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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/22/68

Mr. CHEW WING LEE, owner and operator of Wing Lee Laundry and Dry Cleaners, 830 Chartres Street, French Quarter, New Orleans, Louisiana, looked at photos of JAMES EARL RAY and recognized him as having seen his pictures in newspapers. Mr. LEE advised he recalled reading in the papers that RAY had stayed at one time in the Provincial Motel which is about two blocks down the street. He stated other than that he knows nothing about RAY.

Mr. LEE advised he does laundry and dry cleaning for the Provincial Motel. He stated he does the work according to room number and not by name. He stated he keeps no record of the individual rooms because he gives this record to the motel when he returns the laundry and dry cleaning. At this time he cannot say whether or not he did any work for RAY while RAY was at the Provincial Motel December 17-19, 1967.

If RAY had personally brought any work in to be done, RAY would have been asked what laundry mark he wanted. If no specific request was made by RAY the clothing would be marked in black indelible ink by number such as "123" or "545" or something like that. This would be written directly on any garment except a suit coat on which a tag would be placed.

If the bell boy from Provincial Motel would have brought in anything from RAY in Room 126, it would have been marked "RM 126".

Mr. LEE stated December, 1967, is a long time ago and he would not know whether or not he ever did any work for RAY under the name RAY or any other name.

Mr. LEE stated he never heard of the name RAOUL.

On 11/21/68 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673-1209
by SA ALBERT B. MILLER /bab Date dictated 11/21/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/21/68

Mr. BENJAMIN C. DUKE, Desk Clerk, Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, residence 2713 Aberdeen, Kenner, Louisiana, examined the motel work sheet for December 17, 1967, when GALT registered, and observed it is his handwriting of GALT on the work sheet meaning he registered GALT when he came in the motel. The "2" near "GALT" means the room was available for 2 days. Somebody must have had a reservation for the third day.

Mr. DUKE stated from the work sheet it would appear GALT did not specifically ask for Room 126 but was given that room because it was available as a single. Also this was the lowest priced (\$12.00) room available. It is not known, Mr. DUKE stated, but it might be GALT as many singles do ask for the lowest priced room.

Mr. DUKE looked at photos of JAMES EARL RAY also known as ERIC S. GALT without recognition. He stated he could recall absolutely nothing about GALT.

Mr. DUKE stated he had no knowledge of anyone named RAOUL.

On 11/20/68 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 1218
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/21/68

Mr. DAVID SIMMONS, Security, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised record of toll calls for telephone number 523-8802, which is the pay telephone located at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, for the period December 14, 1967, through December 22, 1967, are not available because such records are kept six months and destroyed.

On 11/21/68 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673-1211
by SA WILLIAM F. KUSCH /bab Date dictated 11/21/68

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)
Re: MURKIN
CR

Date: November 29, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-681126110 JK

Specimens received 11/26/68

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

Result of examination:

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

Q411 will be returned separately. Photographs were
made.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: November 29, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-681126110 JK

Examination requested by: Birmingham

Reference: Letter 11/22/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

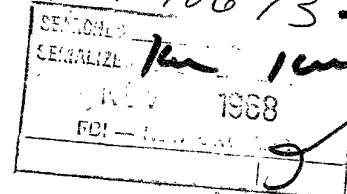
Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results
of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q411.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - Mobile Enclosure (Lab report)
- ① - New Orleans Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - St. Louis Enclosure (Lab report)

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Washington, D. C. 20537

**REPORT**

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO.

44-1987**December 2, 1968**

FBI FILE NO.

44-38861

LATENT CASE NO.

91076

TO:

SAC, Memphis

RE:

**MURKIN
CR**

REFERENCE:

Letter 11-22-68 from Birmingham Division

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY:

Birmingham

SPECIMENS:

**Q411, registration card bearing the name and address
"John L. Rayns, 1825 Lafayette Street, St. Louis,
Missouri"****No latent impressions of value were developed
on the specimen.****The specimen is being returned to Birmingham
Division.****Laboratory report separate.****2 - Birmingham (44-1740) - Enc.****1 - Mobile****① - New Orleans****1 - St. Louis**

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AIRTEL

To: SACs, Birmingham
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Mobile
San Antonio

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

William Bradford Huie, author, has written a second article for "Look" magazine concerning the travels of James Earl Ray since Ray's escape from Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967. The second article appears in November 26, 1968, issue of "Look" (circulated November 12, 1968) and alleges the involvement of an individual by the name of "Raoul" in the King assassination. According to the article, Ray contacted "Raoul" in New Orleans, Louisiana; Selma, Alabama; Birmingham, Alabama, and in a motel across the border in Mexico.

