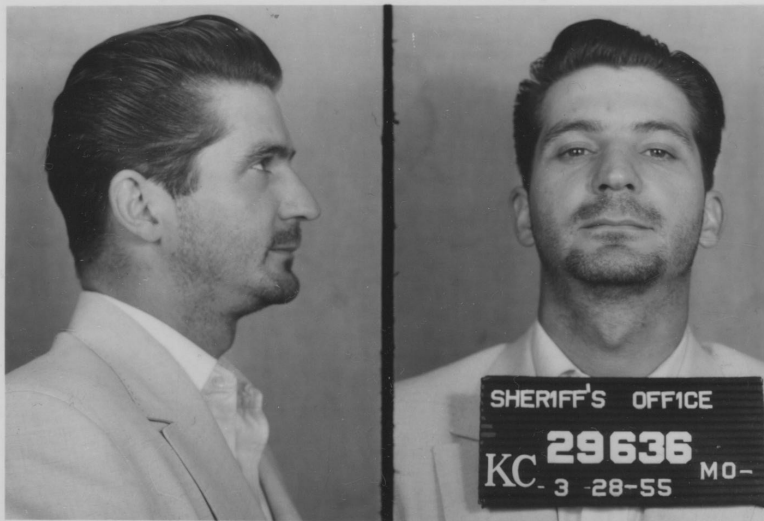
By _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☐ No

Description:

Photo of Walter T. Rife



2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

WALTER T. RIFE

157-9586-1A³²

File No. 157-9586-1A ³³Date Received 4/29/68From Kansas City
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes☐ No

Description:

Photo of James Earl Ray
Sept. 8, 1966



JAMES EARL RAY

SEP. 8 1966

157-95867H 33

File No. 157-9586-1A³⁴
Date Received 4/20/68
From Kansas City
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes

☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes

☐ No

Description:

Photo of Walter T. Rife
and James Earl Ray
March 28, 1955.



2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

WALTER T. RIFE

1955 MAR 28

1955 MAR 28

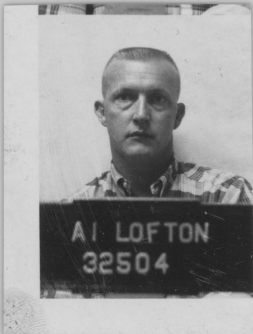
JAMES EARL RAY

157-9586-1A³⁴

File No. 157 - 9586-1A35Date Received 4/15/68From Walter L. POL
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)Security Officer Ingalls Shipbuilding
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR) Corp.Pascagoula, Miss.
(CITY AND STATE)By Harold J. Mulvey
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes☒ No

Description:

ONE photograph of
 ARON ISAAC Lufton
 TAKEN 11/10/65
 AT Ingalls Shipbuilding
 Corp.



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TAKEN

11/10/65-

AARON

ISAAC

Lofton

by

Ingalls

Building

157-9586-1A35

File No. 157-9586-1P36Date Received 4-22-68From Bureau
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

Received from Bureau by
R/S dated 4-19-68.

5 Photographs of -
James Earl Ray

(Photo taken in 1960)



2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

James Earl Ray
(1960 Photo)

157-9586-1A36



2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

James Earl Ray
(1960 Photo)

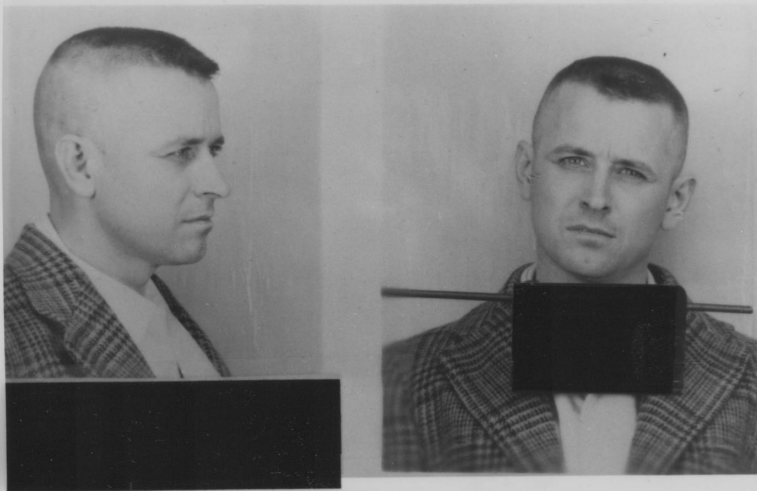
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James Earl Ray
(1960 photo)

