JAMES EARL RAY

information. According to Stein, Ray did call the Greyhound Bus Station and made a notation on the memorandum slip.

Stein stated during interview that he is eager to go to Memphis, Tennessee, to be a witness in the Ray trial. He said he intends to take with him a camera or a photographer to record his actions as a witness and that he intends to write a book about his experiences in this case. Stein said that he will embellish on his story to make the book a good seller and to profit financially from it.

Stein was asked if he had ever heard Ray mention anyone named Raul, to which he answered negatively. He said he knows of no connection between the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, Senator Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Stein continued that James Garrison, New Orleans District Attorney, had contacted his sister, Earle Lee in New Orleans asking to have Stein contact him. Stein said he made two attempts to call Garrison collect but the calls were not completed.

Stein advised that he had called the District Attorney's Office in Memphis to obtain permission to telegraph Ray in prison for information concerning the December, 1967 trip to New Orleans. Stein said that the District Attorney "took the fifth amendment" and while permission was not granted, Stein did telegraph Ray in prison. As of the date of interview, Stein stated he had not received any information from Ray.

During the interview with Stein, on several occasions, he digressed into the realm of metaphysical thought concerning the continuous creations of many new Christs. Stein stated that he had no permanent address in Los Angeles, but that he is living on a day-to-day basis with friends.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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SUBJECT: \ \ MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel to Los Angeles 2/28/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies and to Memphis and New Orleans two copies each of Letterhead Memorandum (LHM) recording interview with CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

FROM:

SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

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AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN A.M., MARCH ELEVEN, INSTANT, INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS FREDERICK L. CARLIN APPEARED AT SAN ANTONIO OFFICE ADVISING HAD "CONSPIRACY THEORY" ON ASSASSINATION MARTIN LUTHER KING.

CARLIN ALLEGED CONSPIRATORS IN CASE WERE, AMONG OTHERS,
SENATOR PHILLIP A. HART (D-MICH.) FOR "BEING SUSPECT" IN
DETROIT RACE RIOTS, SENATOR STEVEN M. YOUNG (D-OHIO) FOR
"BEING SUSPECT" IN CLEVELAND RACE RIOTS, SENATOR EUGENE
MC CARTHY, FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK, AND FBI
AGENT GEORGE BONEBREAK (PHONETIC).

CARLIN BASED ABOVE THEORY ON FACT COMMUNISTS HAD
INFILTRATED ALL LEVELS OF U.S. GOVERNMENT OR CHURCH GROUPS
AND EXAMINATIONS OF CONGRESSIONAL VOTING RECORDS WILL BEAR
THIS OUR. STATED BASED THEORY MAINLY ON FACT FBI AND AGENT
BONEBREAK ACTED TOO SWIFTLY IN ISSUING WANTED FLYERS ON JAMES
EARL RAY AS FBI COULD NOT POSSIBLY HAVE KNOWN ERIC STARVO
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MANNER, INDICATED WAS FORMER MEMBER U.S. NAVY, BEING DISCHARGED
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SAID HE WAS FORMER EMPLOYEE U.S. POST OFFICE, SAN ANTONIO, UNTIL MID SIXTYEIGHT AT WHICH TIME RESIGNED DUE TO MEDICAL PROBLEM INVOLVING HIS BLOOD SUGAR COUNT AND FACT HE HAD OVEREXTENDED SICK LEAVE PRIVILEGES. PRESENTLY SELF-EMPLOYED AS FARMER NEAR STOCKDALE, TEXAS. GAVE NO ADDRESS OTHER THAN GENERAL DELIVERY, SAN ANTONIO. FROM OBSERVATION IS DESCRIBED AS WM; APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET NINE; ONE FIVE FIVE TO ONE SIX ZERO LBS..; DARK HAIR; WORE GLASSES: POCK MARKED COMPLEXION.

DURING CONVERSATION, INDICATED FURTHER BELIEVED COMMUNIST INFLITRATION OF GOVERNMENT COULD BE SEEN IN ANTI-GUN LAWS.

INDICATED HE WAS AGAINST THIS AND STATED HE OWNED THIRTYEIGHT SPECIAL REVOLVER AND THIRTY ZERO SIX RIFLE.

CARLIN INDICATED HE HAD WRITTEN TO PROMINENT INDIVIDUALS CONCERNING THIS THEORY, AMONG WHOM WERE GOVERNOR END PAGE TWO

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RONALD REAGAN, CALIFORNIA; GOVERNOR JOHN MC KEITHEN, LOUISIANA; PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA; FORMER PRESIDENT JOHNSON WHILE IN OFFICE; PRESIDENT NIXON; AND NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY JAMES GARRISON.

AT APPROXIMATELY TWO P.M., MARCH ELEVEN INSTANT, DEPUTY
USM MARIO GRANADOS, SAN ANTONIO, CONTACTED SAN ANTONIO OFFICE
ADVISING HAD LEARNED HIS BROTHER RUDY GRANADOS AT ABOUT.
TWELVE FORTYFIVE P.M., MARCH ELEVEN, INSTANT, HAD OVERHEARD
UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL IN LOCAL SAN ANTONIO RESTAURANT STATE
HAD "THREE FIFTYSEVEN MAGNUM" IN HIS CAR AND WAS "LEAVING
TO TAKE CARE OF GARRISON". GRANADOS OBSERVED INDIVIDUAL
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SAW HIM LEAVE RESTAURANT AND DRIVE OFF IN LIGHT BLUE CHEVROLET
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ZERO EIGHT.

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NEW ORLEANS NOTIFY DISTRICT ATTORNEY JAMES GARRISON AND APPROPRIATE LOCAL AUTHORITIES OF FOREGOING INFORMATION. NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN BY SAN ANTONIO. LHM FOLLOWS. CORRECTIONS:

NAME FREDERICK ON PAGES ONE AND FOUR SHOULD BE "FREDERIC"

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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Re San Antonio tebtype to Director and New Orleans 3/11/69, no copy Memphis, wherein information was set forth that Indicated the possibility that one PREDERICK LEROY CAMLIN, San Antonio, Texas, was possibly enroute to New Orleans to kill New Orleans District Attorney JAMES GARRISON.

Enclosed for Memphis is one Merox copy of referenced teletype for completion of Memphis files.

