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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.

On 6/3/68 at Vinton, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 *sub 2-701*

by SA GEORGE M. CAMPBELL and
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.

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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.

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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.

On 6/4/68 at Lake Charles, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 *sub 2-705*
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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 2-710
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WILLIE DOZIER advised he is the holder of telephone number 538-2917 and had this number as of Decmeber, 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 2-711
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The following investigation was conducted at New Orleans, Louisiana by SA PATRICK J. DENTE:

On June 6, 1968, Mr. HAROLD CROMILLER, Vice-President and Comptroller, Hibernia National Bank, 313 Carondelet Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that he will make a personal check with each of his branch managers regarding any unusual withdrawals during the month of April, 1968 in excess of \$10,000. Mr. CROMILLER explained that many business establishments and finance people in the New Orleans area make withdrawals of this amount, however, this is not unusual for these particular business or financial commitments. He advised that his branch managers would be the most logical means of ascertaining whether or not a withdrawal of this size for the individual involved is out of the ordinary.. He further advised that there are approximately over 2500 entries to the safety deposit boxes of the several branches during the month of April, 1968. CROMILLER stated that here again the branch managers would be the logical means to ascertain if any renter was suspected of any unusual transaction. Mr. CROMILLER advised that this check will take approximately forty-eight hours and requested that he be recontacted on Monday, June 10, 1968, for the results of his inquiry.

On June 10, 1968, Mr. HAROLD CROMILLER, Vice-President and Comptroller of the Hibernia National Bank, was recontacted and advised that thorough and meticulous search was conducted by his several branch managers regarding withdrawals of \$10,000 or more during the month of April, 1968, as well as any unusual transactions conducted by renters of the safe deposit boxes for the respective branches, revealed no unusual withdrawals or transactions conducted and he, nor his branch managers, would have any reason whatsoever to question the withdrawal or transactions conducted by the customers during the months of April, 1968.

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Mr. CROMILLER advised that upon conferring with his branch managers, he would state, to the best of his knowledge, all of the transactions conducted and sizable withdrawals were of a normal, routine nature for the business establishments or individuals involved.

On June 6, 1968, Mr. GEORGE ALLEN, General Manager, Colonial Bank, 2740 Canal Street, advised that his banking institution does not have safe deposit boxes for rent, therefore, does not provide this service for their customers. Mr. ALLEN further advised that this is the only building which makes up the facilities of Colonial Bank.

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On June 6, 1968, Mr. J. WENSLESS PARRA, Vice President and Cashier, National Bank of Commerce, 210 Baronne Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised SA LEONARD A. STEINBACH that his bank maintains in excess of \$75,000 of saving and check accounts at all the New Orleans branches. Mr. PARRA related that to review the accounts to determine if they reflect a withdrawal of \$10,000 or more for the month of April, and to review all safety deposit activity, a subpoena requesting the specific information desired would be necessary and should be directed to him.

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On June 6, 1968, Mr. GEORGE G. VATH, Senior Vice President, the National American Bank, 200 Carondelet, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised SA LEONARD A. STEINBACH that his bank maintains in excess of 40,000 saving and checking accounts at all their New Orleans branches. Mr. VATH related that to review the accounts to determine if they reflect a withdrawal of \$10,000 or more for the month of April, and to review all safety deposit activity, a subpoena, requesting the specific information desired would be necessary and should be directed to him or any of the other Vice Presidents at the National American Bank.

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Mr. DONALD DECKER, Assistant Vice-President,
Metropolitan Bank of Jefferson, 6305 Airline Highway, Metairie,
Louisiana, advised Special Agent WILLIAM F. KUSCH that a
search of his bank's records - computerized and otherwise -
failed to locate any record of a cash withdrawal of \$10,000
or more in the month of April, 1968.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA DONALD P. MAIBERGER at New Orleans, Louisiana:

On June 5, 1968, Mr. CLARENCE P. WEGMANN, Assistant Vice-President and Trust Officer, National Bank of Commerce in Jefferson Parish, 2400 Jefferson Highway, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that his bank has 2,850 safety deposit boxes located in all its branches which are currently active. WEGMANN stated that each box has a card which is located in the respective branch banks and on this card is listed the subscriber to the box and the persons whom the subscriber designates to use the box. WEGMANN stated that a subscriber can grant as many powers of attorney as he desires to individuals granting them the privilege of using the safety deposit box.

WEGMANN advised that his bank has approximately 45,000 savings and checking accounts. WEGMANN advised that he has no idea who might have withdrawn cash deposits of \$10,000 or more during the month of April in any of these accounts. WEGMANN stated that whenever a large withdrawal is made, a bank officer is not notified. WEGMANN stated that a \$10,000 withdrawal often occurs on a normal banking business day.

WEGMANN advised that he would estimate at least one weeks' work to go over all the records to determine large withdrawals from the bank's accounts or who had access to the safety deposit boxes.