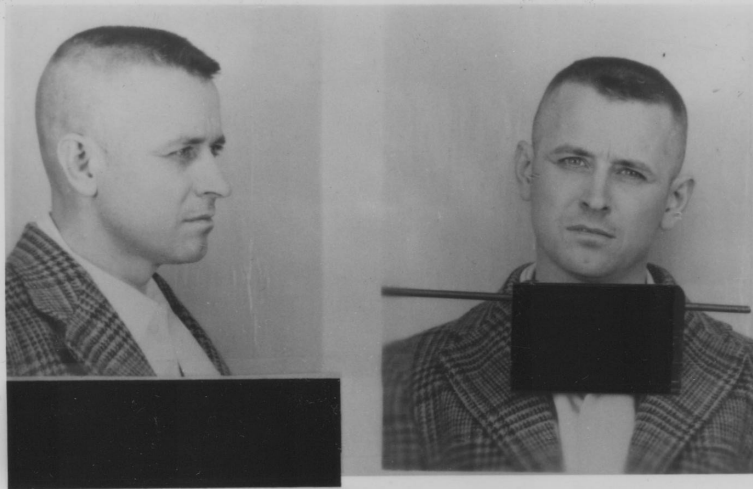
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James Earl Ray
(1960 photo)

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James Earl Ray
(1960 Photo)

157-9586-1A36

File No. 157-9586-1A37

Date Received 4/18/68

From Pete Leon Wacker
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Old Brandon Rd
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Jackson, Miss
(CITY AND STATE)

By David H. Phelps
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

Waver Form

157-9586-1131

INTERROGATION; ADVICE OF RIGHTS

YOUR RIGHTS

Place Jackson, Miss
Date 4/18/68
Time 8:15 AM

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Signed

But Laron Walker

Witness:

Donald H. Hays SA, FBI, Jackson, Miss 4/18/68

Witness: _____

Time:

8:15 AM

File No. 157-9086-1A38Date Received 4/10-17/68From James W. Sammons
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
Clotilde, Minn.
(CITY AND STATE)By SA James W. Sammons
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

Notes of SA James W.
Sammons re contacts with
motels & Standard Oil
Service Stations.

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MURKIN

HARVEY LOWMEYER

JOHN WILLARD

ERIC STARVO GALT

3/29/68 Fri 4/4/68 Thurs.

4/10/68 - High 55. Inten ^{25/4} Naper

Potomac near to Tenn State Line

Motels & Standard 55.

at Western Motel.

① GTL Motel Sackling, near
Lone Tree.

Mm. 1 Day - 178

② Waldrip Standard 55.

Doby Waldrip.

Glenn Burnett.

Standard maps
printed - Standard
Touring Service

128 E. Jefferson St.
Louisville Ky.

✓ 82-9744 from Zelle 502

Granted by T. L. H. M.

Gousha Co, - subsidiary
of the Tanaka Marine Co.

US Standard - not min
but off a "CHEVRON" Standard
not min but a 1967
maj. Bu 9 Black Hawk.

③ Robbie Sanford

H. I. Sordis

(4) Deep Trail noted, Sordid
Merry in flower.

① Her Standard SS

Lino, Mrs, John Herndon
Olex Robins, attend

② Como motel

John Rhea owner

③ Joe Sanders

Standard SS, Sanitobis

Mrs, Larry Wolf

④ Jerry Best

Best Standard, Sanitobis.

⑤ ^{rd Hernandez} Sankman Motel, Sanitobis

Irma Mitchell

⑥ T. Kraft ^{Route} Motel, Sanitobis
Playmngt.
~~John~~ Robins, owner

w/m 25-30 been there
3-4 weeks, Enpl Stroyford
Trin on H/L 4, driver white
Mustang with side toy.