The following is a listing of those motels and a hotel in the respective areas in which Ray was alleged to have registered as a guest using the name Eric S. Galt or John L. Rayne,

New Provincial Motel
New Orleans, Louisiana
December 17, 18, 1967
(New Orleans Division)

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Airtel to SACs, Birmingham
New Orleans
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RE: MURKIN

Granada Hotel
Birmingham, Alabama
August 25, 1967
(Birmingham Division)

Flamingo Hotel
Selma, Alabama
March 24, 1968
(Mobile Division)

Each division will obtain a list of the guests registered at the respective motels and hotel for a period of three days before, during, and three days after the listed period. This list should include, but not be restricted to, name, address, and identification of any vehicle used by the guests. The possibility exists that a common denominator will appear at the above in order that the identity of "Raoul" will be established. //

In addition, the article sets forth that Ray stayed at an unnamed motel in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, 10-7-67. Since it is not known how many motels are located in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, the San Antonio Office should conduct the desired investigation only if feasible. Advise the Bureau and Memphis accordingly.

The Memphis Division, upon receipt of this information from the other listed divisions, will completely evaluate this information for possible identification of "Raoul." The name "Raoul" is Spanish for Ralph and it should be considered that this could be either a given name or a surname.

This is to be handled immediately and results furnished to the Bureau promptly.

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Date: 12/5/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Enclosed for the New Orleans Office is a Xerox copy of Bureau airtel to Birmingham, Et Al, dated 11/14/68, which was apparently misdirected to the San Diego Division.

*see serial 1217 -
copy of airtel
sent S.D.
A.B. Miller*

② - New Orleans (Encl. 1)
2 - San Diego

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Special Agent in Charge

SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)

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SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (RUC)

MURKIN

Re San Diego airtel to New Orleans dated 12/5/68 enclosing a Xerox copy of Bu airtel to Birmingham, et al, dated 11/14/68, and setting forth that it was apparently misdirected to San Diego.

The copy was sent San Diego as an enclosure to New Orleans report dated 11/27/68 to give San Diego the background of the New Orleans inquiry at the Provincial Motel and the Bureau's interest in the possible certification of "Raoul." *identification*

Enclosed to San Diego is one copy of above Buairtel 11/14/68.

2 - San Diego (Enc. 1)
① - New Orleans

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TO: ALL SAC's
FROM: SAC, Memphis (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA ✓ *Tag 157-10613*
(OO: MEMPHIS)
BUFILE 44-38861

Re Memphis airtel to Albany dated 4/19/68, and
Memphis airtel to All SAC's, dated 7/16/68.

Discontinue the monthly submission to the Memphis
Division of the cost data requested in referenced airtels,
since the Bureau has agreed this submission can be discon-
tinued.

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

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☒ All References

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1487) AND NEW ORLEANS (157-10653)
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 3 P

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES PHONE CALL TO NEW ORLEANS FEBRUARY FIVE
INSTANT.

DAVE LARSEN, LOS ANGELES TIMES REPORTER, ADVISED FEBRUARY
FIVE INSTANT THAT DURING APRIL SIX EIGHT WHEN SEARCH WAS
BEING MADE TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE JAMES EARL RAY, HE INTERVIEWED
CHARLES STEIN, RE HIS ASSOCIATION WITH RAY. STEIN ATTEMPTED
TO SELL FOR ABOUT TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS TO LARSEN AND FELLOW
REPORTER JERRY COHEN, A PIECE OF PAPER WHICH STEIN STATED
BOPE RAY'S HANDWRITING. PAPER WAS SLIP USED IN MOTELS TO
RECORD MESSAGES FOR GUEST WHEN AWAY FROM ROOM.

STEIN ALLEGEDLY CAME INTO POSSESSION OF PAPER WHEN RAY,
DURING TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS FROM LOS ANGELES IN DECEMBER ONE
NINE SIX SEVEN, GAVE STEIN PHONE NUMBER IN NEW ORLEANS WHERE
HE COULD BE CONTACTED RE RETURN TO LOS ANGELES.
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RAY WROTE THE PHONE NUMBER FOUR EIGHT TWO DASH FIVE SEVEN FIVE ONE AND GAVE IT TO STEIN. ON THE REVERSE SIDE WAS A HANDWRITTEN MESSAGE "CALL GREYHOUND BUS STATION". LARSEN STATED HE IMITATED THE HANDWRITING AND COMPARED IT TO COPY OF RAY'S HANDWRITING HE LOCATED AT THE INTERNATIONAL DANCE SCHOOL, LONG BEACH. FROM OBSERVATION, LARSEN BELIEVES HANDWRITING TO BE IDENTICAL TO RAY'S. STEIN ADVISED LARSEN HE DID NOT WANT TO GIVE PAPER TO AUTHORITIES SINCE HE DID NOT WANT TO GET INVOLVED AND IF LARSEN DID NOT BUY IT HE WOULD DESTROY IT.

LARSEN STATED HE MADE CALL TO FOUR EIGHT TWO DASH FIVE SEVEN FIVE ONE WHICH WAS THE NUMBER OF THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE BARRACKS IN NEW ORLEANS. HE STATED HE DID NOT FEEL RAY WOULD BE ASSOCIATING WITH ANYONE AT THE STATE POLICE BARRACKS AND WANTED NO MORE OF IT.

