

NO 157-10673

Mr. ROD was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and after reviewing same, he advised that he has never seen this individual.

He further commented that he would discuss this matter with his wife and try to further recall if they received such a call and he would continue to have his office check their records for such a call and advise the interviewing Agent.

At a later time on May 9, 1968, Mr. ROD telephonically contacted the interviewing Agent and advised that a search of their office records failed to reflect that he received a telephone call from the Houston, Texas area during the period December 15 through 17, 1967.

Date 5/14/68

THOMAS W. WEST, 3631 St. Rene Street, Metairie, Louisiana, was contacted at his place of employment, Baroid, 1738 Peters Road, at which time he furnished the following information:

In 1960, he was involved in an automobile accident, in Jamestown, Louisiana and received severe head injuries and since that time he has been under medical treatment at the Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas. He stated that since residing in New Orleans he has traveled to Houston, Texas on the weekends for medical treatment in that since the accident he has been bothered with severe headaches.

During the weekend of December 15-17, 1967, he telephonically contacted his fiance, VIRGINIA PEQUENO, who he is presently married to, at the RICHARD ROD residence, 1604 Davis Drive, Metairie, Louisiana. He recalls that he first attempted to contact his fiance at her home without success and he then called his fiance's sister, who is the neighbor of RICHARD ROD and his fiance's sister said that VIRGINIA was babysitting at the ROD residence. He then placed a long distance call to his fiance at the ROD residence. This telephone call was made from one of two telephone booths in Pasadena, --- Texas, one of which is located at a Seven - Eleven Grocery Store, approximately 8 or 9 miles away from Route I-10 in Texas or is at a telephone booth at a cut rate service station in Pasadena, Texas. He stated that the Seven - Eleven Grocery Store is located on the corner of South Shaver and Pauline in Pasadena, Texas and the cut rate service station is located on South Shaver between the Seven - Eleven Grocery Store and Pasadena, Texas. He stated that during the weekend he made the telephone call to his fiance, he was residing with friends at 712 Trimm Street, Pasadena, Texas.

WEST was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and after reviewing same stated that he does not know this individual nor has he ever seen this individual. He did comment that he recalls reading about this individual in the newspaper, however, he has never seen this individual in or around the telephone booths in Pasadena, Texas.

On 5/13/68 at Harvey, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 *sub 1-140*
by SAA ROBERT LOUIS WERTMAN *flw* /jmc Date dictated 5/14/68

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Mr. WEST advised that he was born [redacted] in Sweetwater, Alabama and he is presently employed as a district mechanic for Bariod. He requested that his employer not be told the reason he was being contacted in this matter, inasmuch as he has lost several jobs in the past three years due to his physical condition in that he blacks out due to severe headaches. He also requested that his employer not be advised regarding his treatment for this illness at the Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas.

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WALTON C. HALL, JR., 5911 Airline Highway, advised that he is the subscriber to New Orleans telephone number 888-7744. He advised that friends of theirs, JAMES and DOROTHY BLALOCK, moved from New Orleans to Houston, Texas, in December, 1967, shortly before Christmas. The BLALOCKs advised that they would call Mr. and Mrs. HALL as soon as they arrived safely in Texas. Mr. HALL stated that the BLALOCKs called them from the vicinity of Port Arthur, Texas, on the Sunday before Christmas, December 17, 1967, to advise them that they had arrived safely in Texas, and had moved to Houston. Mr. HALL added that he believes this call was made from a pay phone and was of short duration because the BLALOCKs were still on the road. Mr. HALL commented that he and his wife were concerned because the BLALOCKs were pulling a house trailer.

Mr. HALL furnished the following address for JAMES and DOROTHY BLALOCK:

4922 Griggs Road,
Houston, Texas
77021
Telephone number 748-2902
Area Code 713

Mr. HALL added that JAMES BLALOCK is an employee of Texas Automatic Sprinkler Company in Houston, Texas.

HALL viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that the face looked familiar because he has seen photographs of RAY either in the newspapers or on television; however, JAMES EARL RAY was unknown to him. HALL commented that he knows of no one using the names of ERIC STARVO GALT, W. C. HERRON, HARVEY LOWMYER, JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES O'CONNER, JAMES WALTON, JOHN WILLARD or JAMES EARL RAY.

