Mrs. W. MULDER, Mulder's Courts, 7806 Old Galveston Road

Mrs. BEATRICE PAIGE, Ellington Motel 7822 Old Galveston Road

RICHARD GALIMBO, WW Rance Bar, 9002 Old Galveston Road

BARBARA FRENCH, Eunice's 9136 Old Galveston Road

NELSON BLAND, Singing Wheel, 603 N. Commerce (Webster)

JEAN BRADFORD, Five B's Cafe, 16516 Old Galveston Road

JIMMY STUBBS, Lone Star Beer Salesman, Pasadena

NELL KAMPER, Coconut Grove Lounge 9322 Old Galveston Road

Shangri-La Inn, NINA ESPEANSE 9410 Old Galveston Road

S.L. HARLOW, Hollywood Inn 10638 Old Galveston Road

FAYE ETZEL, Roy's Tune-Up, 10010 Old Galveston Road

The following investigation was conducted by SAs TIMOTHY DONOVAN and KENNETH B. JACKSON on April 19, 1968:

Mr. M.L. CASSIDY, Proprietor, League City Bar, Old Galveston Road, League City, Texas, advised he had not known of a female named "LOU" working at this bar in recent years and that photographs of ERIC GALT was unfamiliar to him.

MARCARET MOORE, Manager, Diamond Apartments, 628 Highway 3; Mariner Apartments, 1100 E. Main; Todd-Diamond Duplexes, 7th and Danna Streets, all League City, Texas, advised after viewing photograph and description of ERIC GALT that GALT was unknown to her.

Mrs. JULTUS LOOSIER, Hacienda Cafe, 3817 Highway 3, Dickinson, Texas, advised one LUCILLE G. MERKA who was more commonly referred to as "LU" worked as a waitress at this cafe for about two months, terminating about September 4, 1965. LU was a white female, age about 40-43, 5'6", dark hair, slender build. She was married to one LUW HOLLAN or HALLAN of Dickinson for awhile prior to her death from cancer in a hospital about one and one half to two years ago in Beaumont, Texas. Mrs. LOOSIER was unable to identify photograph of ERIC GALT as anyone she had known or seen before.

The following persons were contacted in efforts to locate and/or identify the unknown waitress described only as first name "LOU". Each of these persons reviewed subject's Wanted Flyer and each advised they could offer no information concerning "LOU" or subject.

L.B. WRIGHT, owner, Flintlock Inn, 810 Nasa Boulevard

ELIANE HUDSON, Manager, Monterrey House, 914 NASA Boulevard

D.W. ROBINSON, Manager BETTY COPELAND, Berger Town Restaurant No. 2, 918 NASA Boulevard

RAYMOND E. HANKAMER, JR., Manager, Holiday Inn Motel, 1300 NASA Boulevard

LESIEY C. BARCLAY, Manager, Sveden House Restaurant, Nassau Bay Shopping Village

BARRY FLEISHCHMANN, Manager, Nassau Bay Hotel, 1622 NASA Boulevard

On April 19, 1968, Mrs. LOUISE CASEY, Waitress, Nassau Bay Hotel, 1622 NASA Boulevard was interviewed at the hotel. Mrs. CASEY furnished the following information concerning herself:

Mrs. CASEY advised that she was born LOUISE ANETTE BOLEENO, at Buffalo, New York. The following physical description was noted:

Height 4'11"
Weight 100 lbs.
Eyes Green
Hair Blond wi

Hair Blond with reddish tint

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Mrs. CASEY advised that she has been employed by the Nassau Bay Hotel as a waitress since May, 1965 and at no time has she dated anyone. Mrs. CASEY advised she has been married to RICHARD CASEY for 19 years and has a 17 year old son. She advised that subject is name and photograph were completely unfamiliar to her, with the exception of recent press coverage and that at no time has she ever taken dancing lessons. Mrs. CASEY advised she currently resides at 98 Bayou Lane, Kamah, Texas, and that her husband RICHARD is employed as an engineer by Link, Temple and Vault, contractors at the Manned Spacecraft Center. Mrs. CASEY advised that during the spring and summer of 1967 she was employed full-time working evenings in the Club Seville at the Nassau Bay Hotel. Mrs. CASEY advised she has never been arrested and that the only time she has ever been fingerprinted was in 1951 or 1952 when she was employed as a part-time clerk at the Post Office in Buffalo, New York, during the Christmas season. She advised subsequently she and her husband have resided at Columbus, Ohio; Baltimore, Maryland; Granada Hills, California; and League City, Texas, prior to her present residence. She advised she and her husband moved to League City in February, 1965 and while at League City lived at the Diamond Apartments, 613 Texas Highway No. 3. Mrs. CASEY advised the only other waitress in the area that she knows whose first name could be LOU is Mrs. LOUISE WALLACE who is also employed as a waitress at the Nassau Bay Hotel.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs FRANK M. IVEY and DAVID W. HEDGECOCK:

On April 19, 1968 BARRY FLEISCHMANN, Manager, Nassau Bay Hotel, 1622 NASA Boulevard, advised that he employs two waitresses whose first name is "LOU". He advised that Mrs. LOUISE CASEY is employed as a waitress in the hotel restaurant and Mrs. LOUISE WALLACE is employed in the hotel coffee shop.

Mrs. LOUISE CASEY was interviewed on April 19, 1968 and it was determined she is not identical with the (LOU) (Last Name Unknown) previously determined in this case. Mrs. LOUISE WALLACE was on a day off on April 19, 1968 and efforts to locate her at her home, 1410 Farm-Market Road 518, Kemah, Texas met with negative results.

the following investigation was conducted in this case at Dickinson, Texas by SA HOLLIS Q. BOONE and SA M. CLAY BLACKMAN onApril 19, 1968:

Attempts to locate a waitress by the name of LOU (Last Name Unknown) were negative and photograph of subject was shown to all persons interviewed also with negative results. In the course of this investigation the following persons were contacted:

FRED GRIEGER, Deputy Sheriff, Galveston County Sheriff's Office

ROBERT BRUCE, Galveston County Sheriff's Office

MARY WILD, Mary's Cafe

CARLO EMMETT, T&C Night Club and Motel

LAVON BOOTH, Colonial Rooms All 1967 room receipts were reviewed

E.R. COOK, owner, rooming house, 4401 Gore

Mrs. PRESTON G. NORTHRUP, Northup Trailer Park, Highway 517

LUCILLE GRAHAM, Railroad Cafe

Mrs. JACKIE ROSS, Railroad Cafe

Four Seasons Beauty Salon, TINA VAN HOY

FRANK BOSTICK, Bostick Restaurant, Texas City, Texas

LINDA SKEPTER, Pete's Cafe LaMarque, Texas

Closed accounts, Security Savings and Loan and Miss VIRGINIA WEIGELT, Citizens State Bank, were checked for possible accounts of subject with negative results.

On April 23, 1968 BARRY FLETSHMAN, Resident Manager, Nassau Bay Hotel advised as follows:

Mrs. WALLACE has been employed by that hotel as a waitress for an extended period. She was not at work April 23, 1968. He described her as being in her middle or late 40s, married and has seven children. Her husband is an invalid. Mrs. WALLACE is definitely not a but on the contrary, is a quiet, stable and refined person

who is a dedicated housewife and mother with outside employment to support her family. She is not the type who would be interested in or have the time for extra marital affairs in view of her heavy responsibilities as housewife to an invalid and mother of seven children.

On April 19, 1968 the following individuals were interviewed by SA PHILIP W. SWISHER and SA OTTO VAN RY, and were exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as. All individuals interviewed advised after viewing photographs of RAY they had never seen him.

LOU KENNEDY, 1805 Wesley, Houston, Texas, employed as awaitress at Denny's Restaurant, 3137 Southwest Freeway. White female, 5'2", medium build. hair brown with reddish tint, date of birth Dickens County, Texas.

LOU RAWZA, 5209 Clay, employed as a secretary for E.O. Henson Company, 5209 Clay, Houston, Texas. Previous employment at Astoria Lounge, 1106 St. Emanuel, Houston. White female, 5'5", complexion medium. build medium, eyes brown, hair brown, date of birth blace of birth Silorm Springs, Arkansas.