For information of Bureau and receiving effices, Betective JAMES LAVERGHE, Betective Bureau, New Orleans Police Department, was telephonically advised of the contents of referenced teletype, at which time LaVERGHE stated he would take appropriate action, including motification to District Attorney JAMES GARRISON. By LaVERGHE's request, a letter of confirmation is being forwarded to Superintendent JOSEPH I. GIARRUSSO (NA), New Orleans Police Department.

No further action anticipated by New Orleans.

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701 Loyola Avenue New Orleans, Louisiana 70113 March 12, 1969

157-10673

Mr. Joseph I. Giarrusso Superintendent of Police New Orleans Police Department New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Giarrusso:

This will confirm a telephonic conversation at approximately 5:40 p.m. on March 11, 1969, between Special Agent Edward J. Carney, Jr., of this office and Detective James Lavergne of your department, at which time Detective Lavergne was furnished with the following information:

This office was advised on March 11, 1969, by the FBI Office at San Antonio, Texas, that at approximately 11:00 a.m. on that date an individual identifying himself as Frederick L. Carlin appeared in the San Antonio Office and advised that he believed there was a communist infiltration of government and that this could be seen in anti-gun laws.

Carlin claimed to have been a former member of the U. S. Navy and exhibited Navy Identification Card Number He stated he was a former employee of the U. S. Post Office at San Antonio and that he had resigned this position in mid-1968 due to a medical problem involving his blood sugar count. He stated he was presently self-employed as a farmer near Stockdale, Texas, and furnished his address as General Delivery, San Antonio, Texas. He admitted to owning a .38 caliber Special revolver and a 30.06 rifle.

Carlin stated he had written many prominent individuals, including New Orleans District Attorney James Garrison.

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Carlin was observed to be a white male, approximately 5' 9", 155 to 160 pounds, dark hair, wore glasses, and had a pock-marked complexion.

At approximately 2:00 p.m., March 11, 1969, FBI, San Antonio, was advised by a citizen that this citizen's brother, at approximately 12:45 p.m. on that date, had overheard an unidentified individual in a local San Antonio restaurant make the statement that he had "a 357 magnum" in his car and was "leaving to take care of Garrison." At this time, the unknown individual was observed to drive off in a light blue Chevrolet Nova automobile bearing 1968 Texas License GNS 308. This individual was also observed to be a white male, 5' 8", 30 years of age.

Auto Registration Records, Bexar County, San Antonio, Texas, disclosed that 1968 Texas License GNS 308 is issued to a 1963 Chevrolet, Vehicle Identification Number 30411K127278, in the name of F. L. Carlin, 511 Monticello, San Antonio, Texas.

Drivers Records, Texas Department of Safety,
Austin, Texas, disclosed Texas Operator's License
is issued to one Frederick Lercy Carlin, 511 Monticello,
San Antonio, Texas. This individual is described as a
white male, date of birth
pounds, brown hair, brown eyes.

In the event this office receives any additional information concerning the above, you will, of course, be promptly advised.

Very truly yours.

ROBERT E. RIGHTMYER Special Agent in Charge

3/13/69

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AIR MAIL

TO:

DIRECTOR, FB1 (44-38861)

FROM:

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

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The Bureau is aware that New Crleans has been making preparations to interview Louisiana State Police Trooper RAW. V. ESQUIVEL in connection with information reneived that indicated Subject RAY and his unknown friend "RACUL" were alleged to have been together in July and August, 1967, in Canada; again in August, 1967, in Birmingham, Ala.; in October, 1967, in Mexico; in December, 1967, in New Orleans, La.; and finally on 4/4/68 when "RACUL" was allegedly in Memphis, Tenn.

The purpose of this interview, of course, is to determine if Trooper ESQUIVEL is possibly identical with the "BAOML" originally mentioned by newspaper reporters.

In view of RAY's recent plea of guilty in this matter and subsequent sentencing to 90 years in jail, Bureau is requested to advise if New Grienns should proceed with the interview of Trooper ESQUIYEL.

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For information of Offices receiving this commutestice, James Bori Ray on March 10, 1989, in Shelby County Grininal Court, Memphis, Tennessee, entered a plea of guilty to the state charge of murder in connection with the assessination of Martin Luther Ring, Jr., and was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for 90 years.

In the event you receive inquiries from any witnesses the have been previously subpossed in the state case, you should advise them of the above court proceedings. If any individuals who contact you desire any further details, they should be advised to correspond directly with Mr. Phil E. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County Courthouse, Moughie, Tennessee.

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PROBETOF KING

By JERRY T. BAULCH man James O. Eastland said that he could shoot King." Wednesday his Senate internal security subcommittee is invesceived of conspiracy in the slay-published reports quoting court tigating direct information it reing of the Rev. Dr. Martin Lu-officials in Memphis that arther King Jr.

"There are some things about this affair that indicate to me there may have been a conspiracy," the Mississippi Democrat said in announcing the probe by subcommittee staff members.

James Earl Ray pleaded guilty Monday to assassinating King in Memphis, Tenn., last April 4. He was sentenced to 99 could not be reached for comyears in prison and began serv-ment. ing the sentence in Nashville Tuesday.

told the court he did not agree in advance of the arrangement with a theory-apparently held for Ray's plea. by his own lawyer-that there In Atlanta, the Rev. Andy nate King. He did not explain SCLC, said: this and it touched off demands that the conspiracy aspect not negotiations concerning the be dropped.

tee is seeking to locate an indi- statement of a month ago vidual member of the Southern that we didn't believe in cap-Christian Leadership Conferital punishment for anyone."
ence who was reported to have Young added, "We do want

vestigation and does not have gate the case.22 access to any information Ray's biographer, William compiled by the FBI or other Bradford Huie, said Tuesday he

"I don't know whether there result of a conspiracy. will ever be any hearings on "But I do not know this and this matter but we are assem Ray insists otherwise," said bling available information," Huie, who interviewed Ray in Eastland said.

But in noting there are things that indicate to him there may

have been a conspiracy, hejair and wrote a series of magazine articles hinting at conspira-

DEATH STARTED had to know King was in the and a sharp one.

motel. Somebody had to know "He takes great satisfaction which room he was in the and a sharp one. which room he was in. Some out of the fact that we still have

Sen. Eastland Says Plot body had to know that he was answered questions. He wants May Be Indicated o going out on the balcony, where continuing drama in his life." he was shot.