On 5/10/68 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 1-111
by SA PEIRRE D. FOURNIER - kmt, njc Date dictated 5/13/68

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Mrs. ETHELL R. JACKSON, Negro female, 2989 Lasalle Street, furnished the following information:

Mrs. JACKSON advised that she is the subscriber to telephone number ~~895~~ 3872; however, she does not recall receiving a long distance telephone call from the State of Texas during the month of December, 1967. Mrs. JACKSON stated that to the best of her knowledge, she has no relatives or friends residing in the State of Texas and could not imagine who possibly may have called her from this destination. She advised, however, that it was possible one of her relatives may have called and not indicated the place where they were calling from. She indicated that she could not furnish any specific information regarding this telephone call.

Mrs. JACKSON was shown several photographs of the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, whom she could not identify as anyone whom she has seen.

On 5/11/68 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 1-142
by SA PATRICK J. DENTE - jah Date dictated 5/13/68

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Mrs. IVAN SKOGLUND (JULIA), 2716 D'Abie Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that she has telephone number 945-4302.

Mrs. SKOGLUND stated that her husband IVAN is presently a patient in a mental hospital in Fort Worth, Texas, and that she receives numerous calls from RICHARD TATUM, her nephew, concerning the well-being of her husband.

Mrs. SKOGLUND advised that to the best of her knowledge, the telephone call from Texas during December was either from her nephew, RICHARD TATUM, or from her son, MILTON PHELPS, who was traveling from California to New Orleans for the Christmas holidays. She stated she can recall receiving a telephone call from MILTON sometime during the month of December, 1967, and that during this short conversation, MILTON had advised her that he would be in New Orleans shortly.

Mrs. SKOGLUND stated that to her knowledge, MILTON has never been in trouble with the law and is considered a highly respected individual.

She stated that she is employed by the United States Coast Guard, Gateway Building, Marine Inspection Office, as a Supervisory Clerk in Licensing and Certification. She stated that she has been so employed by the Coast Guard for the last 27 years.

Mrs. SKOGLUND stated that she has conducted numerous name checks for the FBI since the assassination of Doctor KING in reference to GALT, LOWMYER and RAY. She added that she is familiar with photographs of RAY, having seen these photographs in various newspapers and magazines. She added that JAMES EARL RAY is unknown to her.

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by SA JAMES D. HILL : njc Date dictated 5/13/68

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GEORGE (NO MIDDLE NAME) PREISS, 2718 Ideal Place, after being made aware of the official identity of the interviewing Agent, furnished the following information:

His residence telephone number is 947-3471 at the above address, which is occupied by PREISS and his wife. PREISS said that he is unable to recall any telephone call received on his residence telephone during the period December 15-17, 1967. He said that he knows of no relatives or acquaintances who might have been traveling in Texas during the pertinent period and who may have telephoned PREISS' home. He can recall absolutely nothing regarding any telephone call to his home.

PREISS mentioned that his wife is presently visiting relatives in Kentwood, Louisiana. He said that it is remotely possible that she may have received a call in December, but he is certain that she would have mentioned it to him, and he can remember no telephone call during December which his wife spoke of receiving. He said that his wife plans to return to New Orleans in about ten days.

PREISS said that he has two relatives who live in Texas, and it is possible that either of them may have telephoned his home, especially since the call was made during the Christmas season; PREISS recalls no such call from either relative, however. He identified the Texas relatives as his wife's brother, ROY E. MC DANIEL, SR., who resides at 2414 Lovers Lane, Dallas, Texas, and MC DANIEL's son, ROY E. MC DANIEL, JR., residing at 2964 Lavita Lane, Dallas, Texas.

After viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, PREISS advised that he had previously seen photos of RAY in the newspaper, but the face does not appear at all familiar to him and he has never seen the man before. RAY's name and all known aliases likewise had no significance to PREISS.

During the interview, it was noted that PREISS is an elderly man who speaks with a noticeable German accent.

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by SA WILLIAM R. RUMPH WPR Date dictated 5/9/68

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He indicated that in March of 1968, he became seventy years old, and he is presently retired and living on Social Security. PREISS said that he is a native of Bavaria, Germany, and came to the United States in 1922. PREISS further said that, while he had learned of the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., from news sources, he paid very little attention to the matter or indeed to any current events, preferring to spend his time working on his hobby of horticulture. It was noted that a large variety of unusual plants were growing on PREISS' property.