Mrs. ADA CAMARON, Manager, Larabee Apartments, 1914 Larabee Road

ALICE ENTEGERMEIR, Assistant Manager King Kastle Restaurant, 5114 Nasa Road

R.L. FARMER, Manager, Ebb Tide Apartments, 4521 Nasa Road

J.F. PASCHALL, Manager, Dobbs House Restaurant, 1311 Nasa Road

The following investigation was conducted by SAs JOHN LEONARD RYAN and GEORGE T. SULLIVAN on April 19, 1968 on Nasa Highway 1. All bars, restaurants, and cafeterias on Nasa No. 1 were contacted to determine if the proprietors or employees of these establishments knew a waitress by the name of LOU, who is described as a white female, age 40, 5<sup>1</sup>4", brown hair with red tint. The following individuals were also contacted to determine if they had ever seen the individual known as ERIC STARVO GALT or JOHN WILLARD or LOWMYER. These individuals were unable to furnish any positive information.

LEON DYER
JAMES H. ROSSER, proprietor
1705 Second Street
Seabrook, Texas

Paul's Cafeteria 1913 NASA #1 ELLEN PERRY, Waitress PAUL HAYES, Manager

Lake Side Seafood 6031 NASA #1 P.C. LARRYBEE, Proprietor

The Lake House 5500 NASA #1 Mrs. HAROLD LEHMAN, Assistant Manager

Clear Lake Motel 5222 Nasa #1 H.W. WHITE, Manager

Eric Restaurant 5014 NASA #1 ERIC WILLIAMS and JAMES BOLDS, proprietors

Pier 7 Diner 4525 NASA #1 EVELYN SMITH, Manager

The Landing Apartments 4420 NASA Road #1 ED RAY, Manager

Port of Call Apartments #1 Porifito Strip MARION PETERS, Manager

Ramada Inn Restaurant NASA Road #1 V.LITTLE, Manager DIANA HANDS, Bookkeeper

On April 19, 1968 the following persons were contacted at their respective establishements by SAs WILLIAM G. MORRISSEY and JOHN MICHAEL MC CABE in Seabrook, Texas with negative results. Wanted Flyer 442 dated April 17, 1968 was exhibited to these individuals and they were

questioned regarding subject's possible whereabouts in Seabrook during April, 1967 and their knowledge of a waitress named "LOU" who allegedly is from the Texas Gulf Coast area.

C.J. ESHLEMAN 1309 Todville Road

B.A. HEIMANN 1618 Todville Road

R.A.MILLER 1705 Todville Road

HARRY FRIEDMAN 1901 Todville Road Spaceway Apartments

B.L. GUNDERSON 1921 Todville Road

ALICE JACKSON
Bayview Apartments, Incorporated.
1822 Todville Road

Todville Apartments 905 Todville Road RICHARD E. PEACOCK

Wes Nuecke's Bar 618 Todville Road

J.S. FOVILE 519 Todville Road

RACHEL MC DOWELL's Restaurant Box 342-906 Todville Road

LEON DYER's Bar 313 Todville Road

JOSEPH HACK's Beer Lounge

LEO MASTERS Pier 8 Market 104 Houston Street

Regatta Inn Highway 146 PHILLIP LONG OSCAR SCHWARTZ Crossroads Coffee House 1011 Meyer Street

A.L. WILCOX Chief, Seabrook Police Department

RALPH ANGELINO Fox and Hounds Club Highway 146

On April 19, 1968 the following persons were contacted at their respective establishments by SAs WILLIAM G. MORRISSEY and JOHN MICHAEL MC CABE in Kemah, Texas with negative results:

R.B. OLIVER Constable, Kemah, Texas, Precinct 7 6th Street and Harris Street

BEN BLACKLEDGE, Mayor of Kemah Rocket Lounge, 610 2nd Street Bradford Apartments, 610 3rd Street

TIM HOMER
JIMMIE WALKER's Edgewater Inn

JAMES COOPER Key Largo Restaurant

WESLEY VAN COURT Clear Creek Inn 606 3rd Street

SYLVIA D. Motel Téxas Avenue L.E. MARTIN

DONALD FRY Don's Place 312 Texas

DON COURTS 406 Texas

HAZEL CONTLIN Chatterbox 401 Texas Kemah Motel 503 Kipp EDNA OLIVER

SAM ATLEDGE Halls Lounge 701 Highway 146

STEVE ROBINSON Robinson's Restaurant

Del Mar Lounge 601 2nd Street JAMES BREWSTER

Moonshot Cafe 605 2nd Street I.P. DICKSON

Cabana Motel Kipp Street MARY CEDAR

Pirate's Cove 609 2nd Street JACK CAMPBELL LOUIS WILSON

On April 26, 1968 information from the Baltimore Office, FBI, set forth results of the interview of SHIRLEY CARROLL who in 1967 had been employed by Itaska Dance Studio as a bookkeeper, League City, Texas. Miss CARROLL stated that she did not recognize photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as, as being anyone whom she had ever met and specifically not anyone that she could associate with a person named JOHN WILLARD or in any way with a person who attended the Itaska Dance Studio at League City, Texas. She further stated that the name JOHN WILLARD was not familiar to her. She stated that she vaguely recalled an individual who appeared bashful and quite backward who had taken lessons at the Itaska Dance Studio but this individual was not a person named JOHN WILLARD and the person that she vaguely recalls does not in any way resemble ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as JAMES EARL RAY.

On April 19, 1968 STEVE GERON, Manager, Home Entertainment, Inc. (record shop), 18091 Upper Bay Road, Nassau Bay, was exhibited photo and description of JAMES EARL

RAY. He was unable to identify this photo. He searched his records under the name and aliases of RAY and was unable to locate any record under these names. GERON explained that he had been manager only since January, 1968. Previous manager was DAVID WEINBRENER, now with Sterling Electronics.

On April 19, 1968, DAVID WEINBRENER, Salesman, Sterling Electronics, 4201 Southwest Freeway, was exhibited photo and description of subject and stated he could not identify this individual as having been a patron of Home Entertainment, Inc. during the time he was manager. WEINBRENER stated Home Entertainment, Inc. opened for business in Nassau Bayabout June 7, 1967 under his management. He remained there as manager until the latter part of 1967.

Mrs. NORMA DRESZER, Clerk, and Mrs. JOYCE MURPHY, Owner, Melody Lane Music Shop, Clear Lake City Shopping Center, on April 19, 1968 were exhibited photo and description of subject and were unable to identify as a patron of this store. Name and aliases searched against records with negative results.

The following investigation was conducted by SA PENROD W. HARRIS:

# AT CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

On April 16, 1968 HENRY RODRIGUEZ, Assistant Manager, Arthur Murray School of Dancing, 809 N. Shoreline, advised this school of dancing was closed for some months, and reopened in December, 1967. He was unable to locate any record of a person attending this school under the surname GALT, LOWMEYER, LOWMYER or WILLARD.

On April 16, 1968 DAVE HOSKINS, operator, Dave Hoskins Dancing School, 4415 Gollihar, advised he has had no persons taking dancing lessons from him in the past four years, having surname GALT, LOWMEYER, LOWMYER or WILLARD.

It is noted the above two dancing schools are the only schools in Corpus Christi at which ballroom dancing is taught.

The following dance studios were contacted in Houston, Texas, by SA TIMOTHY J. DONOVAN on April 15, 1967, in an effort to determine if ERIC STARVO GALT had ever been on record as attending these schools:

1. Academy of Flamenco, 5134 Richmond Mrs. BETTY GILBERSON - 24

- 2. Vivian King Adams School 5238 Palm Center, Mrs. VIVIAN KING ADAMS
- 3. Alexander Joy School 3102 Beechamp Mrs. EVA MILLER
- 4. Allegro Ballet of Houston ELLA MAE HORN 2707 Saye Road
- 5. Pat Herring Alston Dance Studio 3804 Broadway PAT HERRING ALSTON
- 6. Dance City U.S.A. 5134 Richmond Mrs. BETTY GILBERSON
- 7. Mary Jo Dance Studio 1734 West 34th Street MARY JO CARIVELLA
- 8. McDowell 420 Little York Road BILLY MC DOWELL
- 9. Twin Dance Studio 907 East Southmore MARY MC COWAN
- 10. Westbury Dance Studio 10903 Chimney Rock KAREN MAINERD
- 11. Eleanor Eason Studiok 824 Wakefield Mrs. EMONONE
- 12. Herzog Studio 7909 Hillcroft Miss KERRY
- 13. Linkwood School of Ballet 8827 Timberside Mrs. LUISA
- 14. London International 5134 Richmond BETTY GILBERSON

- 15. Lobella School of Dancing 8409 Winkler JEAN LOBELLA
- 16. Emmons 1520 Foley Mrs. EMMONS

The results of these interviews were negative.