"Somebody had to show Ray WASHINGTON (AP) - Chair-which room he was to occupy so

> REPORTS DENIED Meanwhile, the SCLC denied rangements for Ray's guilty plea had been cleared beforehand with the SCLC.

The report in the Washington Post also said similar clearance had been arranged with King's widow and the Justice Department.

Coretta King, the widow,

But a Justice Department His panel conducting probespokesman confirmed that the In voicing his guilty plea, Ray department had been informed

was no conspiracy to assassi-Young, executive director of

"The SCLC had no direct guilty plea. What may have Eastland said his subcommit- brought the story was our

said Ray and not kill King. The the investigation continued beslain Negro headed the confer cause we believe Ray was at most merely a tool or pawn. We The chairman said the sub- would hope that for the good of committee staff is relying on the country, the Justice Departits own resources in the in- ment would continue to investi-

Justice Department agencies. now doubts that King died as a



<u>sen. J</u>ames o. Eastland

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THE TIMES-PICAYUNE

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Government, Ray Regret Trial Plea

(By The Associated Press)

James Earl Ray, quoted as wishing now he had elected to stand trial for the Martin Luther King assassination, was joined in his regrets today by the U.S. Justice Department.

A source in the department said the feeling there over Ray's abrupt guilty plea "is one of frustration." The reason: a full-fledged trial, had one been

held, might have shed light on thought this could be done. questions which have led to widespread suspicion around the figure in a conspiracy.

right story that Ray disclosed ty." second thoughts about the guilty Ray was reported to have could hire a new attorney, the ver. paper said.

official sources quoted Ray as the government was informed in to enter a plea of guilty?

"When I went to court Mon-guilty and take 99 years. day I was convinced if I didn't plead guilty I was going to the been life."

for parole after 13 years 7 the plea of guilty: months, or even earlier if he Q. Has your lawyer explained year sentence. earned maximum good - behav- all your rights to you? Do you ior time. Under a 99-year sen-understand these? tence a prisoner must serve at least 30 years.

source further quoted Ray:

"My attorney and my brother told me about six weeks ago that the best thing for me to do that the best thing for me to do was to plead guilty if we could waive your right to appeal the work out a deal to keep me out conviction, or to appeal any

"I WAS THINKING about it country that Ray was only one and every day they thought I would plead guilty. Last week I just told them if they thought IN NASHVILLE, the Nash-this was best and what I ought have gone against you? Do you ville Tennessean said in a copy- to do, then I would plead guil- understand this?

plea within hours of his sen-asked escorting officers during promised to you besides the 99tencing in Memphis to an his trip from the Memphis jail year sentence to induce you to agreed 99 years in prison. Ray to the Nashville penitentiary plead guilty? also has inquired about how he how he could hire another law-

In Washington, Justice De-The story said unidentified partment sources acknowledged been put on you to induce you advance that Ray would plead

electric chair. I wish the hell ernment was involved in any Ala., April 17, 1968, accusing I hadn't now because with what way with decisions leading up him of conspiring "with a man they had on me I believe the to the sudden move by Ray and |-alleged to be his brother"-to worst I'd gotten would have his lawyer, Percy Foreman of violate King's civil rights in that Houston.

At Monday's court hearing UNDER TENNESSEE LAW a there was this exchange be- der an 1870 Reconstruction-era life prisoner could be eligible tween the judge and Ray after statute and conviction would

A. Yes, sir.

The Tennessean said a prison Q. IS THIS WHAT you want to do?

of the chair. They told me they pretrial rulings which may

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Has anything else been

A. No.

Q. HAS ANY PRESSURE

A. No.

The only federal action pending against Ray is an FBI BUT THEY DENIED the gov-charge issued in Birmingham, state

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King Plot Evidence Claimed

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porting the conspiracy theory in the assassination of Dr. Martin on what he meant."

Interest in Martin of Martin of Newspaper quoted the brother the first anniversary of King's death.

The Rev. Ralph David Abertine on what he meant."

der was part of an international a life term. striking garbag Communist plot and that Ray Under the 99-year term, he he was killed. was "a dupe," was replaced before the case came to trial.

Ray pleaded guilty to the crime in Memphis last Monday, but said he did not agree with the theory that there was no conspiracy.

The News quoted a source as saying the NAACP is "90 ner cent committed to open an investigation on its own."

Elsewhere Thursday Ray's brother was quoted as saying he was convinced of a conspiracy.

The brother, John Larry Ray, was interviewed by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, which quoted him as saying he was sure that Ray first was approached by conspirators in Canada.

This would have been after Ray's escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23,

this, 'Ray was quoted as teining life, he could have sought parole in 1982—earlier if he were given there was someone else in on this 'deal,' but it had been the New York Daily News this 'deal,' but it had been Meanwhile, two groups an-

Friday edition, the paper said lawyer, Percy Foreman of He gave no details. the evidence would be presented Houston, Tex., felt Ray could And Jesse Epps, head of the

"I am not the only one in on will be eligible to seek parole in this," Ray was quoted as telling 1999. Had he been sentenced to

said Thursday night that it had hushed up by the Federal Bu-nounced plans to hold memorial learned "evidence strongly sup- reau of Investigation," the marches in Memphis on April 4,

The Rev. Ralph David Aber-Luther King Jr." would be pre-James Earl Ray was sen-sented to top officials of the Na-tenced to 99 years in the head of the Southern Christian tional Association for the Ad-Tennessee State Penitentiary. Leadership Conference, said a vancement of Colored People.

In a front-page story in its resented as the only way Ray's begin in Memphis on that date.

by Russel G. Thompson, a escape the electric chair. But union which represents some Memphis, Tenn., lawyer who as- Ray was quoted by the Nash- 7,000 Memphis workers, said sisted Arthur Hanes, one of the ville Tennessean, second-hand, these workers will take the day oroginal lawyers for King's con- as saying he has now had sec- off for an anniversary demonfessed killer, James Earl Ray.

Hanes, who has said the murtaken his chances on a trial and phis in behalf of about 1,200 striking garbage workers when

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A 99-year sentence to the Tennessee State Penitentiary ((33 years without parole) has brought to a deed - as history shows - lives a delineated penalty, predicated on an unqualified plea of guilty would have gone to trial on carefully gathered evidence. As it was, only testimony relative to the actual slaying - a cold-blooded, prearranged, dastardly crime, by every human concept — had to be offered.