COHEN IS PRESENTLY IN NEW ORLEANS TO COVER THE CLAY SHAW TRIAL. COHEN DETERMINED THAT THERE IS A STATE TROOPER PAUL V. ESQUIBEL ASSIGNED TO THIS BARRACKS.

LARSEN STATED HE RECALLS IN READING WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE'S ACCOUNT OF RAY'S LIFE IN "LOOK MAGAZINE", THAT RAY

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HAD MADE A RENDEZVOUS WITH A RAUL AT A GREYHOUND BUS STATION
AND THOUGHT THE FOREGOING MAYBE OF SIGNIFICANCE.

LOS ANGELES WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATED CHARLES STEIN TO
DETERMINE IF HE STILL HAS PAPER IN HIS POSSESSION.

NEW ORLEANS SHOULD DETERMINE CORRECT SUBSCRIBER TO
PHONE NUMBER AND IDENTIFY RAUL V. ESQUIBEL. NEW ORLEANS
SHOULD COMPARE THIS PHONE NUMBER WITH PHONE NUMBER OF MOTEL
WHERE RAY STAYED IN NEW ORLEANS IN DECEMBER ONE NINE SIX SEVEN,
TO DETERMINE IF NUMBERS HAVE ANY SIMILARITY.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND
NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
FROM: LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 2P

MURKIN

RE LA TEL FEBRUARY FIVE LAST AND NO TEL FEBRUARY SIX INSTANT.

REVIEW OF LA MURKIN FILE REVEALS CHARLES STEIN RESIDED WITH
SISTER, RITA RODE, FIVE SIX SIX SIX FRANKLIN AVENUE, LOS ANGELES,
DURING PERTINENT PERIOD OF INVESTIGATION. SUBSEQUENTLY BOTH
MOVED. REVIEW OF TOLL CALLS FROM RODE'S HOME REVEAL CALLS TO
NEW ORLEANS ON FEBRUARY TWELVE, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT TO NINE FOUR
SEVEN - ZERO NINE THREE ZERO AND ON FEBRUARY TWENTY ONE - TWENTY
THREE AND APRIL FOUR, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT TO NINE FOUR FIVE - SEVEN
THREE ONE TWO.

PEVIEW OF TOLL CALLS FROM LOS ANGELES PHONE OF ERIC S. GALT
REVEAL NO CALLS MADE TO NEW ORLEANS.

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NOVEMBER TWELVE, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT ISSUE OF "LOOK" MAGAZINE, PAGE ONE ONE TWO CONTAINS UNDER ITEM SIX A PROPOSITION RAUL MADE TO RAY. RAY WAS GIVEN A NEW ORLEANS PHONE NUMBER BY RAUL WHICH IS WHAT DAVE LARSEN, LOS ANGELES TIMES, PROBABLY REFERRED TO DURING INTERVIEW FEBRUARY FIVE LAST AS CONTAINED IN RE LOS ANGELES TEL.

LOS ANGELES CONTINUES EFFORTS TO LOCATE CHARLES STEIN FOR INTERVIEW.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1487), NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 2P

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TELS FEBRUARY FIVE AND SIX LAST.

RECORDS PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, REVEAL
PHONE NUMBER FOUR EIGHT TWO DASH FIVE SEVEN FIVE ONE NOT IN
USE IN LOS ANGELES AREA DURING ONE NINE SIX SEVEN AND ONE
NINE SIX EIGHT AND NOT A CURRENT ISSUED NUMBER.

INQUIRY IN VICINITY SAINT FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES,
REVEAL CHARLES STEIN LAST OBSERVED IN HOLLYWOOD AREA ABOUT
SIX DAYS AGO WALKING BAREFOOTED ON HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD
DURING RAIN STORM.

MARIE MARTIN, STEIN'S COUSIN, EMPLOYMENT DETERMINED.
MARTIN EXPECTED BACK LOS ANGELES AREA FEBRUARY TEN NEXT.
STOPS LEFT WITH EMPLOYER AND OTHER CONTACTS OF STEIN AND
MARTIN TO HAVE THEM CALL LOS ANGELES OFFICE.
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ASAC advised 11³⁰ A 2/8/69 m

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BUREAU, MEMPHIS, AND NEW ORLEANS WILL BE ADVISED OF
CONTACT WITH MARTIN RE WHEREABOUTS OF STEIN AND INTERVIEW
WITH STEIN WHEN LOCATED.

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2/10/69

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles teletype, 2/5/69; and New Orleans teletype, 2/8/69.