The following persons were contacted on April 15, 1968 and advised they had no records of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER or JOHN WILLARD as ever being students at their respective establishments:

EVELYN TRETON
Jane Browning Dance Studio
5415 South Braeswood

Mrs. W.L. GURGANUS Buddy & Tina's School of Dance 8122 Ley Road

ROBERT HE CALVERT Calvert Ballroom Dance Instructors 4114 Portsmouth

MIKE GOMEZ Lane Conway Dance Studio 909 Marshall Street

Mrs. JAMES ALPHIN Cribo Dance Studio 1022 Edgebrook

CLATRE KOTCHY
The Kotchy School of Dancing
2010 Peden

RUDOLF KROELLER Rudolf Kroeller Dance Studio 3419 Graustark

Mrs. PEGGY POUNDERS LeChateau DeBallet 1105 Meyer BETTY GILBERTSON
Patsy Swayze School of Dancing
5134 Richmond Avenue

Mrs. ELIZABETH SMITH Smith Dance Studios 9121 Kenilworth

BETTY GILBERTSON Nancy Stevens Dance Club 5134 Richmond Avenue

BETTY TAYLOR
Betty Taylor School of Dance
2527 Robinhood

The following investigation was conducted by SA CARLOS L. KIRBY, JR.:

The following were contacted on April 16, 1968 with negative results as to anyone under the names of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER or JOHN WILLARD:

CAROLYN EHMAN
Carolyn Ehman Dancing Academy
4116 Broadway
Galveston, Texas

MARY GABRILES
Gabriles School of Dancing
1920 45th Street
Galveston, Texas

MYRTLE GRIEGO Griego School of Dancing 1506 39th Street Galveston, Texas

ISABEL MC KENNA McKenna School of Dancing 4602 Avenue S Galveston, Texas

MARC LIGON
Marc Ligon School of Ballet
920 8th Avenue North
Texas City, Texas

MARION GARNER KING Marion Garner Studio of Dance 402 8th Avenue North Texas City, Texas ITASKA WEINSTEIN
Itaska School of Dance
Highway #3
League City, Texas

On April 17, 1968 Mrs. JANE S. LEE, owner, Lee Jan School of Dance, 208 N. Coulter, Bryan, Texas, advised there is no dance studio catering to adults in the local area or for that matter in any of the towns within the College Station Resident Agency territory.

The following dance studios were contacted by SA G.R. SCHWEICKHARDT on April 15, 1968 and furnished a description of subject and names GALT, LOWMYER and WILLARD and all advised that they had never had anyone by that name take dance lessons at their studio.

Arthur Murray Dance Studio 1945 West Gray BEA DE MARCO

Asbury School of Dancing 2819 Hillcroft HUGH F. ASBURY

Fred Astaire Dance 5734 Richmond BETTY GILBERTSON

Ballet of Houston 3416 Louisiana THELMA SEMENONA

Emma Mae Horn Dance Studio 2707 Sage Road Houston EMMA MAE HORN

Houston Get Acquainted Dance Club 5134 Richmond BETTY GILBERTSON

Joy's School of Dance 3102 Beauchamp Mrs. CHARLES FRENCH

Vivian King Dance Studio 5283 Palm Center VIVIAN KING ADAMS Niland School of Dance 7150 Bellfort MARY NILAND

HALLY R. PRICHARD School of Dance HALLY PRICHARD

PRICHARD stated 15 years ago they had a TOMMY GALTS who is a long-time Houston resident.

A PROPERTY AND A SECOND

Barbara Lee Rankin Ballet 2010 Peden CLARA KOTCHETOUSKY

Taylor Dance Art Studio 1616 Gessner DON TAYLOR

Vergie Lee Dance Studio 1520 Foley ETHEL EMMONS

The Wiekerth School 3706 Colgate AILEEN LANGERMAN

Whitney School of Dance DERIDRE WHITNEY

Stevens of Hollywood Westheimer LAD STEVENS

The following investigation was conducted by SA G.R. SCHWEICKHARDT and SA JOHN H. SCHULTE:

On April 19, 1968 Sergeant JERRY FOWLER and Court Dispatcher JINNY GILLASPIE of the Webster Police Department, advised that they checked their records under the names GALT, WILLARD and LOWMYER and could find no one having been arrested by the Webster Police Department. FOWLER advised that they have only one rooming house in Webster, and that is Mrs. LUCILLE ADLER's rooming house. He also advised that there are no restaurants or bars off the main highway passing through Webster.

Mrs. LUCILLE ADLER, 305 Houston Street, was exhibited photograph of subject and furnished the three aliases of subject, and advised she has never rented to anyone by that name.

The following individuals were contacted at League City, Texas, furnished aliases, description and exhibited photo of subject, and all advised that they had never seen him or heard of his name. All were asked about a waitress by the name of LOU and none could furnish any information as to her.

City Water Department Mrs. W.B. HALEY

Mrs. H.W. HEWITT 1014 East Main Rooming House

The League City Police Department JANET WATERS Dispatcher Patrolman LINDSAY CARLTON

Dorothy's Kuntry Kitchen DOROTHY SMITH

FRANK LUTRETE 224 Dallas

Mr. W.L. RIGSBY 300 Illinois

Mrs. LOUIS DAMMERNHAYNE 909 Louisiana

FAYE GUBERT Oak Park Trailer Park

WAYNE MILES League City Trailer Park

JOHN CHIRARDI 707 South Kansas

Mrs. J.C. KNIGHT 621 Second Street

F.H. FERGUSON 117 South Kansas

C.B. MANLEY Box 35

HENRY ANDERSON Chart Room

Mrs. LEE BLACK 1824 East Main

LINDSEY CARLETON, Webster Police Department, advised that he arrested an ELEAN LUCRETIAN GALT at 223 Maple, Kemah, Texas on March 29, 1968 and issued her a traffic ticket.

On April 19, 1968 SAS SCHWEICKHARDT, JOHN H. SCHULTE and MC CABE interviewed ELEAN L. GALT and she advised that she is employed by General Electric, Apollo Division, at Seabrook, Texas. She has never known anyone fitting suspect's description. She advised that she is from Harlingen, Texas and her father's name is JOHN GALT who she said has been already contacted by the FBI.

On April 19, 1968 ITASKA WEINSTEIN was recontacted and at that time she stated that she now recalled that a man named JAMES ELLIS also took dancing lessons from her during the period that JOHN WILLARD, another one of her students, was taking lessons. Mrs. WEINSTEIN was unable to recall if WILLARD and ELLIS had ever met. She definitely recalls that they did not at any time ever take lessons from her at the same time. Mrs. WEINSTEIN stated that as a matter of fact she now is unable to definitely state that the previous information she had furnished regarding JOHN WILLARD is correct a perhaps descriptive data pertaining to JAMES ELLIS. She stated to the best of her recollection ELLIS is employed at NASA and resides at either League City or Webster.

Mrs. WEINSTEIN also said that her clientele is almost complete children to whom she teaches ballet type dancing. She stated that she dislikes giving ballroom dancing lessons and the only ones she could recall having taken ballroom lessons were JAMES ELLIS and JOHN WILLARD.

On April 19, 1968 JAMES M. ELLIS was interviewed at the NASA Security Office and he advised as follows:

JAMES ELLIS resides at a trailer park at 404
Third Street. Space No. 5, League City. He was born
at Atlanta, Georgia. He is employed as an experimental metalsmith, Technical Services Shop,
NASA. He has been employed at NASA since August 24, 1966.
ELLIS stated that he commenced dancing lessons at Itaska
Dance Studio, League City, in the spring approximately March or April and continued them through approximately September, 1967. He was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY; however, none were identifiable to him as anyone whom he had ever seen or had known at any time. He stated that he does not know or recall the name of JOHN WILLARD as a person he knew nor was he aware of a person by this name who was taking dance lessons from ITASKA WEINSTEIN at the Itaska Dance Studio during the spring of 1967.

ELLIS stated that he usually took his dancing leesons at the Itaska Dance Studio at approximately 6:00 PM in the evening. He stated that he usually left his employment, went to his apartment where he cleaned up, changed clothes and then went to the dance studio. He stated that during the period that he was taking dancing lessons he did date a girl who was a waitress whose name was ROSE. He recalled that he had mentioned to ITASKA WEINSTEIN that he had quit dating ROSE because she worked a late shift and expected him, ELLIS, to drop by and pick her up when she completed work. He said that this became a difficulty in that he had to get up in the morning at an early hour to get to work and he did not think she was worth it.