Not enough credit can be given. in our estimation, to the excellent investigative work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other agencies in this country; to the cooperation of Scotland Yard detectives in Britain, and doubtless to that of other international agencies, for the arrest within two months' time of the fugitive killer.

Efforts to change history by assassination may not be materially weakened in this country by the sureness of retribution, as witness the subsequent murder of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. But surely such efforts will not be encouraged by the knowledge of persistent and high-grade law enforcement measures -- amounting in the King case to solution of a first-class mystery.

Even to say that the book can now be closed on the latter crime is rash, since the evil done by such

judgment the murder of Dr. Martin on and on in other forms, other re-Luther King, committed just less actions. As for Ray's assertion bethan a year ago at Memphis by fore the court that he "does not James Earl Ray. The jury accepted agree with the theory there was no it tends, though conspiracy". without which acceptance, pre meaningless on its face, to leave sumably, and without a preceding the book open. The court very state-defense agreement, the case properly stated that if evidence is obtained of any such conspiracy, the processes of law will be available to deal with it.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.) PAGE 8 SECTION 1 THE TIMES-PICAYUNE NEW ORLEANS, LA. 3-11-69 Edition: Author: Editor GEORGE W. HEALY Title: JAMES EARL RAY Character: 157-Classification: Submitting Office: N.O., LA. Being Investigated



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

San Antonio, Texas March 12, 1969

FREDERIC L. CARLIN

At approximately 11 a.m., March 11, 1969, an individual identifying himself as Frederic L. Carlin appeared at the San Antonio Office of the FBI advising he had a "conspiracy theory" concerning the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King which he wished to discuss with the FBI.

Carlin proceeded to explain his "theory" which among other things encompassed the Russian Revolution of 1917 and the Senate debate on the appointment of Abe Fortas as Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court in 1968. Carlin contended the conspirators in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. were Senator Phillip A. Hart (D-Mich.) for "being suspect" in the Detroit race riots; Senator Steven M. Young (D-Ohio) for "being suspect" in the Cleveland race riots; Senator Eugene Mc Carthy for being so liberal on different issues and for stating he planned to visit Red China if he were elected President; former Attorney General Ramsey Clark for supporting anti-gun law legislation; and FBI Special Agent George Bonebreak (phonetic), if not the whole FBI in general.

Carlin elaborated the conspirators in this case were the product of Communist infiltration into every phase of the United States Government, civil rights groups, and church groups in the United States, and each of the conspirators had contributed large sums of money to finance James Earl Ray and to keep Ray quiet, thereby protecting themselves.

Carlin stated if an investigation was launched to examine Congressional voting records, this would bear out his theory.

Carlin's main point in this theory centered around criticism of the FBI and Agent Bonebreak, stating the FBI acted too swiftly in issuing "two wanted flyers" on Ray. The

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first flyer was on an Eric Starvo Galt while the second one was on James Earl Ray. Carlin contended the FBI could not possibly have known Eric Starvo Galt was an alias Ray might have used prior to actually identifying Ray by what was reported to be an exhaustive fingerprint examination. He, therefore, stated the FBI should be held accountable for possibly causing arrest and/or death of an innocent person.

Carlin, who throughout the foregoing conversation spoke in an extremely arrogant and belligerent manner, stated he had been discharged from the United States Navy in 1961. He exhibited a Navy identification card, No. who him to be a "non petty officer".

Carlin stated he was a former letter carrier for the United States Post Office, San Antonio, having been employed by that office until mid-1968, at which time he "resigned" or was "removed" due to medical problem involving his blood sugar count and the fact he had overextended his sick leave privileges. He stated he was presently selfmemployed as a farmer owning a small farm near Stockdale, Texas.

Carlin gave no exact address, stating he does not like to use a street address and that he received his mail through General Delivery or occasionally a box he might rent at the Post Office in San Antonio.

Carlin returned to an earlier statement of his concerning anti-gun law legislation and stated this was even more evidence to prove a Communist infiltration of the United States Government as he felt Americans should be allowed to own firearms as he felt they would be needed one day in the battle against Communism. He stated he personally owned firearms and described them as a .38 Special revolver and a "nice" 30.06 deer rifle.

Carlin indicated he had written the following individuals concerning his "conspiracy theory" and hoped they would see an investigation was launched to bear this theory out:

FREDERIC L. CARLIN

Governor Ronald Reagan of California (whom Carlin stated he backed in a bid for the Presidency of the United States):

Governor John McKeithan of Louisiana; Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau of Canada; Former President Lyndon B. Johnson while in office; President Richard M. Nixon;

New Orleans, Louisiana, District Attorney James

Garrison; and

U. S. Senators Strom Thurman, Robert P. Griffin, James O. Eastland, Sam Ervin, Jr., Ted Kennedy, and John Tower.

From observation during the above conversation Frederic L. Carlin is described as a white male; in his early 30's; approximately 5'9"; 155-160 pounds; dark hair and eyes; wears glasses; and has pock marked complexion.

At approximately 2 p.m., March 11, 1969, Deputy United States Marshal Mario Granados, San Antonio, Texas, telephonically contacted the San Antonio Office of the FBI advising he had received the following information from his brother Rudy Granados.

At approximately 12:45 p.m., March 11, Rudy Granados was in Cap'n Jim's restaurant located at the intersection of Loop 13 and Roosevelt, San Antonio, and overheard an unknown man state he had "a .357 magnum" in his car and was "leaving to take care of Garrison". Granados observed this unknown individual, described as a white male, 5'8", approximately thirty years of age, leave the restaurant and drive off in a light blue Chevrolet Nova automobile bearing 1968 Texas license plates GNS 308.

Check of these license plates through Bexar County automobile registration records reflected they had been issued for a 1963 Chevrolet, Vehicle Identification No. 30411K127278, registered to F. L. Carlin, 511 Monticello, San Antonio, Texas.

A check of the current San Antonio city directory

FREDERIC L. CARLIN

reflected 511 Monticello is the address for one Clifford T. Carlin, a printer for the San Antonio Express Publishing Company. This directory further carried the listing for one Frederic L. Carlin, who was a carrier for the United States Post Office, San Antonio, and has a Post Office Box of 10039.

Driver records, Texas Department of Public Safety, Austin, Texas, reflected the following descriptive data for the above individuals:

Clifford Theodore Carlin:

White male; born 5'9"; 180 pounds; brown eyes; black hair; Texas operator's license address 511 Monticello, San Antonio, Texas

Frederic Leroy Carlin:

White male; born 5'10"; 168
pounds; brown hair; brown eyes; Texas operator's
license address 511 Monticello, San
Antonio, Texas.