Lt. Colonel BEN F. RAGUEL, Assistant Superintendent, Louisiana State Police (LSP), Baton Rouge, Louisiana, advised that Trooper 1st Class RAOUL VICTOR ESQUIVEL is assigned to LSP Troop B at New Orleans, Louisiana. He advised that in August of 1967 Trooper ESQUIVEL was at that time also assigned to Troop B at New Orleans. He advised that Trooper ESQUIVEL worked as follows during the month of August, 1967:

August 1, 2, and 3: on duty: 7:00 AM - 3:00 p.m.

August 4: day off

August 5: on duty: 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

August 6 and 7: off duty due to a death in his family

August 8 and 9: on duty: 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 10: off duty

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August 11, through 23: on duty; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 24: off duty

August 25 and 26: on duty; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 27: off duty

August 28, 29, and 30: on duty; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 31: off duty

RAGUSA advised that during August, 1967, Trooper ESQUIVEL was assigned to duties in different areas of the Troop B LSP area as he was filling in for other troopers on their days off. He advised that during August, 1967, Trooper ESQUIVEL worked in the New Orleans area.

RAGUSA advised that on March 22, 1968, Trooper ESQUIVEL worked an eight-hour shift on that date.

In view of the above work schedule for Trooper ESQUIVEL no further action is being taken in this matter at New Orleans EACB, and ESQUIVEL will not be interviewed.

2/7/69

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles teletype 2/5/69; and New Orleans teletype 2/6/69.

Lt. Col. BEN F. RAGUSA, Assistant Superintendent, Louisiana State Police, advised 2/7/69, that Trooper RAUL VICTOR ESQUIVEL had regular days off on 8/4, 10, 24, 27 & 31/67. Further, ESQUIVEL was off 8/6 & 7/67 due to a death in the family.

RAGUSA also stated the records show ESQUIVEL worked an eight-hour shift on 3/22/68.

In view of the foregoing, New Orleans is taking no further action in this matter UACB.

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1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (Info)
(2) - New Orleans

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 2/7/69

SAC ROBERT JENSEN, Memphis, telephonically contacted the New Orleans at 4:00 p.m., 2/6/69, concerning New Orleans teletype with the statement "UAC, ESQUIVEL would be interviewed after STEIN was interviewed".

SAC JENSEN requested ESQUIVEL not be interviewed as this would merely lend credence to the story in Look, and suggested that employment records be checked to determine whether or not ESQUIVEL worked during the month of August, 1967, which would show he could not be in Montreal, Canada; Windsor, Ontario; or Detroit, Michigan, and whether he worked on 3/22/68 when RAY was in Selma, Alabama.

SA LITCHFIELD handle.

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Date: 2/6/69

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Via _____

~~AIRTEL~~Teletype~~AIR MAIL~~URGENT
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TO: DIRECTOR, ~~FBI~~ (44-38861) — *Memphis, and Los Angeles*

FROM: ~~SAC~~ NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P) *44-1987*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles telephone call to New Orleans
2/5/69, and Los Angeles teletype Feb. five, last.

Mr. JERRY COHEN, Los Angeles Times news reporter
in New Orleans, Louisiana, residing at the Cochetta Motel,
Room 216, telephone 822-1560, telephonically advised he
had contacted the Los Angeles Office of the FBI and had
been referred to the New Orleans Office of the FBI.

COHEN advised that he and DAVE LAWSON of Los
Angeles, California, who is also a reporter of the Los
Angeles Times, had obtained from CHARLES STEIN a telephone
number within one week after the arrest of JAMES EARL RAY.

COHEN stated that DAVE LAWSON had made all the
notes of the conversation with STEIN, but that ~~was~~ he,
COHEN, recalls it, STEIN showed LAWSON a piece of paper
which contained a telephone number and that LAWSON had
copied the telephone number from STEIN's piece of paper
into LAWSON's notes.

When STEIN was questioned concerning this
telephone number, to the best of COHEN's recollection,
STEIN stated that he had observed this note on the front
seat of the car that RAY was driving and had copied it
from a piece of paper on RAY's car seat.

When he questioned RAY concerning this telephone
number, RAY had said this is where he got his weather
report.

COHEN stated that STEIN two or three days
after talking to ~~STEIN~~ and LAWSON had made a call to
New Orleans and had determined this number was a number

3 - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Los Angeles (44-1578)
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for Troop B of the Louisiana State Police located in the Greater New Orleans area.

COHEN state that neither he nor LAWSON had furnished this telephone number to the Los Angeles Office of the FBI and when questioned as to whether or not this was an oversight advised that subconsciously it had been forgotten with the hope it might materialize into a good story.

COHEN advised that he did not have the telephone number with him but had made a contact in New Orleans while here to attend the CLAY SHAW trial, who had determined that there was a Louisiana State Trooper at Troop B named RAUL V. ESQUIVEL.

COHEN advised he had no further information concerning this number, but that LAWSON would have more complete information from his notes. *and around*

A review of the New Orleans indices show an investigation was conducted in New Orleans file 44-2401, Bureau file 44-26940 in the case captioned "TROOPER RAUL VICTOR ESQUIVEL, LOUISIANA STATE POLICE, FERDINAND JOSEPH HORIO, JR. - VICTIM, CR." Instant report reflects ESQUIVEL in 1964 described as white male, DOB [redacted] British, Honduras, employment Louisiana State Police, Troop B, Metairie, La., length of employment seven years, residence 4524 Parsimon St. Metairie, La.