Records of the NASA Security Division, checked April 19, 1968 reflect that JAMES M. EILIS was issued a Manned Spacecraft Center (MSC) decal No. 69413 on August 24, 1966. His car is described as a 1959 Chevrolet Biscayne, white over gray, Alabama license 473575. His occupation was shown to be that of a metalsmith, Technical Services Shop, NASA. He was described in these records as 6'2", 160 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes.

JOHN PUFFER, Security Division, NASA, made available records of all temporary badge permits from the period March, 1967 to date. Also made available were temporary vehicle passes from the period of March through May, 1967. A review of these records failed to reflect any registration for JAMES EARL RAY.aka.

On April 22, 1968 ERNIE GILLIAM, Procurement Officer, NASA, made available records of all contractors and sub-contractors who have during the year 1967 and

1968 worked on NASA projects. A review of the payroll records maintained by the Procurement Division, of all employees working for prime and sub-contractors, failed to reflect the name of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as.

# 3. Bartender's School Records Houston, Texas

On April 17, 1968 DON HOWE, Manager, Bartending School of Houston, 3619 Fannin, advised his records from 1966 to the present date contain no reference to JAMES EARL RAY, also known as.

4. Alleged Employment at Ingall's Ship Yard Pascagoula, Mississippi

ERIC STARVO GALT allegedly claimed employment in 1967 at the Ingall's Ship Yard, Pascagoula, Mississippi. An employment record was located for one INEZ COWART GALT for the period 1944 at Ingall's Ship Yard. A subsequent address for GALT was at Houston, Texas.

On April 20, 1968 records of Hughes Tool Company, Houston, Texas were reviewed and information obtained reflecting that INEZ COWART GALT was employed by that company in 1945. The address for GALT as of 1945 was 2501 Galveston Highway, Houston, Texas.

MARY RICE; Manager, Oak Court Apartments, 2501 Galveston Road, stated that she had been the manager of these apartments since 1961 and has no records as to tenants for any time prior to 1961. She stated that INEZ COWART GALT is unknown to her and that name along with the name ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as, is not contained with her records.

Mr. HASTING MEADOWS, 606 Dell Court, Houston, Texas, owner of Oak Court Apartments, since 1960, advised that the name INEX COWART GALT and ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as, are unknown to him and he has no records for these apartments prior to 1960. MEADOWS advised that the Oak Court Apartments prior to his purchase of them had several owners, the identities of which are unknown to him at this time. He stated that it is highly improbable that any records are available dating back to 1945. Houston street, city, telephone directories, police department, sheriff's office records and credit bureau records contained no identifiable information for the name INEZ COWART GALT.

#### 5. THOMAS JOSEPH COX

On April 17, 1968 the FBI at Birmingham received information that a person named THOMAS JOSEPH COX may have known a person who fits the description of the artist conception of the logical suspect in this investigation. THOMAS JOSEPH COX was described as a member of the Seafarers International Union working on ships out of Houston, Texas owned by the American Bulk Carriers, New York, New York. According to information received by Birmingham, COX allegedly brought an individual to a motel in Birmingham who used the name of SHAW GALT (phonetic). This occurred in September, 1967.

On April 18, 1968 THOMAS JOSEPH COX was interviewed aboard the vessel "The Hudson", an oil tanker directed to be docked at the Humble Docks, Baytown, Texas. COX was shown photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as, and COX stated that these photographs are not familiar or identifiable by him as being anyone whom he, COX, has ever known. He, COX, said that the last time he was in Birmingham, Alabama was in March, 1966 and that at that time he stayed at a rundown motel on the road towards Mobile, Alabama. He stated that the name SHAW GALT is completely unfamiliar to him. He stated the only person he could recall knowing that he could consider as having come from Birmingham was a girl he can recall only as CONNIE whomhe met in Houston. He stated he dated her when he came to port at Houston. He recalled that COMNIE had a family in Birmingham. COX advised that the fact that he was not in Birmingham in September, 1967 could be verified through records of the Coast Guard, Washington, D.C. through his, COX's Z Number, Z976491-D-3.

Information received by the FBI, Phoenix, April 21, 1968 was furnished by DAVID L. WILSON alleging that JAMES EARL RAY was seen by WILSON during the summer of 1967 in an unrecalled city in Missouri. Information furnished by WILSON noted that at that time WILSON was a truck driver for the Willis Shaw Company and had with him a co-truck driver named GENE BRIZENDINE.

On April 22, 1968 CLARENCE EUGENE BRIZENDINE, truck driver for Willis Shaw, Elm Springs, Arkansas was interviewed andadvised as follows: BRIZENDINE and DAVID L.

WILSON were on a cross country haul for Shaw Company enroute to the West Coast. At Lebanon, Missouri while WILSON was driving their truck was stopped by law enforcement officers. WILSON was charged and arrested for drunk driving. BRIZENDINE at the time of the arrest had been asleep in the truck bunk and was not charged by the arresting officer. He was not taken into custody. BRIZENDINE said that he remained in the truck that evening sleeping until the next morning and then because he was left without a driver to assist in the cross country run he turned the truck around and returned to the point of origin. BRIZENDINE stated that he has not seen WILSON since the time of WILSON's arrest when he was taken into custody. BRIZENDINE stated that he later heard from now unrecalled sources that WIISON had been fined \$100 for drunk driving and had attempted to contact Willis Shaw Company for money to pay the fine. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as, were displayed to BRIZENDINE and he advised that the photographs were not familiar or recognizable to him as being identifiable with anyone whom he, BRIZENDIME has ever known.

## 6. WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS

WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS in 1965 alleged that he had been approached by an individual on February 25, 1965 and asked to kill the President (of the United States) and MARTIN LUTHER KING.

On April 30, 1968 Inspector SNELL, Beaumont Police Department, advised their records reflect WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS was last handled at Jefferson County, Beaumont, Texas on March 25, 1965 when he was sentenced to two years, Texas Prison System, Huntsville, Texas Unit, Department of Public Safety No. 183303.

A check of Texas Department of Correction records, Huntsville, Texas May 1, 1968 reflect that WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS, FBI No. 2530100 was released from detention, May 11, 1966 for the purpose of returning to Kansas City, Missouri to seek employment. These records reflect that JACOBS admitted being committed at least three times for mental observation at Austin, Texas prior to confinement. In addition these records reflect that he had admitted from 1946 to 1958 he was unable to remember anything due to his mental illness caused by acute alcoholism.

Records of the Texas State Mental Hospital reflected that JACOBS had a sister named THELMA POWERS allegedly residing at 8125 Lamar Drive, Houston. A check of the following records failed to reflect any information for THELMA POWERS:

Houston City Directory
Houston Cross Reference
Houston Telephone Directory
Houston Credit Bureau
Harris County Sheriff's Office
Houston Police Department

An effort to locate 8125 Lamar Drive revealed that the address is non-existent. There is in Houston a Lamar Street and West Lamar Street, however, there is no address of an 8100 block on either street.

On May 9, 1968 JACK HEARD, Assistant Director, Texas Department of Corrections (TDC) Huntsville, Texas, advised as follows:

On March 25, 1965 WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS received a two year sentence at TDC. His minimum discharge date was June 6, 1966. JACOBS lost no time and caused no trouble. On January 12, 1966 in view of his good behavior, he was transferred to the Texas Department of Corrections Pre-Release Unit, Huntsville and was given a trustee status. As such he picked up another month which accounts for his release on May 11, 1966. On May 11, 1966 JACOBS was discharged from the TDC with no parole involved. TDC records contain no subsequent information regarding JACOBS.