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Mrs. MARION LARKINS, Negro female, 5818 Lafaye Street, furnished the following information:

She is the subscriber of telephone number 282-6540, but does not recollect receiving a long distance telephone call from the State of Texas during the month of December, 1967. She advised that she does have a niece, Miss PATRICIA CONDOLL, who resides in Houston, Texas, but does not recall receiving a telephone call from Miss CONDOLL. Mrs. LARKINS further advised that her niece has subsequently been married and she has no knowledge of her marriage name or present address.

Mrs. LARKINS was shown several photographs of the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, whom she could not identify as anyone she has known or seen. She advised she could furnish no specific information regarding the long distance telephone call.

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Mrs. IRMA BLANCHARD, 3838 Airline Highway, Apartment 2, advised that she is the subscriber of telephone number 834-0436, but does not specifically recall receiving a long distance telephone call from the State of Texas during the period December 15-17, 1967. Mrs. BLANCHARD advised, however, that she does telephonically communicate with the Reverend ALVIN BILLIMEK of San Antonio, Texas. She advised that Reverend BILLIMEK is a Redemptorist missionary priest who travels throughout the State of Texas and very possibly called her on this particular occasion. She advised that this is the only individual whom she knows in the State of Texas who would possibly contact her.

Mrs. BLANCHARD stated that in view of the fact of Reverend BILLIMEK's position, she did not particularly care to get him involved in this matter and as such, declined to furnish Reverend BILLIMEK's address other than stating that his residence is located at a Redemptorist parish in San Antonio, Texas.

Mrs. BLANCHARD was shown several photographs of the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, whom she could not identify as anyone she may have met or previously seen.

On 5/11/68 at Metairie, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 1-197
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Date May 10, 1968

Miss FAY JOHNSON was contacted at 3003 Toledano Street, Apartment 211 where she advised that she resides with Miss BEVERLY GUIDRY and Miss YVETTE SOUCY.

JOHNSON advised that their telephone number at the apartment is 895-9029.

JOHNSON was questioned concerning any telephone calls received at the apartment from December 15 to December 17, 1967 from anywhere in Texas. She advised that a mutual friend of theirs who is in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed somewhere near San Antonio, Texas during that period has called the apartment on numerous occasions and that she feels fairly certain that he called shortly before Christmas, 1967. She said that she could not be certain that the call was between December 15 to 17, but that it was near those dates. She advised his name is GERARD DARENSBOURG.

JOHNSON advised that Miss GUIDRY also has a friend in Houston, Texas and that individual occasionally calls the apartment, but she does not know this person's name and could not say he called during the above period.

JOHNSON advised that Miss GUIDRY is in Lafayette, Louisiana and will not return until May 13, 1968.

JOHNSON was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY at which time she advised that she did not know this person although she was aware that he was being sought for the murder of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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Date May 10, 1968

Miss YVETTE SOUCY was contacted at the Katz and Betzhoff Drug Store, Napoleon Avenue and St. Charles Street, where she advised she is employed. She stated that she lives at 3003 Toledano, Apartment 211 and has telephone number 895-9029.

She advised that she has not received any telephone calls from Texas during the period December 15 to 17, 1967 although her roommates, Miss FAY JOHNSON and Miss BEVERLY GUIDRY do have friends in Texas and they sometimes receive calls from those friends.

SOUCY was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY at which time she advised that she did not know him but recognized him as the man being sought for the slaying of DR. KING.

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Miss BEVERLY GUIDRY was contacted at 3003 Toledano Street, Apartment 211, at which time she advised that she resides at that apartment and subscribes to telephone number 895-9029 which is located at that apartment.

GUIDRY stated that she cannot recall receiving any telephone call from any place within the State of Texas, during the period December 15 to 17, 1967. She advised that she cannot recall her roommates Miss YVETTE SOUCY or Miss FAY JOHNSON receiving calls from Texas during that period.

GUIDRY advised that she has one friend in Houston, Texas, with whom she communicates but that at best she can recall she generally telephones this individual in Houston. She advised that person's name is LILLY THIBEAUX, 5016 Blossom.

Miss GUIDRY was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY at which time she advised she recalls seeing RAY'S photograph in a newspaper but that she was not familiar with RAY and had never received a call from him.

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by SA PAUL C. HENSEL/ac Date dictated 5/13/68

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Mrs. RUSSELL FARLEY, 4816 $\frac{1}{2}$ North Prieur Street, advised her telephone number is 943-9109 and she has had this telephone since an unrecalled date in 1964.