~~Los Angeles pursuant to telephone request to interview DAVE LAWSON for complete facts.~~

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R. L. POLK'S NEW ORLEANS CITY DIRECTORY FOR NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT LISTS TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR EIGHT TWO DASH FIVE SEVEN FIVE ONE TO "STATE POLICE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, TROOP B". THIS NUMBER WAS DIALED THIS DATE AND THE TROOPER ANSWERING PHONE STATED "STATE POLICE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS" AND THEN UPON INQUIRY STATED THAT IT WAS TROOP B.

THE CURRENT NEW ORLEANS TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS TELEPHONE NUMBER FIVE TWO FOUR DASH SIX FOUR FOUR SIX TO THE PROVINCIAL MOTEL, ONE ZERO TWO FOUR CHARTRES STREET, NEW ORLEANS, LA. THE PROVINCIAL MOTEL IS WHERE RAY STAYED IN NEW ORLEANS IN DECEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN.

NEW ORLEANS INDICES NEGATIVE RELATIVE TO TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR EIGHT TWO DASH FIVE SEVEN FIVE ONE.

LOS ANGELES, IN CONNECTION WITH PENDING INTERVIEW WITH CHARLES STEIN, CHECK LONG DISTANCE CALLS, IF RECORDS AVAILABLE OF STEIN, TO NEW ORLEANS.

UAC, NEW ORLEANS WILL, UPON RECEIPT OF RESULTS OF LOS
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ANGELES INTERVIEW WITH STEIN, INTERVIEW RAUL VICTOR ESQUIVEL
IN DEPTH FOR ANY KNOWLEDGE HE MAY POSSESS CONCERNING RAY,
STEIN AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS PERTINENT TO INSTANT MATTER. WILL
ALSO DISPLAY TO ESQUIVEL, PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY, STEIN AND OTHER
LOGICAL INDIVIDUALS.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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New Orleans, Louisiana

February 8, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
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JAMES EARL RAY

Mr. ~~Jerry Cohen~~, Los Angeles Times news reporter in New Orleans, ~~Louisiana~~, residing at the Cochetta Motel, Room 216, Telephone 822-1560, New Orleans, Louisiana, telephonically advised he had contacted the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and had been referred to the New Orleans Office of the FBI.

Cohen advised that he and Dave Lawson of Los Angeles, California, who is also a reporter of the Los Angeles Times, had obtained from ~~Charles Stein~~ a telephone number within one week after the arrest of James Earl Ray.

Cohen stated that Dave Lawson had made all the notes of the conversation with ~~Stein~~ but that as he, Cohen, recalls it, Stein showed Lawson a piece of paper which contained a telephone number and that Lawson had copied the telephone number from Stein's piece of paper into Lawson's note.

When Stein questioned Ray concerning this telephone number, Ray had said this is where Ray got his weather report.

Cohen stated that Stein two or three days after talking to Cohen and Lawson had made a call to New Orleans and had determined this number was a number for Troop B of the Louisiana State Police located in the Greater New Orleans area.

Cohen stated that neither he nor Lawson had furnished this telephone number to the Los Angeles Office of the FBI and when questioned as to whether or not this was an oversight advised that subconsciously it had been forgotten with the hope it might materialize into a good story.

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Cohen advised that he did not have the telephone number with him but had made a contact in New Orleans while here to attend the Clay Shaw trial, who had determined that there was a Louisiana State Trooper at Troop B named Raul V. Esquivel.

Cohen advised he had no further information concerning this number but that Lawson would have more complete and accurate information from his notes.

A review of the New Orleans indices show an investigation was conducted in the case captioned "TROOPER RAUL VICTOR ESQUIVEL, LOUISIANA STATE POLICE, FERDINAND JOSEPH ROYCE, JR. - VICTIM, GUNSHOT WOUND" Esquivel in 1964 was described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	December 17, 1926
Place of Birth	Bayou La Batre, Alabama
Employment	Louisiana State Police, Troop B, Metairie, Louisiana
Length of Employment	Seven years
Residence	4524 Parcimon Street, Metairie, Louisiana

B. L. French, Troop B, is Director for 1968 mass telephone call. He called the Police Department Headquarters, Troop B, and advised February 6, 1969, and the Trooper answering the phone stated "State Police Department Headquarters" and French immediately stated "It is a Troop B".

The above information was obtained from a February 1968 telephone call to the Police Department Headquarters, Troop B, and the Trooper answering the phone stated "State Police Department Headquarters" and French immediately stated "It is a Troop B".