The files of the San Antonio Division of the FBI fail to reflect any information identifiable with Frederic L., Frederic Leroy, or Clifford Theodore Carlin.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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SAC (157-10673)

DATE:

3/14/69

FROM

ASAC JOSEPH T. SYLVESTER, JR.

SUBJECT:

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On 3/12/69, the Bureau advised of the following:

JAMES EARL RAY, on March 10, 1969, in Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee, entered a plea of guilty to the state charge of murder in connection with the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., and was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for 99 years.

In the event you receive inquiries from any witnesses who have been previously subpoenaed in the state case, you should advise them of the above court proceedings. If any individuals who contact you desire any further details, they should be advised to correspond directly with Mr. PHIL M. CANALE, JR., State Attorney General, Shelby County Courthouse, Memphis, Tennessee.

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Figures on Ray's Radio Had Authorities Stumped someone would have made an association between the two."

Officials Later Find Out ownership.

By BERNARD GAVZER MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Within minutes after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated last April 4, authorities had they failed to decipher it until after Ray was caught in Lon-

The clue was on a transistor numerals 00416.

00416 was the identification number of James Earl Ray in the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Mo. He was serving a 20-year sentence when he escaped April 23, 1967.

King. He dropped his rifle, a set of binoculars and a case which included the radio, at a doorway near the rooming house from which he fired the shot.

James Beasley of the Shelby County attorney general's staff said the radio had been turned over to the FBI with other physical evidence that same evening. The numerals, he said, were discovered through tests at the FBI crime laboratory in Washington.

TRIED TO ERASE

"You can see that someone had tried to file or sand them off the case," Beasley said.

until they were pointed out to me, but the FBI found them within 24 hours by treating the case so the numerals showed

plastic case.

Missouri penitentiary canteen ment of Corrections. on April 21, several days before

numbers on to the back of the Warden Swenson said the FBI 00416 Prison Numerals, case with an electric stylus to had not come to the prison in reprevent theft or arguments over gard to the radio until about a

Ray's prison number, 00416, "They took the electric stylus radio. Ray paid \$9.75 for it.

in their hands a clue to the iden- ry with him on his escape, so said. tity of James Earl Ray-but that he could listen to news Ray is serving a 99-year term broadcasts to find out if they for the King murder. were looking for him.

CALLED CHEAP

pocket radio which was hand Harold Swenson said he thought cution contended there was no etched with the half-inch high Ray took it because he was "too evidence to suggest that Ray cheap to leave anything be-was involved in a conspiracy, hind."

phis rooming house and police act alone. found the Remington Gamemaster rifle, binoculars and person- Thompson of Memphis, a law-The radio was among effects even trace laundry marks on sassination, met with attorneys abandoned by Ray after he shot underwear to a West Coast launof the NAACP Legal Defense

> A pair of pliers also was traced to its source.

But the transistor radio re- what information he provided. mained a mystery so far as the meaning of the numbers.

search for evidence which was dignity of evidence.' being gathered there was no He told newsmen the discus-

State Penitentiary to know that tion for the Advancement of Colthe radio contained Ray's in-mate number. There were publingful, but I don't want to give lished reports of a radio, but undue emphasis to it at this which mentoned the time. etched numerals.

CONNECTION POSSIBLE

"I couldn't see the numerals mation been made public, some-ntil they were pointed out to one at Jefferson City would have connected the numbers with Ray.

"This would not have been because of Ray, because he was an The six transistor radio is in a innocuous, run-of-the-mill criminal," said Fred Wilkinson, di-Ray bought the radio in the rector of the Missouri Depart-

"Perhaps because of the fact he escaped. Prison practice is that it was connected with the for inmates to established prison King slaying, which was very

prominent in people's minds, association between the two.'

month after Ray's capture.

was etched into the back of his with them to determine under laboratory analysis if it was the There was some speculation exact one which was used to that he bought the radio to car-etch the numbers," Swenson

COURT SHOCKED

While his lawyer, Percy Fore-But at Jefferson City, Warden man of Houston, and the prosethe defendant shocked the court After Ray had fled the Mem- when he hatted that he did not

In New York, Russell X. al effects, the FBI was able to yer who investigated King's asand Educational Fund, Inc. to present what he called new information about the slaying.

He declined to tell newsmen

He said the meeting was held to evaluate his information and Since secrecy surrounded the see if it wan be raised to the

way for anyone at Missouri sions with the National Associa-

"I don't want this to be another...," he said, not finishing his sentence. Asked by Presumably, had this infor-newsmen if he was alluding to (Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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THE TIMES-PICAYUNE

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Garrison's investigation of the and could not reached the assassination plot had accimurder of President John F. immediately for comment. Kennedy, he replied: "I didn't say that, you did."

AIDE WITH KING

King who was with him when he execution. advance, but did nothing.

In Memphis, the city's top po- adelphia Bulletin. lice officials were in conference Bevel said a letter outlining turned over to the states

In Philadelphia, the Rev. that Ray had been persuaded to plane bound from Atlanta to James Bevel, a former aide to plead guilty to save him from Memphis for a half an hour

had known about the assassina- way and the real killers are vance. tion plot "a couple of days" in walking around freely," Bevel The FBI declined any comsaid in an interview in the Phil-ment other than to say that all

dentally fallen into the hands of Bevel, who claimed in Janu- a Negro woman and was turned ary that Ray was innocent, said over to the police. He also said evidence had been suppressed FBI agents had held up King's search because they also knew was shot, said Memphis police "As a result Ray is out of the of the plot at least a day in ad-

evidence it had gathered was

Memorandum

TO

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(157-10678)

DATE:

3/19/69

FROM

ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT:

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DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

P. 0. BOX 51480 NEW ORLEANS, LA. 70150 March 13, 1969



Mr. Robert E. Rightmyer, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 701 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70113

Dear Mr. Rightmyer:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 12, confirming telephone conversation of March 11, relative to information passed on to Detective LaVergne of this office by your Special Agent Edward J. Carney, Jr.