Mrs. FARLEY advised that she cannot recall receiving a telephone call from anyone in the State of Texas between December 15 and December 17, 1967. Mrs. FARLEY stated if she did receive this call, the only person that would call her from Texas is her son, RUSSELL FARLEY, JR., who is currently enrolled in the Job Corps and is staying at the Job Corps Training Center at San Marcos, Texas.

Mrs. FARLEY advised her son can be reached through Mr. T. J. GIZELBACH, Area Manager, Texas Educational Foundation, Gary Job Corps Training Center, Box 1108, San Marcos, Texas.

Mrs. FARLEY, a Negro, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and she advised that she has never seen this individual and knows nothing about the individual.

Mrs. FARLEY further advised that if her son, RUSSELL FARLEY, JR., did in fact telephone her in December of 1967, he would have made this telephone call from a pay telephone booth as he would not have been permitted to use any of the telephones at the Job Corps Training Center to make a personal long distance telephone call.

On 5/9/68 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 *sub 1-151*
by SAs THOMAS E. DUHADWAY and
CHRISTOPHER MAZZELLA TED:mak Date dictated 5/10/68

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Date 6/5/681

Mrs. BURT FOLKS, Starks Highway, Vinton, Louisiana, advised of the following:

She has had telephone number 589-6207 for several years, and had that number on December 16, 1967. She has no idea as to who might have called her number from a pay telephone in Orange, Texas on December 16, 1967. She has several relatives in Orange and Beaumont, Texas, and they call her quite often.

Mrs. FOLKS was shown photos of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942G. She stated the photographs were not familiar to her, and that she has never seen this person before.

On 6/3/68 at Vinton, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 *sub 152*
by SA GEORGE M. CAMPBELL and
SA MC INNIS L. WARD GMC:cim Date dictated 6/4/68

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Date 6/5/681

Mrs. ROBERT LEE JACKSON, 907 East Street, Vinton, Louisiana, advised of the following:

She has had telephone number 589-7592 for many years, and she had that telephone number on December 16, 1967. Her husband is employed in Orange, Texas, and it is very likely that it was he who called her from a pay telephone in Orange, on December 16, 1967.

Mrs. JACKSON was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942G. She stated she did not recognize the photographs and that she has never seen the man.

On 6/3/68 at Vinton, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 1-153
by SA GEORGE M. CAMPBELL^{gmc} and
SA MC INNIS L. WARD GMC:cjm Date dictated 6/3/68

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Mrs. F. R. COWARD, Starks Highway, Vinton, Louisiana, advised of the following:

She has had telephone number 589-4031 for several years, and she had that number on December 17, 1967. It is very possible that she received a telephone call from Orange, Texas on December 17, 1967, from a pay telephone, since her husband was working in Orange at that time. She could not think of anyone else who might have called her from Orange.

Mrs. COWARD was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942G. She stated she did not recognize the photographs and that this person was not known to her.

On 6/3/68 at Vinton, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 1-157
by SA GEORGE M. CAMPBELL^{GMC} and
SA MC INNIS L. WARD GMC:cjm Date dictated 6/4/68

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Mrs. THEO RICHARD, Highway 90 West, Vinton, Louisiana, advised of the following:

Her telephone number at this time is 589-5589, but in December, 1967, it was 589-3349. Her husband works at the American Bridge Company, in Orange, Texas. If she received a telephone call on December 17, 1967, from a pay telephone in Texas, it most likely was made by her husband.

Mrs. RICHARD was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942G. She stated she did not recognize the photographs, and that she has never seen this person before.

On 6/3/68 at Vinton, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 1-155
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1Date 5/28/68

The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Avoyelles Parish Chief Deputy Sheriff HAROLD HENDERSON:

None of the following individuals have a record with the Avoyelles Parish Sheriff's Office nor or they known to be radical type individuals:

ALEX LEMOINE, owner,
Moreau's Bar and Lounge,
Plaucheville, Louisiana

SIDNEY BROUILLETE,
Route 1,
Simmesport, Louisiana

Mrs. CHARLIE BROOKS,
Route 1, Box 172S
Simmesport, Louisiana

Mrs. ESSIE WHITTINGTON,
400 Andrus Street,
Marksville, Louisiana

Mr. PETER SMITH, JR.,
Morrow, Louisiana

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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mr. ALEX LEMOINE, owner, Moreau's Bar and Lounge. This establishment has a pay telephone with the number 922-9636; however, on December 17, 1967, this establishment had telephone number 922-3731:

Plaucheville is a very small rural community in Avoyelles Parish and most of the people are farmers. Some of the residents of this community have moved away and now live around Houston, Texas. There is no way of telling who might have made a long distance telephone call from Texas on December 17, 1967, to Moreau's Bar and Lounge. Mr. LEMOINE ventured the guess that it might have been a former resident of Plaucheville who had moved to the Houston, Texas, area and was calling one of his friends or relatives.