JAMES EARL RAY

Lieutenant Colonel ~~Ben F. Ragusa~~, Assistant Superintendent, Louisiana State Police (LSP), Baton Rouge, Louisiana, advised that Trooper 1st Class Raul Victor Esquivel is assigned to LSP Troop B at New Orleans, Louisiana. He advised that in August of 1967 Trooper Esquivel was at that time also assigned to Troop B at New Orleans. He advised that Trooper Esquivel worked as follows during the month of August, 1967:

August 1, 2, and 3: on duty; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 4: day off

August 5: on duty; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 6 and 7: off duty due to a death in his family

August 8 and 9: on duty; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 10: off duty

August 11 through 25: on duty; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 26: off duty

August 27 and 28: on duty; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 29: off duty

August 30, 31, and 32: on duty; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 33: off duty

It was noted that during August, 1967, Trooper Esquivel was assigned to different areas of the Troop B (Baton Rouge) area. It was noted that other troopers on their days off were assigned to Troop B, August, 1967, Trooper Esquivel was assigned to Troop B.

JAMES EARL RAY

Ragusa advised that on March 22, 1968, Trooper Esquivel worked an eight-hour shift on that date.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re New Orleans teletype 2/6/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies and for Los Angeles and Memphis two copies each of a self-explanatory LHM.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1487), NEW ORLEANS (157-10653)
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 2P

MURKIN

RE LA TEL FEBRUARY SEVEN LAST.

MARIE MARTIN, LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED FEBRUARY TWELVE
INSTANT. STATED CHARLIE STEIN CONTINUES TO HAVE NO PERMANENT
RESIDENCE, BUT OCCASIONALLY VISITS HER RESIDENCE. MARTIN
STATED SHE WOULD HAVE STEIN CALL LOS ANGELES OFFICE ON
NEXT CONTACT.

MARTIN DESCRIBED STEIN AS "HAVING A RAPIDLY DETERIORATING
MENTAL STATE" AND STATED STEIN WAS DISCHARGED FROM MILITARY
SERVICE FOR MENTAL REASONS. SHE STATED STEIN HAS MADE
A GIRL PREGNANT AND HE IS THOROUGHLY CONVINCED UNBORN CHILD
IS THE SECOND CHRIST.

MARTIN ADVISED STEIN TELEPHONED DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
OFFICE IN MEMPHIS, REQUESTING PERMISSION TO TELEGRAPH ¹²³⁰ ~~157-10673-1220~~
JAMES EARL RAY IN PRISON, WHICH PERMISSION WAS GRANTED
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STEIN DID TELEGRAPH RAY REQUESTING AUTHORITY TO USE INFORMATION RE HIS ASSOCIATION WITH RAY IN BOOK STEIN ALLEGEDLY WRITING ABOUT RAY. RAY TO DATE HAS NOT RESPONDED. MARTIN STATED STEIN INTENDS TO EMBELLISH ON THE FACTS WITH LIES IN ORDER TO MAKE BOOK GOOD SELLER.

MARTIN STATED STEIN IS OF OPINION CONNECTION EXISTS IN ASSASSINATIONS OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY, AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, BUT SHE KNOWS OF NO INFORMATION STEIN HAS TO SUBSTANTIATE THIS OPINION.

MARTIN STATED SHE HAS BEEN ARRESTED ON SEVEN FELONY CHARGES INVOLVING NARCOTICS AND FORGERY SINCE JANUARY ONE SIXTY NINE AND KEEPS HER WHEREABOUTS SECRETIVE FROM ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES INCLUDING FBI.

LOS ANGELES WILL INTERVIEW STEIN PROMPTLY UPON HIS CONTACT WITH LOS ANGELES OFFICE. INQUIRIES CONTINUE.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1487) NEW ORLEANS (157-653)
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (3P)

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL DATED FEBRUARY TWELVE LAST.

CHARLES STEIN INTERVIEWED FEBRUARY THIRTEEN INSTANT
AND FURNISHED FOLLOWING:

ON APRIL NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, HE WAS CONTACTED BY
LOS ANGELES TIMES REPORTER LARSON DURING WHICH THEY DIS-
CUSSED MEMO SLIP STEIN HAD, WHICH HE ALLEGEDLY RECEIVED
FROM JAMES EARL RAY. SLIP HAD ADDRESS OF STEIN'S SISTER
MARIE LEE WHERE STEIN STAYED DURING THE STEIN-RAY TRIP TO
NEW ORLEANS IN DECEMBER NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN. SLIP ALSO
HAD A PHONE NUMBER WHICH HE CAN NOT NOW RECALL. AT THAT
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TIME STEIN FELT PHONE NUMBER MIGHT BE FOR LOCATION OF RAY AND THAT IT WOULD BE OF GREAT FINANCIAL VALUE. LARSON OFFERED STEIN FIFTEEN OR TWENTY DOLLARS FOR SLIP WHICH STEIN FELT WAS NOT ENOUGH MONEY. FOLLOWING CONVERSATION WITH LARSON STEIN SPENT HIS LAST DOLLAR TO CALL THE PHONE NUMBER WHICH WAS ON THE SLIP IN NEW ORLEANS. INDIVIDUAL ANSWERING PHONE IDENTIFIED THE NUMBER AS THE GREY HOUND BUS STATION.