I am forwarding your correspondence to Major Henry M. Morris, Chief of Detectives, for his attention.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

JIG/t

JOS. I. GIARRUSSO, Superintendent of Police.

cc: Major H. M. Morris

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TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM:

SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P.C)

SUBJECT:

MURKIN (OO: MEMPHIS)

For the information of the Bureau and Memphis, on 3/17/69, Mr. KENT CORTNEY, publisher of the Conservative Journal, telephonically contacted the office and advised that he had just talked by telephone to JERRY RAY, brother of JAMES EARL RAY. He advised that RAY called from a pay phone in St. Louis, Mo., and advised CORTNEY that he was coming to New Orleans Thursday, 3/20/69, and would like to meet with CORTNEY and discuss his brother's situation. advised that he is looking for a new attorney for his brother and that he knew CORTNEY by regutation to be a man interested in justice. He indicated to CORTNEY that a conspiracy did waist and that his brother did not act alone. Mr. CORTNEY wanted advice as to whether he should meet with RAY or not. Mr. CORTNEY was advised that any inquiries into this matter should be directed to Mr. PHIL M. CANALE, JR., State Attorney General, Shelby County Courthouse, Memphis, Tenn.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO

ALL AGENTS

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3/28/69

FROM

SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

By airtel dated 3/26/69, and captioned, "MURKIN," the Bureau instructed that in view of the background data concerning Mr. KENT COURTNEY, Publisher of the Conservative Journal, New Orleans contact should not be had with COURTNEY.

All Agents should be guided by the above.

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Tremm. (AP)died of a heart attack, raising the possibility that Tennessee may have to give James Mari all," Burnett said, adding that a on King. Ray the trial by jury he now petition of this kind could be says he wants.

The 60-year-old jurist was Criminal Count Clork James found dead in his chambers A. Blackwell said that no mo-last night. On March 10 be then for a new trial nor a writ of The O-year-old jurist was had accepted Ray's plea of habeas corpus was on file in his gulty to the murder of Martin office. He did not speculate on Luther King Jr. and sentenced how Ray's letter might be interhim to 99 years in prison.

Later Judge Battle disclosed Blackwell said Ray would al-Ray had written from the state most certainly have been end stand trial.

CHARLES GALERIEATH, a Flackwell said that was a detail Tennesses Appeals Court judge, the judge had completed. said today that if the letter is construed as a motion for a new trial, the state would have to James Beasley, an assistant disgive Ray one. \sim

minst be granted under state law if the trial judge dies or is judged insome while the case is

In the case of a petition for a writ of habeas corpus—where a prisoner claims bis rights were denied—Tennessee Supreme Court Chiel-Islaic Hemilton

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RAY'S LETTERS

Motion for New

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Still Disputed Chances for a new trial hinge better the letters constitution," and state does not define a "model of the state of the pulge who all the prison were filed to be prison were filed to be prison whether the parallel of the state Supreme clerk's office. But there was a new trial for the market of Dr. Martin Luther wing Jr.

That decision could be left up to the successor of Judge W. The state of the successor of suc

Preston Battle, who was buried here Wednesday afternoon. His successor will be named by Gov. Buford Ellington.

The letters

of a heart attack.

LETTERS FILED

Clerk James A. Blackwell Liled them in his office following a conference with the four Lemaining criminal court judg-

In the second letter, Ray asked a reversal of his 99e ar prison sentence and a post conviction hearing." Existence of this letter first begame known after Battle died. The four judges met with representatives of the district atforney's office. Judge Perry H. Sellers said he and his col-Leagues had their "ewn ideas" about the legal sufficiency of the documents to serve as a motion for a new trial. He declined to disclose them.

Judge Charles Galbreath of The Tennessee Court of Crimimal Appeals said in Nashvilla Tuesday that state law stipu-lates any motion for a new trial pending before a deceased judge must be granted,

Galbreath said if the letters were construed as a motion for in Trial the state would in Trial the state would in Trial to grant one to Ray.

by Gov. Buford Ellington.

The letters from Ray, who bleaded guilty in King's death here a year ago Friday, were found in Battle's desk shortly after the 60-year-old judge died

Under such commissances, a motion for a new grial probable ably would be denied, but the denial could be appealed all the way to the U. S. Supreme Court. Burnett said. Under such cheumstances, a

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MARCH IS HELD IN KING'S HONOR

Grievances Presented at City Hall

The first anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination was observed here Friday by a group which marched through the downtown business district to City Hall, where a list of Negro grievances was presented.

The only incident to mar the demonstration involved some motorcycle policemen who escorted marchers to City Hall,

The incident was sparked by a report that a Negro was accosted by the police and hustled into a police car and taken away. Police on the scene refused to comment on the mat-

Leaders of the march calmed the angry Negroes and succeed then to City Hall. ed in bringing them back to the seen in the predominantly Ne City Hall ceremony.

GRIEVANCES READ

ers of the march outlined 13 the procession also drew some grievances that they said New striking teachers of the AFL Orleans must remedy with CIO. "timely action." They called The teachers, carrying signs

review board to include repre-School Board, were ordered to sentatives from all areas of the the back of the march py community. The board would march leaders. Included in the exercise disciplinary authority teachers group was Kenneth over police.

people on all city boards and Teachers. commissions in direct proportion to their percentage of the The march was led by a mule population, estimated at 50 per named "Boston" and was folcent.

eight student leaders expelled marchers wore black armbands, from Fortier High School for and many clasped their hands taking part in a recent civil together as they marched about rights demonstration.

tax and institution of a gradu- and several wore African-style ated income tax.

phasis on finding ways to end area, still bustling despite the the kind of suffering that neces- Good Friday holiday. sitates welfare.

districts to enable blacks to par- at the South Rampart st. inticipate in the political sector of tersection and caused the the community and to elect representatives in numbers com- utes. mensurate with their percentage; of the population.

-Stopping arbitrary disquali- the procession moved along. fication of black voters

from raising rents.

Prior to the reading of these lard University student, Miss pickets, about 13, carried signs Mattie Stone, sang "Precious praising Dr. King for speaking out against the war.

called the Black City Council, armed forces recruiting officers the march began shortly before are there. Pickets said they 1 p. m. at the Municipal Audi-represented no organized group. torium. The procession moved down Basin st. to Canal st.,

A sprinkling of whites were pants. gro group. In addition to at-tracting members of various City Hall was also On the City Hall steps, lead-Negro and civil rights group, Good Friday, and no one was

used in their Thursday walk--Creation of a citizens police out against the Orleans Parish Miesen, national representative -Representation by black of the American Federation of

COFFIN CARRIED lowed by a black-draped coffin -Immediate reinstatement of carried by four men. Most seven abreast.