Several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to Mr. LEMOINE who could not identify RAY as anyone he had ever seen.

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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mr. SIDNEY BROUILLETE, Route 1, Simmesport, Louisiana:

Mr. BROUILLETE operates the Mobil Gasoline Service Station on Louisiana 1 at Simmesport, Louisiana. His home telephone number is 941-2377. He has a brother-in-law named MILBUN MITCHELL who lives somewhere around Houston, Texas, and prior to Christmas, 1967, he called Mr. BROUILLETE's wife. This call could have very well been made on December 17, 1968. Mr. MITCHELL no longer lives in Houston as he has moved to Gretna, Louisiana, and works for a supermarket in Harahan, Louisiana.

Various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to Mr. BROUILLETE who stated to the best of his knowledge he had never seen this individual.

On 5/23/68 at Simmesport, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 *sub 1-158*
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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mrs. CHARLIE BROOKS, Negro female, residing at Route 1, Box 172S.

Mrs. BROOKS has home telephone number 941-2557 and she had this phone number on December 17, 1968, when she was probably called by one of her many friends who live in the Houston, Texas, area. Mrs. BROOKS had no idea which one of these friends might have called her on December 17, 1968.

Various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to Mrs. BROOKS and she could not identify RAY as an individual she had ever seen.

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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mrs. ESSIE WHITTINGTON, 400 Andrus Street:

Mrs. WHITTINGTON has telephone number 253-7871 and it is quite possible that on December 17, 1968, she received a telephone call from a friend in Houston, Texas, named Mrs. LAWRENCE FRANK who called Mrs. WHITTINGTON twice in December, 1967.

Mrs. WHITTINGTON who is a Negro female, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and she advised that she did not know RAY as an individual she had ever seen.

On 5/23/68 at Marksville, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 1-160
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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mr. NATHAN DIXON, Route 1, Box 118:

Mr. DIXON, a Negro male, has home telephone number 748-7959, and he had this number on December 15, 1967. He has several children and other relatives living in the Houston, Texas, area, and anyone of them could have called him on December 15, 1967. These children are FLORENE GOODMAN, PAULINE SAVALAH, L. C. DIXON.

Mr. DIXON was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. He advised he had never seen this man.

On 5/22/68 at Glenmora, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 1-161
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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mrs. FUSSELL MUSGROVE, who lives near the Good Hope Rimitive Baptist Church at Forrest Hill, Louisiana. Her home telephone number is 748-7309:

On December 17, 1967, it is quite possible that Mrs. MUSGROVE's daughter-in-law telephoned her from Houston, Texas, because at that time her son was making his wedding plans and his fiance was telephoning from Houston, Texas.

Mrs. MUSGROVE's daughter-in-law is BARBARA SANDERS and her parents live in Houston, Texas. His name is Mr. OASIS SANDERS.

Mrs. MUSGROVE was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and she said she had never seen this individual.

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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mrs. SILAS GREEN, Post Office Box 32;

Mrs. GREEN, who is a Negro female, has telephone number 279-3721, and it is quite possible that on December 17, 1967, one of her children from the Houston, Texas, area telephoned her, as her children did not come home for Christmas. One of the children who might have called her was SILAS GREEN, JR., 2906 Maden Lane, Houston, Texas.

Mrs. GREEN was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and she advised that she did not know this individual.

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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mrs. LAWRENCE WEBB, 2904 Locust Street:

Mrs. WEBB is a Negro female who has home phone number 445-3223.

Mrs. WEBB has a daughter BETTY LOU WEBB living in Houston, Texas, and another daughter VIVIAN RUTH PETERSON, 3035 Eastern Freeway, Houston, Texas. Either one of these daughters could have called Mrs. WEBB on December 17, 1967.

Various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to Mrs. WEBB and she said she did not recognize RAY as anyone she had ever seen.