STEIN SAID THAT RAY WAS EAGER TO LEAVE NEW ORLEANS BUT STEIN WANTED TO STAY A DAY OR TWO LONGER. STEIN SUGGESTED THAT THEY CHECK WEATHER CONDITION PRIOR TO DEPARTING NEW ORLEANS FOR LOS ANGELES SINCE THEY ENCOUNTERED SNOW STORM EN ROUTE TO NEW ORLEANS. STEIN SAID RAY CALLED FIRE STATION WHO SUGGESTED HE CALL GREY HOUND BUS DEPOT FOR WEATHER INFORMATION WHICH RAY DID AND MADE NOTATION ON MEMO SLIP.

STEIN STATED HE CAN NOT LOCATE THIS SLIP SINCE HE HAS MOVED SEVERAL TIMES SINCE HE ORIGINALLY CAME IN POSSESSION OF IT AND IS NOW LIVING ON A DAY TO DAY BASIS WITH FRIENDS.

STEIN SAID HE IS EAGER TO GO TO MEMPHIS AND INTENDS TO TAKE A CAMERA OR A PHOTOGRAPHER WITH HIM TO RECORD HIS ACTIONS AND AS A WITNESS IN RAY TRIAL SINCE HE INTENDS TO WRITE A BOOK ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCES IN THIS CASE. STEIN
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SAID HE WILL EMBELLISH HIS STORY TO MAKE BOOK A GOOD SELL
AND TO PROFIT FINANCIALLY FROM IT.

STEIN WAS CAUTIONED NOT TO EMBELLISH OR DISTORT ANY CONTACT
WITH THE FBI.

STEIN SAID HE NEVER HEARD RAY MENTION ANYONE BY THE
NAME OF RAUL. HE SAID HE KNOWS OF NO CONNECTION BETWEEN
THE ASSINATIONS OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY,
OR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. STEIN SAID NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT
ATTORNEY, JAMES GARRISON HAD CONTACTED HIS SISTER MARIE LEE IN
NEW ORLEANS ASKING TO HAVE STEIN CONTACT GARRISON. STEIN SAID HE
MADE TWO ATTEMPTS TO CALL GARRISON COLLECT BUT CALLS WERE NOT
COMPLETED.

STEIN ALSO ADVISED HE HAD CALLED DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
IN MEMPHIS TO OBTAIN PERMISSION TO TELEGRAPH RAY IN PRISON FOR
INFORMATION CONCERNING THEIR TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS. STEIN SAID THE
DISTRICT ATTORNEY "TOOK THE FIFTH AMENDMENT" AND WHILE NOT GRANTED,
STEIN DID TELEGRAPH RAY AND HAS NO ANSWER FROM HIM TO DATE.

ALTHOUGH STEIN APPEARED LUCID DURING INTERVIEW, HE DID ON
SEVERAL OCCASIONS DIGRESS INTO REALM OF METAPHYSICAL THOUGHT
CONCERNING THE CONTINUOUS CREATIONS OF MANY NEW CHRISTS.

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2/17/69

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (RUC)

MURKIN

Re New Orleans airtel and LHM dated 2/8/69 and
Los Angeles teletype, 2/13/69.

In view of information contained in referenced
LHM which sets forth work schedule of Trooper RAUL VICTOR
ESQUIBEL, Louisiana State Police, and clarifying infor-
mation contained in referenced Los Angeles teletype,
New Orleans is taking no further action, UACB.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

All offices receiving copies of this airtel should note that the trial in instant case has been postponed from March 3, 1969, until April 7, 1969, in Division III of the Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, Tenn. In the event you receive inquiries from any witnesses who have been previously subpoenaed, you should advise them that their testimony will still be desired for the new trial on 4/7/69. If they have any need for further details, they should correspond directly with Attorney General PHIL A. CANALE, Shelby County Courthouse, Memphis, Tennessee.

The Bureau is requested to advise Legats London, Paris, and Ottawa of the postponement in order that they may be able to answer any inquiries from persons in their areas who may have been subpoenaed.

- 3 - Bureau
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In view of plans being laid throughout the country for the observance of 4/4/69 as a memorial observance for MARTIN LUTHER KING, it is suggested that the Bureau consider requesting all offices to advise Memphis of any information they may receive which would indicate that militant groups or individuals plan to come to Memphis on 4/4/69 and who may remain to demonstrate or otherwise disrupt subject's trial on 4/7/69.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

DATE: 2/25/69

FROM : ASAC J. T. SYLVESTER, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

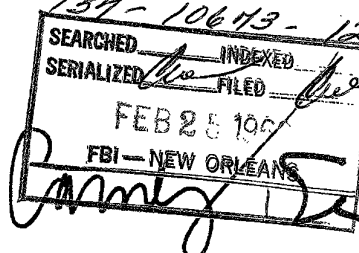
Memphis, by airtel dated 2/18/69, has advised that the trial in instant case has been postponed from 3/3/69 until 4/7/69 in Division III of the Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee.