-Discontinuance of the sales Most were dressed in black clothing.

-A complete reevaluation of The march proceeded slowly the welfare with em-down Basin, drawing few sidewalk onlookers. There were more lookers on Canal, however, as the procession moved into the downtown snopping

The mule became stubborn -Reapportionment of political at several spots, particularly march to stop for a few min-

Traffic was halted along Canal and all cross streets as

By 2 p. m., marchers had -Institution of rent control reached the International Trade regulations to prevent landlords Mart, turning around for the final march on Canal

At the Custom House, a sepproposals, the recorded voice arate group protesting the war of Dr. King was heard on the in Vietnam joined the marchers loudspeaker. Afterward, a Dil- and were cheered. Anti-war

The Custom House was picked Organized by a new group for this demonstration because

up Canal to the river, back urged Negro onlookers to join down Canal to Loyola ave. and the procession. Some did and drew cheers from the partici-

The overall march was quiet, except for scattered singing of

present to receive the grievances officially.
City Council President Man-

rice E. Landrieu was on hand at City Hall in an unofficial capacity. Landrieu said he wanted to show his "concern" for the people's problems.

Groups represented by the

Black City Council are the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; the Black Youth for Progress; the New Orleans Welfare Rights Organization; the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee; the Black Liberation Army; Thugs United Inc., and the Louisiana Advancement Society.

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Peaceful King Memorials Marred by Vandar Bands

Mourning Blemished in 2 darkened streets of Montgom-Cities by Violence

(The Associated Press) The first anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination was observed Friday in hundreds of peaceful ceremonies but a nonviolent memorial in Memphis where he was killed was married by bands of vandals on the perimeter of the massive crowd smashing store

In Chicago, where mourning was blemished by violence on pulled off the streets of Chicago the eve of the anniversary, the early Friday after order was restreets were quiet Friday but an stored in two Negro neighborovernight curfew was ordered hoods hit by shooting, looting and National Guardsmen stood

The incidents in Memphis and Chicago, however, were in contrast to peaceful services, marches and vigils, large and small, held in cities around the nation in memory of the slain the anniversary of King's death. civil rights leader.

ORDERS CURFEW

ordered an evening-to-morning day. curfew although the vandals The Boston mayor spoke to a who marred the city's march racially mixed audience in Faapparently were not connected neull Hall, historic meeting with it.

King's Leadership Conference spon-King's assassination. White said sored the march and most of the crowd already had paraded holiday. through downtown Memphis "His when the vandalism broke out. A quick display of police force dampened the outbreak, and damage was scattered and minor. At one point a tear gas bomb exploded near the speakers' stand.

At Nashville, about 300 demonstrators marched to the grounds of the Tennessee State Prison where James Earl Ray is serving a 99-year-prison sentence for King's murder. They sang "We Shall Overcome' and said they wanted to remind Ray "of what he did." Ray could not see them from his maximum-security cell.

'SOUL POWER' CHANT

And in Selma, Ala., the scene of a bloody 1965 civil rights clash, about 2,000 persons, all but about two dozen of them Negroes, marched under a blazing sun, chanting a new call: "Soul power, Soul pow

"Soul power, Soul power, Campaign.

marchers filed through the nathy, who inherited the SCLC1

ery in a candlelight procession to the Alabama capital.

In Atlanta, Ga., Coretta King and her four children visited her husband's grave on a bright, balmy spring day. Composed and resolute, she placed a red and white cross of flowers on

the gravestone.

In Chicago, The Rev. Martin
Luther King Sr., at a special
Good Friday service, pleaded for blacks and whites to follow

King's nonviolent principles. National Guard troops were and fighting.

GUARD PATROLS

Several hundred guardsmen of a 5,000-man force had pat-roled through the night. The trouble broke out Thursday after memorial services marking

Boston Mayor Kevin White called on Congress to declare Memphis Mayor Henry Loeb King's birthday a national holi-

> place of the American Revolu-Southern Christian tion, on this first anniversary of Jan. 15 should be set aside as a

"His eloquence has been amplified," White said, "his presence has certainly been multiplied and his message has been elevated into a testament."

The widow of King stood briefly before the grave with her children and other relatives, then spoke to a group of New Orleans school children. She thanked them for coming, and for wreaths they brought. Then she posed with them for pictures.

Mrs. King had said she would spend the remainder of the weekend at home, quietly, not taking part in any public memo-

MEMORIAL MARCH

Police in Memphis estimated at one point that 15,000 persons passed by in the memorial march, described as the second chapter of the Poor Peoples

Before the marchers stepped Later, several thousand off, the Rev. Ralph David Aber-

leadership, and Jerry Wurf, president of the American Fed eration of State, County and M nicipal Employes, placed a large photograph of King at the motel where he was killed.

Looking across the street toward the window the fatal shot came from, Abernathy said he had "no grief, no hate in my heart es I see that room.

James Earl Ray has pleaded guilty to the shooting and was sentenced to 99 years in prison. He is trying to change his plea.

The scattered acts of vandalism broke out as young Negroes smashed a number of store windows. Police said damage to at least three stores where windows were broken apparently was caused by persons on the sidewalks and not a part of the march. One policeman was in-

jured when struck by a piece of concrete. Smoke bombs were set off around the crowd at City

Police allowed the march to proceed when those responsible for the damage apparently fled.

The Selma marchers were watched by state, county and city police-at one spot a Negro city policeman standing between two white state troopers.

There are several Negro city policemen and sheriff's deputies now, in contrast to 1965 when there were none, and when hundreds of demonstrators were jailed by the sheriff then. James G. Clark, symbol of white resistance.

After marching across Edmund Pettus Bridge, where the Montgomery, where King launched his civil rights crusade in 1955 with a bus boycott.

On the evening before the anniversary, a Cabinet-level emissary was sent by President Nixon to meet with Mrs. King. Robert H. Finch, secretary of health, education and welfare, called on Coretta King at her home in Atlanta for 45 minutes, and brought a personal letter from the President.

TALK OF MEMORIAL

Finch voiced "the President's sincerest expressions of condo-lences to Mrs. King and her family" and talked with Mrs. King about plans for a King Memorial Park in Atlanta and proposals to set up privately sponsored institutions to promote her husband's advocacy of nonviolence.