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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mrs. LOIS G. COTY, 4032 North Street:

Mrs. COTY is a Negro female who has home phone number 443-8387. It is quite possible that on December 17, 1967, her nephew CLEVELAND WILSON who lives somewhere in Chicago, Illinois, was passing through and called Mrs. COTY to say he was on his way either to or from California.

Mrs. COTY was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and she said she did not recognize RAY.

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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mr. JOHNNY QUINNEY, 107 Francis Street:

Mr. QUINNEY is a 76 year old colored male. He had difficulty in understanding why the Federal Bureau of Investigation was contacting him. He said that he had many relatives and friends in the Houston, Texas, area, and anyone of them could have called him.

Mr. QUINNEY's home phone number is 442-2197. He was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and he said he did not recognize RAY.

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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mrs. VIVIAN W. DAVIS, 1503 Shannon Road:

Mrs. DAVIS has telephone number 3-0946. She is employed as a secretary to a doctor at Central Louisiana State Hospital at Pineville, Louisiana. She has a mother, Mrs. BERTHA SMITH who lives at 5953 Kansas Street, in Houston, Texas, and Mrs. SMITH came to visit Mrs. DAVIS during Christmas time and it is quite possible that in making arrangements for this trip that Mrs. SMITH telephoned Mrs. DAVIS on December 17, 1968.

Mrs. DAVIS was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and she advised she did not recognize RAY as anyone she had ever seen.

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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mrs. VINCENT L. SIGUR, 1415 Warshauer:

Mrs. SIGUR is a Negro female who has telephone number 443-6194. It is possible that on December 17, 1967, her sister, who lives in Port Arthur, Texas, called her, her name is Mrs. AUGUSTUS SIGUR, who lives in the 1600 block of 8th Street.

Mrs. SIGUR was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and she advised that she did not recognize RAY as anyone she had ever seen.

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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mrs. BETTY RANDLE SMITH, 5203 North Bolton Avenue:

Mrs. SMITH is a white female who works at Krogers Grocery Store. She has home phone number 443-0643 and on December 17, 1967, it is possible that her sister, Mrs. JOE P. COSTELLO, 302 East Highway, Kermit, Texas, could have called her. Mrs. COSTELLO's phone number is JU 6-6418. Another possibility is a brother WILLIE RANDLE who lives in the 400 block of Lynwood in Houston, Texas. He could have called to see how Mrs. SMITH's daughter was as Mrs. SMITH's daughter is WILLIE RANDLE's favorite niece.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to Mrs. SMITH and she advised she did not recognize RAY as an individual she had ever seen.

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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mrs. JAMES R. BONDS, 1711 Susek:

Mrs. BONDS has home phone number 443-3468. Her husband works at LSUA near Alexandria, Louisiana. Her father I. W. STARNES, 12945 Market Street, Houston 15, Texas, called his wife Mrs. OMA STARNES on or about December 15, 1967, who at that time was visiting with Mrs. BONDS.

Various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to Mrs. BONDS and she advised she did not recognize RAY as an individual she had ever known.

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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mrs. PETER SMITH, JR., P. O. Box 143, Morrow, Louisiana.

Mrs. SMITH is a Negro female who has home telephone number 346-7800. This phone number is listed in the Bunkie, Louisiana, telephone directory. Mrs. SMITH has some relatives in the Houston, Texas, area and anyone of them could have called on December 15, 1967. She did not specifically remember any phone call on that day, but because of the passage of time advised it would be impossible for her to remember who might have called her from Texas on that date. One of her relatives is a sister-in-law MARGIE MANUEL, telephone number 631-2806, Houston, Texas.

Various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to Mrs. SMITH who advised she did not recognize this individual as anyone she had ever seen.

On 5/23/68 at Morrow, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 *sub 1-171*
by SA PAUL R. LANCASTER *PL* /bab Date dictated 5/27/68

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J. L. PEVETO, East Street, advised he has telephone number 589-7682 and has this number during December, 1967. He said he has relatives living in various parts of East Texas and it was undoubtedly one of these relatives who called him in December, 1967.

He observed various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405 942 G and said this individual is unknown to him and he has no information concerning him or his present whereabouts.

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SA MC INNIS L. WARD MLW:cjm Date dictated 6/6/68

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Mrs. ELLIS GROGAN, Fancher Street, advised she has telephone number 589-7748 and had this number during December, 1967. She said she has relatives living in various parts of East Texas and it was undoubtedly one of these relatives who called her on December 15, 1967 from Orange, Texas.

She observed various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405 942 G and said this individual is unknown to her and she has no information concerning him or his present whereabouts.