# 7. Labor Union Checks

The following labor unions were contacted and checked for any information identifiable with a member named JAMES EARL RAY, also known as:

JOHN LIGHTFOOT at Seafarers International Union of North America

International Association of Fire Fighters

International Association of Machinists, Local 15, RAY BLOCKLOCK

International Association of Machinists, District Office

International Brotherhood of Pulp-Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers

International Organization of Masters Mates and Pilots-Local 20

International Union of District 50 - United Mine Workers of America JUDITH ELMORE

International Union of Operating Engineers, Mr. CARTER

Iron Workers Union Local 84

Laborers International Union Local 18 Mrs. LYLES

Lathers Local Union 224

Lithographers and Photoengravers International Union Local 265

Millwright's Local Union, 2232 Mr. BELL

Movie Operators Union Local 279, JOYCE GRIMM

National Maritime Union

Oil Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union, Locals 4-227, 4-367

Painters Local Union 130, Mr. COLEMAN

Pile Drivers and Marine Diving Local Union 2079

HELEN EARNEST, Secretary, Asbestor Workers Local No. 22,6001 Gulf Freeway

DORIS BAKER, Secretary, Boiler Makers Union No. 74, 8303 Leander

HELEN BOND, Secretary, Boiler Makers Union Local No. 469, 3506 Harrisburg

JOYCE LINTZ, Secretary, Brewery Workers Union Local No. 111, South Coast Building

MALCOLM SCHAFER, Financial Secretary, Bricklayers Union No. 7, 2017 Clay

Mrs. MAURINE MITCHELL, Secretary, Carpenters and Joiners Unions of America, 1800 McGowen

VANCE FRIDGE, Financial Secretary, Carpet and Linoleum Layers Local No. 1863, 1705 Bell

J.O. DEMPSEY, Financial Secretary Cement Masons Local No. 681 3130 North Freeway

LESLIE MEINER, Secretary, Electrical Workers Union No. 66, 2506 Sutherland

JOAN BLAKE, Secretary, Communications Workers of America Local No. 6222, 1520 Pease

Electrical Workers Union, 2501 Crawford MAXLEE ZTESMER

Mrs. CLEO JONES, Teamsters Local 968, 626 E. 43 Street

Mrs. LEE NORRIS, Houston Building and Construction Trades, 2704 Sutherland

Mrs. ALMA HERRING, Houston Building and Construction Trades, 2704 Sutherland

KENNETH TRAMMELL, IATSE Local 615, 615 Louisiana

ILA Locals 872, 1231, 1272, 1271, 1273 1330, 1331, 1525, 1727, 1581 and 1351 (B. CAPITI, JACK CONINE, ELBERT RAYMOND, LEE WIGGINS, C. BARNETT and FRANK BURNS AFL-CIO. E. KIMMEL, 2404 Sutherland

United Steel Workers of America, Mrs. LUCILLE ZMARZLY

AF of L Local 26, J.R. BROWN

L. KRZESIENSKI, Sheet Metal Workers Local 54

R.B. MOON, Sales Drivers Local Union No. 949

A.B. COOPER, Roofers and Waterproofers and Pipe Wrappers Local 116

D.J. HOFER, AF of L-CIO Local 455

PAT KERSH, Pipe Fitters Local 211

Information developed by the FBI determined that ERIC STARVO GALT stayed alone at the Hotel Rio, Room 212, Merelos 86, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico during the period October 19 to November 6, 1967 and from November 7 until November 13, 1967 at the Hotel Tropicana. One of the U.S. residents who was visiting at the Hotel Rio during the time that GALT resided at this hotel was Mr. and Mrs. LU (MARY E) SCHRADER, 3126 Highway 146, LaPorte, Texas. Another was Mrs. E.N. COLLINS, JR; and Mrs. VIVIAN FRIEDBERG, 5711 LaFitte, Galveston, Texas.

The following investigation was conducted by SA FRANK M. IVEY:

On May 1, 1968 Mrs MARY E. SCHRADER, 3126 Highway 146, LaPorte, Texas advised that she and her husband stayed at the Hotel Rio in Room 206, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico for about four or five days in late October, 1967. She stated she did not recall anyone by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT or other aliases of this name staying there at the same time. She was unable to identify the photograph of the subject as anyone that she had seen during her stay in Mexico.

On May 1, 1968 LEWIS R. SCHRADER, 3126 Highway 146, LaPorte, Texas was interviewed at his place of employment, Ebasco Construction Company, where he is a pipe-fitter employed on the construction site of the Houston Lighting and Power Company, San Leon, Texas. Mr. SCHRADER stated that he and his wife were on a vacation trip during late October, 1967 and stayed at the Hotel Rio (room unrecalled) Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico. He stated he did not recall anyone staying there at the time by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT and was unable to identify the photograph of the subject as anyone he had seen.

The following investigation was conducted at H uston, Texas on May 1, 1968 by SA B. PERKOWSKI, JR.:

Mrs. VIVIAN FRIEDBERG, 5711 LaFitte Avenue, advised she stayed at the Hotel Rio in Puerto Vallarta,

Mexico, sometime in about October, 1967 for a period of about four or five days. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. E.N. COLLINS, JR. Shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and told that he may have used the name of ERIC GALT, she stated she does not recall that she noticed this person at the Hotel Rio or elsewhere during her visit to Mexico. She does not recall her room number in this hotel and does not believe she held any conversation with GALT.

She stated also her sister lives in Houston, Texas at 5208 Mt. Houston Road and is employed in the office of Dr. HAROLD SCHAFFNER at 5105 San Jacinto, telephone number JA 3-9812.

Mrs. E.N. COLLINS, JR., 5208 Mount Houston Road, Houston, Texas advised that during her trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico in October, 1967 when she was accompanied by her sister, VIVIAN FRIEDBERG she can recall no male who looked like the pictures of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt. It is her recollection most of the residents at Hotel Rio were elderly people and not fit the description of RAY, also known as Galt. She was unable to recall the number of the room at the Hotel Rio in which they stayed.

8. Telephone Calls From Pay Telephones
December 15 - 17, 1967 Along InterState Highway 10, Texas

CHARLES STEIN when interviewed by agents of the FBI at Los Angeles inApril, 1968 alleged that while traveling by automobile in the company of JAMES EARL RAY from Los Angeles to New Orleans in mid-December, 1967 RAY made approximately six telephone calls most of which were made while traveling through Texas. He recalled that one call may have been completed as STEIN had to wait for quite a while for RAY to return to the car. In the other instances RAY was gone for such a short period of time from the carthat STEIN was of the opinion that the calls were not completed. STEIN was unable to recall the exact location from which RAY made the alleged completed phone call, but he was of the opinion that it was in the area "just west of Houston " at a service station type establishment just off of U.S. Interstate Highway 10. The call was made at night, from a phone booth located on an access road paralleling the freeway near a liquor store and gas station at a point where the freeway is eight lanes wide with a fence separating the freeway from the access road; STEIN further defined the time of the call as at approximately 9:00 PM on December 16, 1967 and was probably made to New Orleans, Louisiana.

On April 26, 1968 Everett Collier, Vice President and Editor, Houston Chronicle, a daily Houston newspaper, advised as follows:

LOUIS LOMAX and CHARLESSTEIN had arrived at Houston at 4:15 PM, April 25, 1968.

LOMAX is a controversial TV personality from the Los Angeles area who had his own TV show until March, 1968. He has also authored a book entitled "The Negro Revolt".

LOMAX and STEIN, accompanied by a Chronicle reporter, searched the area west of Houston in an attempt to locate the phone booth from which JAMES EARL RAY allegedly made a call on the evening of December 16, 1967 and the search was unsuccessful. According to COLLIER, the Chronicle reporter, who accompanied LOMAX and STEIN on their search, described STEIN as being extremely vague and not at all sure of the area where the call was allegedly made.

COLLTER also advised that the North American Newspaper Alliance (NANA) has been trying to get in touch with LOMAX on April 26, 1968 for the purpose of writing a story on April 26, 1968 about STEIN's trip from Los Angeles to New Orleans with RAY.

COLLIER stated that he thought NANA was controlled by columnist DREW FEARSON.

On April 27, 1968 DON MICHAELS, Houston Chronicle, advised that he dropped LOUIS LOMAX and CHARLES STEIN at San Antonio at 4:30 PM on April 26, 1968. They intended to rent a car in San Antonio and indicated to MICHAELS that they would turn the car in at San Antonio when through.

MICHAELS made the observation that both LOMAX and STEIN appeared to be "lost" as far as their operation is concerned. MICHAELS further commented that, in his opinion, STEIN is taking LOMAX "for a ride". MICHAELS learned from comments made by STEIN that STEIN had slept most of the way on the December cross-country trip, California to Louisiana when he accompanied RAY.