In Washington, D.C., one of the places where rioting broke out a year ago in a convulsive reaction to King's death, there were several memorial services in the predominantly Negro capital. In Negro neighborhoods, many cars had headlights on.

A nine-foot wooden cross, with a picture of King nailed on it, was put up in an elementary school yard in Springfield, Mass. In Fall River, there was to be a candlelight procession through the streets.

"Though today is not an official day of mourning," said Whitney M. Young Jr., executive director of the National Ur-ban League, "it is one in the hearts of all decent people.

All Americans, he said, should 'take the occasion of this tragic anniversary to commit themselves to ending the prejudices, the poverty and the injustice that so disfigures our society."

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America, said an associate of King's, should listen to its 23 million black citizens, "or there will be no America.'

"The voices of dissent must be heard, or America will be destroyed in our time," said the Rev. T. Y. Rogers of Tuscaloosa, Ala., at an Atlanta memorial service.

"The murder of Martin Luther King told every black person in this country that no mat-1965 clash broke out, the demon- ter who you are, or how much strators planned to ride on to money you have, you are still just another nigger," he told several hundred Negroes and whites at Spelman College.

"But he lifted our heads," the Rev. Mr. Rogers said. "Never again will our heads hang low. Never again will we accept second- class citizenship.

"Martin Luther King made our minds free. Now our bodies must be freed.'



A PORTRAIT of the late Dr. Martin Luther King is dedicated at the motel in Memphis, Tenn., where he was killed a year ago. The Rev. Ralph Abernathy (left), who succeeded King as head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, presided at the dedication. Abernathy later led a memorial march for King.

New Orleans, Louisiana April 25, 1969

JAMES EARL RAY

Raul Victor Esquivel, Sr., was interviewed at his residence, 4524 Persimmons Street, Metairie, Louisiana. Esquivel identified himself as a Trooper with the Louisiana State Police, and stated he had been so employed for the past ten and one-half years. He further advised that he had been assigned to Troop B of the State Police in Metairie, Louisiana, for the past several years.

Esquivel stated that he has resided at his present residence for the past several years, that he built the residence himself, that he has raised his family in that residence, and that at the present time, only he and his wife are residents of the home. He stated that his son, Raul Esquivel, Jr., is married, resides in New Orleans and that he is a grandparent as a result of his son's marriage, his grandson having been mamed Raul Esquivel, III. Esquivel furnished the following information:

Upon observation of a photograph of Charles J. Stein, Esquivel did not recognize Stein as a person he has ever seen, nor did he recall of having ever heard of the name Charles Stein. Upon observation of three photographs of James Earl Ray, including two front and one right profile, Esquivel recognized Ray for the reason that Ray's photographs were widely publicized following his identification as the individual who assassinated Martin LuthernKing. Esquivel has never been personally acquainted with Ray and to the best of his knowledge has never personally observed Ray, except by photographs through news media. Esquivel has never visited Canada, Mexico, Birmingham, Alabama, or Memphis, Tennessee. Esquivel has no personal knowledge of James Earl Ray.

According to "Look" magazine articles concerning activities of James Earl Ray, the following dates are noted wherein Ray and his friend "Raoul" are alleged to have been together.

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2-Memphis (44-1987)

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July 18 - August 24, 1967

Ascording to "Look" magazine articles, subject met "Rabul" in Canada on about eight occasions during this period.

August 21, 1987

Subject May and "Recul" wore in Windoor, Cameda.

August 26 - 30, 1907

Ray met "Recul" during this period in Birmingham, Alabams.

October 7 - 10, 1967

Ray arrived San Francisco Motel, Acapulco, Mexico, on October 10, 1967. Gae or two days prior to that time, he met "Raoul" in Mucro Laredo, Mexico.

December 17 - 19, 1969

Ray not "Racul" at New Orleans, Louisians, and received \$3500 from him.

April 4, 1968

"Recul" allegedly was in Mamphis, Teamessee, and fired the shot at 6:00 PM that killed Martin Luther King.

Prior investigation has disclosed that Trooper Esquivel had worked as follows during the month of August, 1967:.

August 1, 3, and 3;

On Duty: 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM

August 4:

Day Off

August 5:

On Duty; 7:06 AM to 3:00 PM

August 6 and 7:

Off duty due to a death in his family.

August 8 and 9:

On duty: 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Awgust 10:

Off Duty.

August 11 through 23:

On duty: 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

August 24:

Off Duty.

August 25 and 26:

On duty; 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM

August 27:

Off Duty

August 28, 29, and 30:

On duty; 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

August 31:

Off Duty.

Further investigation has disclosed that during August, 1967, Esquivel was assigned to duties in different areas of the Troop B responsibility since he was filling in for other troopers on their day's off. During August, 1967, Esquivel worked in the New Orleans area.

Esquivel stated that he has not engaged in any lengthy travel of recent years and noted that for the past three years, a great majority of his offiduty time has been devoted to the building in his garage at home of a small airplane. Esquivel advised that he is a licensed pilot.

Esquivel recalled that during the summer months of 1967, he was performing duties out of Troop B, but that he does not recall any specific activities on any specific dates. He stated that he would also be unable to recall any specific dates of his activities during the months of October and December, 1967, and April, 1968.

Esquivel pointed out that he regards himself as a professional law enforcement officer, that he takes pride in his occupation and that he has nothing whatsoever to hide. He stated that if he did possess any information concerning Ray or the assassination of King, he would not hesitate to furnish same to the FBI.

The following background and descriptive data was obtained by interview and observation:

Name Race Sex Raul Victor Esquivel, Sr.

White Male

Date of birth

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Place of birth

Beliz, British Honduras

Nationality

Naturalized as U. S. Citizen during early 1940's (World War II) at Alexandria, Virginia, while a member of the U. S.

Army.

Military service

U. S. Army and U. S. Navy

during World War II,

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Height Weight

175 pounds

Hair Eyes Build

Brown Blue Stocky.

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies of a self-explanatory LEW together with two copies for Mouphia and an information copy for Los Angeles.

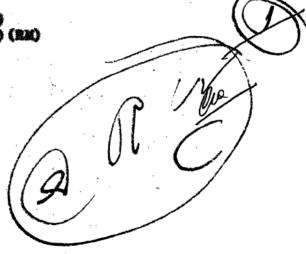
Trooper Raul Victor Meguivel, Sr., was comperative with Bureau Agents when interviewed, 4/24/69.

New Orleans is closing its case in this matter.

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