On 6/3/68 at Vinton, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 *sub 1-123*
by *mfw* SA MC INNIS L. WARD cjm Date dictated 6/6/68

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PARRY J. HENDERSON, Starks Highway, advised he is the holder of telephone number 589-6947 and had this number as of December, 1967. He said he has relatives living in east Texas and that is was undoubtedly one of these relatives who called him on Decmeber 15, 1967.

He observed various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY FBI Number 405 942 G and said this individual is unknown to him; that he has no information concerning him or his present whereabouts.

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F. R. COWARD, Starks Highway, advised he is the holder of telephone number 589-4031 and had this number as of December, 1967. He said he has relatives living in East Texas and that it was undoubtedly one of these relatives who called him on December 17, 1967.

He observed various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY FBI Number 405 942 G and said this individual is unknown to him; that he has no information concerning him or his present whereabouts.

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PAUL SIMON, 523 North Booker Street, advised he is the holder of telephone number 436-0494 and had this number as of December, 1967. He said he has relatives living in East Texas and that it was undoubtedly one of these relatives who called him on December 16, 1968.

He observed various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405 942 G and said this individual is unknown to him; that he has no information concerning him or his present whereabouts.

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Mrs. JAMES C. DIES, 3420 Monroe Street, advised she is the holder of telephone number 477-4226 and had this number as of December, 1967. She said she has relatives living in East Texas and that it was undoubtedly one of these relatives who called them on December 16, 1967.

She observed various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI number 405 942 G and said this individual is unknown to her and that she has no information concerning him or his present whereabouts.

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Mrs. WILBERT J. HENDERSON, 302 Morris Road, advised she is the holder of telephone number 477-0207 and had this number as of December, 1967. She said she has relatives living in East Texas and that it was undoubtedly one of these relatives who called them on December 17, 1967.

She observed various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405 942 G and said this individual is unknown to her and she has no information concerning him or his present whereabouts.

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PEARL WYNN, 504B Booker T. Washington Courts, advised she is the holder of telephone number 439-8584 and had this number as of December, 1967. She said she has relatives living in East Texas and that it was undoubtedly one of these relatives who called her on December 15, 1967.

She observed various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405 942 G and said this individual is unknown to her and that she has no information concerning him or his present whereabouts.

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W. H. SPIKES, 3824 Burton Lane, advised he is the holder of telephone number 477-1541 and had this number as of December, 1967. He said he has relatives living in East Texas and that he was undoubtedly one of these relatives who called him on December 17, 1968.

He observed various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405 942 G and said this individual is unknown to him; that he has no information concerning him or his present whereabouts.

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AGNES NASH, Oak Grove Highway, advised she is the holder of telephone number 542-4231 and had this number as of December, 1967. She said she has relatives living in East Texas and that it was undoubtedly one of these relatives who called her on December 17, 1968.

She observed various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405 942 G and said this individual is unknown to her and that she has no information concerning him or his present whereabouts.

On 6/5/68 at Creole, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 1-141
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WILLIE DOZIER advised he is the holder of telephone number 538-2917 and had this number as of December, 1967. He said he has relatives living in East Texas and that it was undoubtedly one of these relatives who called him on December 15, 1967.

He observed various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405 942 G and said this individual is unknown to him; that he has no information concerning him or his present whereabouts.

On 6/5/68 at Grand Chenier, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 1-182
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Mrs. EULA COURREGE, Unit Supervisor, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Lake Charles, Louisiana, advised SA GEORGE M. CAMPBELL on June 3, 1968, that Vinton, Louisiana telephone number 589-6778 is not a working number, and it was not a working number on December 15, 1967.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/25/68

Mrs. NELL BURNETT, Apartment 3, Layton Castle, 1133 South Grand Street, Monroe, Louisiana, furnished the following information:

Mrs. BURNETT was formerly the wife of the late CHARLES C. WILLEY, who died three years ago. She and her late husband owned plantations and farm properties near Altheimer, and Wabbaseka, Arkansas, and he was formerly President of the First National Bank of Altheimer, Arkansas; In 1958 they bought a boat, a fifty-eight foot steel hull boat, which they named "The Nell Willey," and they spent a great deal of time on the boat from 1958, to 1965. During that period of time, the boat was often docked for long periods of time at Greenville, Mississippi; Monroe, Louisiana; and New Orleans, Louisiana. In January, 1966, Mrs. NELL BURNETT, then Mrs. CHARLES C. WILLEY, sold the boat to Cartwright Nurseries, Collierville, Tennessee, and delivered it to Memphis, Tennessee.