On April 28, 1968 HUCH AINSWORTH, Newsweek correspondent, Houston, Texas, contacted Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Houston, and advised that LOUIS LOMAX and CHARLES STEIN had identified a coin telephone located at an Enco Station, Route 90, Uvalde, Texas as one allegedly used by JAWES EARL RAY to make a telephone call to New Orleans between the hours of 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM, December 16, 1967. The telephone number was identified as being BR 8-9048. AINSWORTH requested that toll calls from this telephone by checked by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company to determine if any calls had been made to the New Orleans area on December 16, 1967. AINSWORTH requested that he be advised of the result of this check.

On April 26, 1968 a subpoena was issued for the records of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Houston, Texas to be made available before the Grand Jury, Laredo, Texas on May 20, 1968. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company made available their records, period December 15 - 17, 1967 for all coin operated telephones along Highway 90, U.S. Interstate Ten. Subsequent to a review of these records by agents of the FBI, a representative of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company was advised that the subpoena had been complied with and records need not be furnished on May 20, 1968.

On the basis of the aforementioned review of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company records the following data was obtained:

Telephone calls, Houston Division, December 15-17, 1967 emanating from pay telephones along Interstate Highway 10 to:

New Orleans Division	380
Indianapolis	1
Kansas City	1
Little Rock	5
Los Angeles	16
Mobile	4
Oklahoma City	9
San Francisco	3
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Denver	1
Louisville	1
Memphis	4
Miami	, 1
New York	2
Norfolk	1
Omaha	1
Philadelphia	2
Sacramento	1
Seattle	1
Springfield	3
St. Louis	1
Tampa	1
Atlanta	1
Albuquerque	5
Boston	2
Charlotte	5
Chicago	3
Cincinnati	3
Detroit	1
Cleveland	3
El Paso	3
Jackson	6
Jacksonville	2
Las Vegas	1
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Dallas	59
San Antonio	46
Phoenix	1
Houston	391
Total	969

All of the above field divisions were furnished the telephone number called in their division, date called and number and place from which call emanated.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs WILLIAM J. FLANAGAN and KENNETH B. JACKSON on April 25, 1968 at Houston, Texas.

JERRY F. MC PHERSON, Manager, Holiday Inn, 9799 Katy, reviewed records for the period December 14-20, 1967; D.J. GRAVINK, Manager, Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, 7953 Katy, reviewed records for the entire year 1967; LOWELL MASON, Assistant Manager, Cactus Court, 7631 Katy, records for December, 1967. Each advised no record of CHARLES STEIN or of JAMES EARL RAY by name or aliases as occupants of motel unit during respective periods indicated.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs FRANK M. IVEY and WILLIAM G. MORRISSEY on April 25, 1968 at Houston, Texas.

Registration records of the following motels along Katy Freeway west (I.S. 10) were reviewed through the following persons for the period December 16-18, 1967 for CHARLES STEIN and/or JAMES EARL RAY by name or aliases. No record was located:

Field Inn TED DEMETRE, Manager 9821 Katy Freeway

Yupon Motel Mrs. NORA WILSIE, Manager 8615 Katy Freeway

Western Skies Motel DAVID PEERY, Manager 7809 Katy Freeway Robinhood Motor Lodge ROSE PATTON, Assistant Manager 7611 Katy Freeway

#### 9. Associates of JAMES EARL RAY

Information developed by the Kansas City Office, FBI determined that NEAL EDGAR AEBY had been closely associated in Missouri State Penitentiary with — JAMES EARL RAY while RAY was incarcerated at that institution until his escape April 23, 1967.

On April 25, 1967 NEAL EDGAR AEBY also interviewed at Ramsey Unit, Texas State Department of Corrections, Houston, Texas. AEBY advised as follows:

He and JAMES EARL RAY had been inmates at Missouri State Penitentiary for about five years. He and RAY had handled minor narcotics while in prison in order to get money for commissary items. AEBY stated that he had never known RAY to be a user of hard narcotics. AEBY has three brothers, BILL AEBY, Box 64, Segoville, Texas who also was a friend of RAY and who had served time with RAY at Missouri State Penitentiary; AUBREY AEBY, address unknown, Dallas, Texas; and JAMES AEBY who owns and operates a filling station, Dallas, Texas and who has never been arrested.

AEBY advised that he arrived at Ramsey No. 1 on April 24, 1968 after having been transferred from Missouri State Penitentiary to the TDC, Huntsville, Texas. AEBY stated that while enroute to Huntsville he was lodged in a jail in Oklahoma City for one night where he mailed a postcard to FRANK GUINAN, an inmate, Missouri State Penitentiary.

AEBY advised that his ex-wife JUDY possibly resides in the Houston area but he has not seen her for several years and does mot know where she could be located.

AEBY stated that JAMES EARL RAY had very few friends while in the Missouri State Penitentiary. He described RAY as being "very deadly". He stated that RAY was not a loud rabble rousing type individual and that RAY never expressed any hatred for the Negro race but if anyone wronged him in any way RAY would immediately contrive means to get even. AEBY stated that he was a chief cook while at Missouri State Penitentiary and that RAY worked under him

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as a slicer in the bread room. AEBY advised that RAY on two occasions, once in 1962 and again in 1966 attempted to escape from Missouri State Penitentiary but in each case he was unsuccessful. In one instance the ladder broke and in the other instance the rope which he was using failed to support him and he fell and fractured his arm. After serving time in solitary RAY was again returned to the bread room.

AEBY stated that RAY had mentioned to him that he, RAY, had a brother in St. Louis and that he, RAY, was from St. Louis. AEBY advised that he did not know the names of RAY's brother or where he could be located. When questioned about the escape route utilized by RAY in 1967 AEBY advised he would not divulge this escape route as the route is still good and could be used by other prisoners. AEBY advised that he hated the warden at Missouri State Penitentiary and hoped that he was receiving considerable "heat" as a result of RAY's escape. Regarding the escape of RAY, AEBY stated that it would have been the 'smart thing to do" to have an outside man waiting to assist RAY in leaving the territory. AEBY would not admit that he knew of any outside man so assisting RAY in his escape. AEBY did not state whether or not RAY had had any inside help in his escape,

AEBY advised that in 1963 or 1964 RAY had a nervous breakdown while at Missouri State Penitentiary and RAY developed a bad stomach which necessitated RAY eating special foods. AEBY on numerous occasions would cook eggs for RAY because of RAY's stomach. He stated RAY was partial to eggs. He recalled that while at Missouri State Penitentiary RAY quit smoking probably hecause of his stomach ailment. He recalled too that RAY enjoyed tinkering with mechanical things and that RAY had built an airconditioner out of spare parts for RAY's jail cell. RAY was also handy in the repair of radios, parts for which he would obtain from the penitentiary machine shop. AEBY stated that he did not believe that RAY would go to Mexico or leave the country and he stated that he hoped that RAY would never be caught. AEBY stated he would in no way render assistance that would aid in the capture of RAY and he would furnish no further information regarding RAY.

JUDY CAROL PETERS, nee Thomas, also known as Judy Carol Aeby, 10205 W. Hardy, Houston, no telephone, interviewed on April 26, 1968 and furnished the following information:

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She was married to NEAL EDGAR AEBY for approximately two years in 1960 and 1961. When he was arrested and returned to Missouri in 1961, she came to Houston and has not seen AEBY since that time. She last contacted him on April 19, 1962 advising him of the birth of their daughter. She has divorced AEBY and has not corresponded with him since that date. Subject RAY is unknown to her and she has not been contacted by any of AEBY's associates during the past six years. She stated AEBY does not know her exact address and could not locate her himself.

The only relative of AEBY who subject RAY might contact would be brother AUBREY AEBY, Dallas, Texas. She does not know the whereabouts of AEBY's relatives and never was closely associated with them.

PETERS promised complete cooperation and will immediately advise the FBI of any information received regarding RAY.

#### 10. GEORGE WILLIAM RUSSELL

GEORGE WILLIAM RUSSELL, a salesman for Pat Lape Mobile Homes, 3712 Telephone Road, Houston, Texas when interviewed on April 26, 1968 advised that JAMES EARL RAY was unknown to him by name or photograph. RUSSELL had been incarcerated at Missouri State Penitentiary from May, 1958 to December, 1966. He was released in 1966 and had come to Houston from St. Louis, Missouri in approximately November, 1967. RUSSELL also stated that the name NEAL EDGAR AEBY was also unknown to him.

Information was received by the FBI, Birmingham, that ERIC STARVO GALT had once indicated that he had been employed as a barger working out of St. Louis, Missouri between that city and New Orleans, Louisiana.