① Donald Hickson,
w/m/29; DOB at
Fayetteville, Ga.
has been here 3 weeks.
Enpl R. D. Cole ruff to.
Newnan, Ga - unit of
water tower; 9 yrs. on
foreman; single;
USA 53348507 61-63
humble; 6'1"; 160; brown

lt. short curly hair
J. H. Brown; Ed - 10 # 1/2
middle aged; slender build;
Felix
Archie - no other

Was in bed asleep at
time it happened. Tom
L. Brown, Heavy body - say
don't vouch for it, but it
noted at time. Last drive
1968 ⁴⁸ Buick 112-0-484
1967 White Mustang.

⑫ Standard SS, Caldwell
Miss. J. W. O'Neil - owner

⑬ Standard SS, Hernando, Miss.
Shinn
Geo McNielga
Bill Sowell

⑭ Floyd's Standard SS
Hernando, Miss.
H. M. Anderson

(15) Thomas Welch
Standard SS, Hernando
TY Theron - miss

(16) Hernando motel
Terrell Perryman

(17) Buffery Corner SS
Horn Lake, miss.
John Samson

(18) Standard oil SS to SS
Stateline road,
Southaven, miss.

Tommy Bort

(19) Southaven Standard SS
Alto White

(20) Elc Soto motel
Joe Crawford
Hernando, miss.

Hgt 78 SE per Tenn
State Line

(21) Wilkins Travel Stop
Hgt 78 - Ed Wilkins

(22) Mineral Wells motel

Oline Brock, min.

Mary Boyel

(23) Keating Standard SS

Joe Turner, Mogwood min.

(24) Falkner's Standard SS

Oline Brock, min.

Jesse Dearyhill

(25) Oline Brock motel

Twila Phelley

Oline Brock, min.

336
158
178
407
185

1517
336
1853

(26) Pine deer Motel

Blaine Brook, miss

Etter John

4/11 - Hghs 78; 69

45 - Tupelo, miss

City limits, ^{Hgh 45 N from}
Tupelo to town

City of Corinth.

(27) The Commodore Motel

^{Hgh 78}
Marion Sene, nyc

(28) 78 Motel

Hgh 78

Bobbie Herban

(29) Jovian Stantard SS

^{Hgh 78}
Bobbie Jovian.

(30) Elmer Stantard SS,

Hgh 6 - Glenburter.

(31) Notchy Thore
Hyle 6

~~John~~ Pary.

(32) Reedy Paddy
Standard Hyle 6

John Reedy

(33) Carson & Cronston Studies
Hyle 459 78

Joe Carson - answer

(34) ^{Spence} ~~Carson~~ Standard Hyle 45

Joe Mark Carter

(35) Town Home Motel
Friendship Inn Hyle 45 S

Triplex - Scatty Reedy
Mr. Conroy Soap with

Friendship Emblem.

Mary Miller - metal
no Corbin Rogers.

Bedsprad. neg; towel. neg

photo neg; soap neg.

(36) Standard #355

Hgh 45 S. T. regulo.

James m^c Leroy

(37) Alaska Standard 55

Fred F. Foster; Hgh 45 8782

(38) Whit a Standard

Hgh 45 878
-Chas. Rogers

(39) Shindon Rex Ptoya.

Miller Rayford

Hgh 45 878

(40) Motel Leno
Hgt 45 978
Paul Richardson

(41) Holiday Inn.
Hgt 45 878.
Winter Phoenix

(42) Travelers Motel
Hgt 45 978 - Tampa.
Paul Sarden

(43) The Oaks Motel
Hgt 45
How ~~people~~ People

(44) Chiz n more
Hgt 45 N
Mr. J. P. ~~Ch~~ Chyzolen.

(45) Malden's Standard SS
Hgt 45 N
K. McCoy

(46) Rutherford Standard
Baldwyn, miss.

Harby Rutherford, miss

(47) Mayo Motel

Baldwyn, miss.

Clert Mayo

(48) Town Motel

Boonville, miss.

Psily C. Bowen

(49) Young Standard

Doverville, miss.

Purton Wayne Lenthien

(50) Lee's Motel Ltd
Boonville, miss.
Hale Kendal