Mrs. BURNETT stated that she had never heard of RAYMOND CURTIS (now an inmate of Whitfield County Jail, Dalton, Georgia), and she was reasonably sure that her late husband, CHARLES C. WILLEY, did not know him. She stated that he was not a crewman or passenger on "The Nell Willey" during the period 1958, to 1966, when she and her late husband owned it, and she was sure that no arrangements were made to use the boat during that period to transport any criminal along the Mississippi River. Mrs. BURNETT stated that she had never heard of JAMES EARL RAY until his name appeared in the news in connection with the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

The following investigation was conducted by SA EDWARD J. CARNEY, JR. on June 25, 1968:

SAMUEL C. JUNEAU, Apartment #1, 2928 Tulane Avenue, advised that he has resided at his present address for the past five years. JUNEAU stated that the name of ERIC WAUGH is not familiar to him. He recalled that some months ago there resided in apartment 3 at 2928 Tulane Avenue a male individual with whom he did not become acquainted. He stated that this individual kept to himself, was apparently employed because he was gone all day long, and he ate most of his evening meals in his room.

JUNEAU, upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, advised that he did not recognize the photograph and that it was not a photograph of the individual who resided in apartment 3 a few months ago. He stated that this individual was in his early thirties, had blond hair cut short, and a round face.

NELSON CHATELAIN, Manager, Chatelain Realty Company, 3823 Elysian Fields, advised that his company is currently attempting to sell a residence at 2928 Tulane Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, on behalf of the owner, R. J. GONZALES, 1015 Common Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

R. J. GONZALEZ, 225 South Salcedo, New Orleans, Louisiana, on June 26, 1968, advised that he is the owner of the residence at 2928 Tulane Avenue, New Orleans. GONZALEZ advised as follows:

During early 1968, he ran ads advising of the availability of rooms for rent at 2928 Tulane Avenue, which neighborhood is a low class transient type area.

WAUGH telephonically contacted GONZALEZ in response to one of these ads and advised that he was from England, was learning the oil business, and needed a room. GONZALEZ met WAUGH at the 2928 Tulane Avenue address and WAUGH rented apartment 3 at that address. The effective day of rent was on February 19, 1968, and WAUGH remained at that address until April 19, 1968, when he moved elsewhere with a forwarding address not known to GONZALEZ.

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GONZALEZ displayed his rental book and it disclosed that DEREK A. WAUGH was a renter from February 19, 1968, through April 19, 1968.

GONZALEZ described WAUGH as a pleasant individual, who was about thirty, six feet, 175 pounds, slender build, and blond hair.

He stated that WAUGH furnished no information about his background other than to indicate he would probably be working in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, from time to time in connection with the oil business.

Mr. GONZALES viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that the individual in this photograph is not known to him and does not at all resemble the individual known to him as DEREK A. WAUGH.

OSCAR J. KELLER, District Manager, Inspectors of Petroleum, 8139 Oleander, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised as follows on June 25, 1968:

DEREK ALBERT WAUGH is currently an employee of the Inspectors of Petroleum Co., and is in training as a petroleum inspector.

WAUGH, born [redacted] at Belfast, Ireland, is a British citizen and is in the United States as a non-resident alien. WAUGH was recommended for employment with the petroleum firm by a petroleum firm employee who had met WAUGH in Panama. WAUGH by profession is a radio officer and prior to entering the United States, sailed on tankers under the flags of different countries out of England.

WAUGH has been employed by the Inspectors of Petroleum Co. since January 1, 1968, and when he arrived in New Orleans, he took a room in a rooming house at 2928 Tulane Avenue, New Orleans. KELLER recalls that WAUGH lived at this address because on one occasion KELLER drove WAUGH home at the end of a day's work.

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KELLER advised that WAUGH is a promising trainee and that because of his alien citizenship, he was encouraged by the company to participate in correspondence courses such as handwriting in order to better equip himself as an employee. KELLER had no specific knowledge that WAUGH may have enrolled in a commerce handwriting course.

KELLER described WAUGH as being 5'11", 165 pounds, reddish hair, cut short.

Mr. KELLER examined photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that the individual in these photographs is not familiar to him and that this individual does not at all resemble DEREK ALBERT WAUGH.