On April 11, 1968 COURTNEY ALLEN, Vice President, Stork City and New Orleans Barge Lines, Houston, Texas advised records of that company, 1953 to date, contained no employment record for an ERIC STARVO GALT.

# 11. Check of Ship Departures, Houston Division

The following investigation was conducted by SA PENROD W. HARRIS:

#### AT CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

On April 11, 1968 REUBEN TRAYNHAM, Inspector in Charge, U.S. Customs, Oil Industries Building, advised as follows: His agency receives a list of crew members and passengers of all U.S. vessels departing from Corpus Christi and vicinity direct for foreign ports. Since April 3, 1968 there has been only one such departure, a Marine Sea Transport Service vessel. TRAYNHAM checked the list of crew members and passengers and advised it did not contain the name ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER or JOHN WILLARD or any logical variations of these names.

On April 11, 1968 MARGIE LE BARRON, U.S. Customs, advised her files reflected no American vessels have sailed from Galveston since April 4, 1968. She stated several foreign vessels have sailed from Galveston since April 4, 1968 but her files would not contain the crew and passenger lists as these are maintained by the agency that handles these vessels. She furnished the following list of foreign vessels that have sailed since April 4, 1968 together with the agencies that handled these vessels:

"TRADE CARRIER"
Gulf Motorship, Inc.
Texas Building
Galveston, Texas

"MANBALDO"
Texas Transport & Terminal
U.S. National Bank Building
Galveston. Texas

"MANILA MARU"
Dalton Steamship Corporation
U.S. National Bank Building
Galveston, Texas

"ILICE"
Strachen Shipping Co.
U.S. National Bank Building
Galveston, Texas

"NEW YORK MARU"
Dalton Steamship Corporation
U.S. National Bank Building
Galveston, Texas

"HONNOR"
Texas Transport and Terminal
U.S. National Bank Building
Galveston, Texas

"BOLIVA MARU"
Kerr Steamship Company
Cotton Exchange Building
Galveston, Texas

"NORSLAND" Hansen and Tideman Cotton Exchange Building Galveston, Texas

The above listed agencies were contacted on April 11, 1968 and their crew and passenger lists were reviewed with negative results as to anyone by the names of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLARD.

RUSSELL ZOET, Supervisory Customs Maritime
Officer, Houston, Texas advised on April 11, 1968 that five
ships of American registry sailed from the Port of Houston
during the period April 4-11, 1968, all going foreign
direct. Crew and passenger lists contained no name identifiable with GALE, LOWMEYER or WILLARD. By law there is no coastwise passenger service from Houston or any other Texas port.

Inspector L.D. TURNER, JR., U.S. Customs, Beaumont, Texas and PERCY E. WALLACE, JR., Inspector, U.S. Customs, Port Arthur, Texas, April 11, 1968, were contacted and advised as follows:

A check of all departing ships, U.S. registry, April 4-10, 1968 failed to reflect the names of GALT, LOWMEYER or WILLARD as either crewmen or passengers.

# 12. Airline Checks

On April 5, 1968, DAVID MAC DONALD, Ticket Supervisor, National Airlines, Houston, advised that National Airlines and American Airlines were the only carriers flying a direct route from Houston to San Francisco. Mr. MAC DONALD was furnished the names of the possible suspects and advised that none of these names appeared on the National Airlines, Houston to San Francisco passenger manifesto for April 5, 1968. On April 5, 1968 JOSEPH CUTLIP, Reservations Salesman, American Airlines, Houston, was furnished the names of the possible suspects and advised that none of these names appeared on the American Airlines, Houston to San Francisco or Dallas to San Francisco passenger manifesto for April 5, 1968.

On April 23, 1968 the following stops were reset and the most current Wanted Flyer No. 405 942 G regarding JAMES EARL RAY, also known as, along with his IO, were furnished to the following:

Braniff Airlines JOHN HARE, Agent in Charge

KLM Ursula Plumbee, Station Agent

Pan Am IEE ROJAS, Airport Customer Service Manager

Aeronaves de Mexico ALBERTO ROJAS, Manager

The above comprise those airlines that furnish international transportation from Houston International Airport.

13. Criminal, Credit, Street and Telephone
Directory Checks on All Known Names
for James Earl Ray

On April 11, 1968 the following individuals advised their files contained no record concerning HARVEY LOWMEYER ( CT. HARVEY LOWMYER:

Mrs. DORA KUHN Credit Bureau of Greater Houston

Mrs. LOIS MOERBY Records Division Houston Police Department

Mrs. POLLY KIRKBRIDE Identification Division Houston Police Department Lieutenant REX FULLERTON
Identification Division
Harris County Sheriff's Office

Mrs. MARY C. SMITH Voter Registration Section Harris County Tax Office Houston, Texas

A review of the Houston telephone and city directories reflects no listing of an individual by the name of HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER.

Houston indices negative concerning HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER.

# AT CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

The following investigation was conducted by SA PENROD W. HARRIS:

On April 10, 1968 the following persons checked their respective records under the names ERIC STARVO GALT and LOWMEYER and LOWMYER and advised they were unable to locate any record under any of these names:

GORDON LEWIS, Retail Merchants Association

W.L. BURCH, Identification Officer, Nueces County Sheriff's Office

JEFF BAGWEIL, Identification Officer, Corpus Christi Police Department

EVELYN MILLER, Clerk, Local Draft Board 97

In addition, the current Southwestern Bell Telephone Company directory for Corpus Christi and the Gerpus Christi City Directories for the years 1960 through 1967 were checked under these names, but no listing was located.

On April 10, 1968, Mrs. ROMA FERGUSON, Auto
License Department, office of Assessor and Collector of
Taxes, advised that auto licenses in Nueces County are
Listed by license number only and not by name of the person
to whom issued. Accordingly, there is no manner in which
it can be ascertained if a particular person has an automobile license issued in this county.

On April 10, 1968, D.L. ASKEY, Voter Registration, Tax Collector's Office, advised as follows: Voter registration lists for Nueces County are maintained by alphabetical lists for each of the 106 precincts. Without knowing the address of a particular person, it would be necessary to check each precinct list to ascertain if the person has registered to vote. The voter registration lists are not presently available for examination in view of the fact they are being cross-checked and verified in connection with the approaching primary election.

On April 10, 1968, BEATRICE GARZA, Clerk, Driver's License Division, Texas Department of Public Safety, 1402 S. Port, informed that no alphabetical list is maintained at this office regarding persons who have sought or to whom have been issued, Texas Driver's Licenses. She did not know whether or not alphabetical listings are maintained at the Driver's License Division of the Department of Public Safety at Austin, Texas but was of the opinion they are.

On April 10, 1968 pertinent telephone and city directories within the College Station Resident Agency were checked regarding the names of HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER and ERIC S. GALT with negative results.

On April 10, 1968 RAYMOND BUCHANAN and on April 12, 1968 MARY ARNOLD, Tax Assessor-Collector for Brazos and Walker Counties, respectively, advised no voters registration appear concerning the above names.

On April 11, 1968 BENNIE WILLIAMS, Chief Communications Officer, Department of Public Safety, Bryan, advised he caused checks to be made at Tax Assessor-Collectors Offices in Madison, Grimes, Montgomery, Polk, Trinity and San Jacinto Counties on the above names, with negative results. Similar checks were made through each respective law enforcement agency in the above counties, all negative.

The following sources of information were contacted on the dates indicated for any record of the names HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER, ERIC GALT, ERIC GAULT and JOHN WILLARD:

### AT ANAHUAC, TEXAS

On April 11, 1968

HAZEL MOOR Chambers County Sheriff's Office Current telephone directory JACQUELINE MC DANIEL Voter registration records

### AT LIBERTY, TEXAS

On April 11, 1968

Deputy Sheriff M. TIPPITT Liberty County Sheiff's Office

Chief of Police A.L. REGISTER Police Department

On April 12, 1968

STEVE DAVIS Retail Merchants Credit Bureau

IOLA CRILLIETTE Selective Service System

On April 11, 1968

MAY CLAYTON Voter registration records

On April 11, 1968

Current telephone and city directory

AT DAYTON, TEXAS

On April 12, 1968

Chief of Police HD. LOVINGS Police Department

On April 10, 1968

Current telephone directory

## AT CLEVELAND, TEXAS

On April 12, 1968

Chief of Police W.W. MOORE Police Department

ERNESTINE CAIN Retail Merchants Credit Bureau

Current telephone and city (1965) directory

### AT NEDERLAND; TEXAS

On April 10, 1968

WALTER DE CUIR Police Department

ANN GOSS Retail Merchants Credit Bureau

Current telephone directory

### AT PORT NECHES, TEXAS

On April 10, 1968

Chief CHARLES R. BENEFIELD Police Department

Current telephone directory

On April 16, 1968 JOYCE NIELSEN, Clerk, Voters Registration Records, Galveston County, Galveston, Texas, advised her files made no reference to ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMEYER & JOHN WILLARD.