In the event any inquiries are received from any witnesses who have previously been subpoenaed, you should advise them that their testimony will still be desired for the new trial on 4/7/69; and, for further details, they should correspond with Attorney General PHIL A. CANALE, Shelby County Courthouse, Memphis, Tennessee.

For your information, referenced airtel also noted that the Bureau might consider requesting all offices to advise Memphis of any information which would indicate that militant groups or individuals plan to go to Memphis on 4/4/69 and who may remain to demonstrate or otherwise disrupt subject's trial on 4/7/69. In this connection, plans are currently being laid throughout the country for the observance on 4/4/69 of a memorial for MARTIN LUTHER KING.

All Agents remain alert for any information pertinent to the above.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : SA EDWARD J. CARNEY, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 2/26/69

SAC JENSEN, Memphis, telephonically advised at approximately 10:30 a.m., 2/26/69, that Bureau Supervisor DICK LONG had contacted him and stated that the Bureau feels that LSP Trooper RAUL ESQUIVEL should be interviewed in order to completely resolve any possibility that Trooper ESQUIVEL is identical with the "RAUL" mentioned by news reporters.

SAC JENSEN stated that the Bureau would like an LHM in connection with the interview and that if ASAC SYLVESTER agrees, this LHM should also set forth step by step the dates in which it has been alleged that RAY met with RAUL in Montreal and other locations outside of New Orleans.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : SA EDWARD J. CARNEY, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 3/3/69

SAC JENSEN, Memphis, was telephonically contacted at approximately 10:15 a.m., this date, and was requested to furnish this office with the specific dates it is alleged that "RAUL" was in contact with RAY.

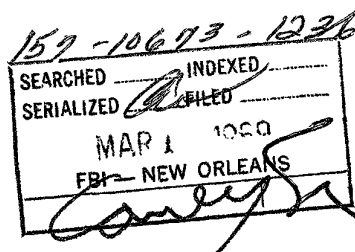
It was pointed out to SAC JENSEN that this information was needed in order that the requested interview with Trooper ESQUIVEL may be conducted.

SAC JENSEN stated he would send the requested info.

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Date: 3/5/69

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TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

In connection with the interview of Louisiana State Trooper RAUL V. ESQUIVEL, the following dates are noted wherein the subject RAY and his unknown friend, "RAOUL," are alleged to have been together:

7/18/67-8/24/67 According to "Look" magazine articles, subject met "RAOUL" in Canada on about eight occasions during this period.

8/21/67 Subject RAY and "RAOUL" were in Windsor, Canada.

8/28-30/67 RAY met "RAOUL" during this period in Birmingham, Ala.

10/7-10/67 RAY arrived San Francisco Hotel, Acapulco, Mexico, on 10/10/67. One or two days prior to that time he met "RAOUL" in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico.

12/17-19/67 RAY met "RAOUL" at New Orleans, La., and received \$2500 from him.

4/4/68 "RAOUL" allegedly was in Memphis, Tenn., and fired the shot at 6:00 p.m. that killed MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Los Angeles, California

March 4, 1969

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JAMES EARL RAY

Charles Joseph Stein was interviewed in Los Angeles on February 13, 1969 and furnished the following information:

During April, 1968, he was contacted by a reporter from the "Los Angeles Times", a daily metropolitan Los Angeles newspaper. This reporter was named Larsen. During the conversation with Larsen, they discussed a memorandum slip, the type used in hotels to give messages regarding incoming telephone calls during ones absence, which Stein had received from James Earl Ray. This slip had the address of Stein's sister, Marie Lee, where Stein stayed while in New Orleans, Louisiana during December, 1967 when he and Ray travelled from Los Angeles to New Orleans and return. This slip also bore a phone number which Stein cannot recall. Stein said that he did not now have the slip of paper in his possession since he has moved several times during the interim.

Stein felt that the phone number might be of great financial value since he felt the phone number might be the location where James Earl Ray could be located. According to Stein, Larsen offered him \$15 or \$20 for the slip which he felt was not enough money.

Following the conversation with Larsen, Stein said he spent his last dollar to call the phone number on the slip, which was a New Orleans phone number. He said that the person answering the phone identified the number as being that of the Greyhound Bus Station in New Orleans. Stein continued that Ray was eager to leave New Orleans for the return trip to Los Angeles but that he wanted to stay a day or two longer. Stein suggested to Ray that they check weather conditions prior to departing New Orleans for Los Angeles since on the trip to New Orleans, they had encountered a snow storm. Stein continued that Ray called the fire station, who suggested he call the Greyhound Bus Depot for weather

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