On April 12, 1968 ELSIE THRASH, Clerk, Local Board 49, Galveston, Texas, advised her files made no reference to GALT, LOWMYER, LOWMEYER or WILLARD.

On April 15, 1968 GERRY BARBER, Credit Bureau of Texas City and the Mainland, Texas City, Texas and LILLIAN VAUGHAN, Credit Bureau of Greater Galveston, Galveston, Texas advised their files made no reference to GALT, LOWMYER, LOWMEYER or WILLARD.

On April 12, 1968 all city and telephone directories covering the towns in Galveston County, Texas were reviewed with negative results as to ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLARD.

On April 12, 1968 all banking institutions, Galveston County, Texas, all police departments, Galveston County, Texas as Well as Galveston County Sheriff's Office, Galveston, Texas were contacted with negative results as to ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, HARVEY LOWMEYER and JOHN WILLARD.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN G. HOUSTON at Port Arthur, Texas:

On April 16, 1968 Mrs. ELIZABETH BUCKINGHAM, Identification Division, Port Arthur Police Department, advised she was unable to locate any arrest record identifiable with a RICHARD GALT.

On April 16, 1968, FLOYD MARCEAUX, Credit Bureau of Port Arthur, stated he was unable to locate a credit record for a RICHARD GALT.

On April 16, 1968 BEN JOHNSON, Secretary, National Maritime Union (NMU), 333 7th Street, advised he was unable to locate any record for a RICHARD GALT:

On April 16, 1968 TOMMY GLADWELL, Business Agent, Seafarers International Union, 1348 7th Street, stated he did not have any record for a RICHARD GALT; Mr. GLADWELL advised all records are destroyed after a five year period.

A review of the 1967 City Directory for Beaumont, Port Arthur, Orange and Vidor, Texas, failed to reflect a listing for ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLARD.

A review of the current telephone directories for the following cities also failed to reflect a listing for the above mentioned individuals:

Jasper, Texas
Beaumont, Texas
Orange, Texas
Bridge City, Texas
Port Arthur, Texas
San Augustine, Texas
Woodville, Texas
Spurger, Texas
Hemphill, Texas
Bronson, Texas
Pineland, Texas
Cleveland, Texas
Kirbyville, Texas
Liberty, Texas
Dayton, Texas

Credit and criminal checks, Port Arthur and Beaumont, Texas negative concerning GALT, LOWMEYER or WILLARD.

On April 11, 1968 Inspector L.G. TURNER, JR., Beaumont, Texas advised a review of all ships departing the Beaumont-Port Arthur, Texas area for foreign ports since April 4, 1968 failed to reflect a passenger or crew member under the name of JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER or ERIC STARVO GALT.

The following investigation was conducted by SA GEORGE P.D. HUDNOR on April 10, 11, and 12, 1968 and listed below are the names of those individuals with their titles, agencies and locales, who were contacted in order to have their records reviewed for the names of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER or any similar name. All record checks were negative.

April 10, 1968

At Orange, Texas

DAN GRAY Officer, Identification Division Orange Police Department

GLENDA ROBINSON, Clerk Identification Division Orange County Sheriff's Office

ROSEMARY AARON, Clerk Tax Assessor and Collector's Office

JUDY SMITH, Clerk Retail Merchants Association

April 11, 1968

At Jasper, Texas

BUTCH NIGER Dispatcher Jasper County Sheriff's Office

ALTON WRIGHT COP, Jasper Police Department

ESTELLE HINSON Clerk, Jasper Credit Bureau (Credit bureau covers Jasper and Newton Counties)

> MARTIN LINSEY Tax Assessor and Collector Jasper County, Texas

At San Augustine

N.L. TINDALL Sheriff, San Augustine County Sheriff's Office

BILL MC CALLUM Chief of Police, San Augustine Police Dept.

DOYLINE BENNEFIELD, Clerk Retail Merchants Association

Mrs. JIMMIE ALFORD
Tax Assessor and Collector
San Augustine County, Texas

At Hemphill, Texas

MUTT BARLOW Deputy, Sabine County Sheriff's Office

VIRGIE SPEIGHTS Retail Merchants Association Sabine County, Texas

PAUL SMITH
Tax Assessor and Collector
Sabine County, Texas

At Newton, Texas

CURTIS HUMPHREYS Sheriff, Newton County Sheriff's Office

BILL DAVIS Chief.of.Police, Newton Police Department

ELIZABETH SMITH Chief Deputy Tax Assessor and Collector's Office Newton County, Texas

April 12, 1968 At Woodville, Texas

JOHN GRAMMER Chief of Police, Woodville Police Department

RICHARD COLE Deputy, Tyler County Sheriff's Office

PETE THORNTON
Tax Assessor and Collector, Tyler County, Texas
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At Kountze, Texas

CURTIS DAVIS Dispatcher, Hardin County Sheriff's Office

WILLIE BEAN Tax Assessor and Collector's Office Hardin County, Texas

The following investigation was conducted by SA G.R. SCHWEICKHARDT and SA JOHN H. SCHULTE:

On April 19, 1968, Sergeant JERRY FOWLER and Court Dispatcher JINNY GILLASPIE of the Webster Police Department, advised that they checked their records under the names GALT, WILLARD and LOWMYER and could find no one having been arrested by the Webster Police Department. FOWLER advised there are no restaurants or bars off the main highway passing through Webster.

The following investigation was conducted by SA CARLOS L. KIRBY, JR.:

On the dates indicated the following advised they have recovered no vehicles which were stolen in the State of Georgia subsequent to March 23, 1968:

MAURICE HARR Captain, Galveston Police Department Galveston, Texas on May 2, 1968

LEO ADAMS Identification Officer, Galveston County Sheriff's Office, Galveston, Texas May 2, 1968

RANKIN DE WALT Chief of Police Texas City, Texas Police Department May 2, 1968

RICHARD DUROUX Acting Chief of Police LaMarque, Texas Police Department May 2, 1968

They further advised they maintain mo latent fingerprint file.

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TO SAC, NEW ORLEANS \$157-10673)

DATE: 5/21/68

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FROM : SA JOHN A. PFEIFER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA JOHN E. MC DANIELS dated 5/17/68 (Serial 977).

In the afternoon this date, Mr. BURNES, FOREMAN's attorney, called back and advised he has told FOREMAN to cooperate with the FBI and not obstruct the JAMES EARL RAY investigation, and he expects to contact FOREMAN tomorrow, and if FOREMAN agrees to speak to agent, he will advise me.

I will retain lead card and serial until such time as FOREMAN makes up his mind about being interviewed.

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VICTIM					

REFERENCES:

Report of SA HENRY A. SNOW at Birmingham, dated 4/17/68, and numerous communications and reports.

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## AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA:

Will continue efforts to locate fugitive RAY.

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#### ADMINISTRATIVE:

No leads are being set forth in this report as all have been handled by telephone or teletype during the period covered in this report.

One extra copy is being furnished to the Memphis Office marked "Hold" for the U. S. Attorney, Memphis, which may be released only upon Bureau authority.

The voluminous negative information is not being reported herein as it would serve no useful purpose. However, in separate volumns of the Birmingham file related to this matter, all such investigation is recorded including elimination of numerous "look-alikes" and suspects.

In accordance with Bureau instructions each informant including CI's and PCI's as well as logical racial informants and sources of information have all been contacted personally during the period covered herein and each such individual has been supplied a copy of the Identification Order for RAY together with exhibition of several views of his photographs. This has resulted negatively to date.

The confidential source whose interview is set forth in this report at length who was a former inmate of subject RAY at the Missouri State Penitentiary is THOMAS BRITTON who resides at 1710 Alabama Avenue, Jasper, Alabama, and is presently employed at Foster's Cabinet Shop, Haleyville, Alabama. He is being contacted on a regular basis and it is believed that should he receive a call from subject RAY that he will notify the Birmingham Office immediately. It was deemed advisable not to

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