WEGMANN advised that before he turned over any of the records to the FBI, he desired to contact the bank's attorneys for an opinion regarding this procedure.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA JAMES FRANCIS WRIGHT:

At Lake Charles, Louisiana

On May 28, 1968, Mr. ROBERT SCHMIDT, Vice President, Lakeside National Bank, Broad and Front Streets, advised SA WRIGHT that it would be virtually impossible to determine the identity of individuals making withdrawals of \$10,000 or more in cash during the period of April, 1968. He explained that he would estimate that on a daily basis, perhaps 80 to 150 withdrawals in cash are made by customers and no separate or individual record of such withdrawals are kept at the bank. He stated that he or some other officer is usually notified of a withdrawal and the check for such an amount is scrutinized by an officer only for the purpose of determining if a kite scheme might be involved. He stated it would be necessary for every account in the bank to be checked for the month of April to determine the individuals withdrawing \$10,000 or more and that this also would be a tedious task inasmuch as many of the depositors of the bank are wealthy rice farmers, businessmen, insurance companies, and industrial plants. He advised that in his experience that it is not unusual in this area of Louisiana which is considered a well-to-do area for an individual to withdraw \$10,000 and usually much more from time to time in connection with his personal or business reasons.

On the same date, the following persons furnished the same information as Mr. ROBERT SCHMIDT set forth above:

BILL THOMPSON, Vice President,
Calcasieu-Marine National Bank
Lake Charles

JAMES ROUYER, Vice President,
Gulf National Bank, Lake Charles

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On June 6, 1968, HENRY THOMPSON, Assistant Cashier, Bank of New Orleans and Trust Company, advised SA ROBERT G. TATE that his bank maintains approximately 30,000 checking accounts, 29,000 savings accounts and 4000 to 5000 safety deposit boxes throughout their main office and branches. He advised that the bank maintains a list of all cash withdrawals over \$10,000 and records regarding access to safety deposit boxes. He stated, however, that in view of the number of customers that could conceivably be effected by a check of these records, he would have to confer with the bank's attorney prior to issuing any authorization for inspection of these records.

THOMPSON later advised that after conferring with the bank's attorney, he would be unable to furnish these items for inspection except through issuance of subpoena duces tecum for the bank's protection.

On June 6, 1968, PAUL FELIEU, Cashier, Bank of Louisiana, advised SA ROBERT G. TATE his bank maintains some 6,000 checking accounts, 5,200 savings accounts and 500 safety deposit boxes. He further advised that all cash withdrawals over \$5,000 are recorded as is access to their safety deposit boxes. He advised this information could be made available within a reasonable length of time but that for the bank's protection, he would make such information available only upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

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RE: UNIDENTIFIED DECEASED MALES
April 5 - May 21, 1968

The following were contacted by Special Agent WILLIAM E. DENT, JR., in an effort to determine if any cases of unidentified deceased males had occurred during the period of April 5 to May 21, 1968:

May 27, 1968: Dr. J. W. CUMMINS, Coroner, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana;

May 31, 1968: FLOYD HODGES, Sheriff, Caldwell Parish, Louisiana;

May 31, 1968: Dr. JAMES WHITAKER, Coroner, Tensas Parish, Louisiana;

May 31, 1968: A. J. STEPHENS, Sheriff, Franklin Parish, Louisiana;

May 28, 1968: JESSE RISER, Sheriff, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana;

May 28, 1968: Dr. JOHN G. NORRIS, Coroner, Union Parish, Louisiana;

June 3, 1968: Dr. CARTER COX, Coroner, Moorehouse Parish, Louisiana;

June 3, 1968: Dr. JACK B. GOLSON, Coroner, West Carrol Parish, Louisiana;

May 28, 1968: Dr. J. C. ELLINGTON, Coroner, Richland Parish, Louisiana;

May 31, 1968: Dr. GEORGE WEBB, Coroner, Madison Parish, Louisiana;

May 31, 1968, Dr. DONOVAN F. DAVIS, Coroner, East Carrol Parish, Louisiana;

June 3, 1968: Dr. JOHN S. ROBINSON, Coroner, Jackson Parish, Louisiana;

June 3, 1968: Dr. JOHN T. MOSLEY, Coroner, Winn Parish, Louisiana.

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Major HENRY MORRIS, Chief of Detectives, New Orleans Police Department, was contacted concerning any conversations he might have had with ANN FOSTER around December, 1967.

MORRIS advised he recalls talking to ANN FOSTER sometime around December, 1967, at which time she furnished considerable information concerning a meeting which took place in Biloxi, Mississippi and which involved numerous big-time burglars. He advised she mentioned during the course of the conversation an individual named JIMMIE RAY JAMES, who MORRIS advised is a well known burglar from the Mississippi Gulf Coast area. MORRIS stated that when Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was murdered he reviewed his notes concerning the conversation because he had forgotten the specific details of the conversation and wanted to make sure that there had not been any mention of JAMES EARL RAY. MORRIS stated there was no mention of RAY and he has received no information concerning RAY in any of his contacts.

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by SA PAUL C. HENSEL :epk Date dictated 5/27/68

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RE: DISPLAY OF PHOTOGRAPH OF
JAMES EARL RAY IN
UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERY
AND BANK BURGLARY MATTERS

A review of bank robbery and bank burglary matters in which New Orleans is origin on May 14, 1968, revealed that the following are the only unsolved bank robbery or bank burglary cases in which RAY could be considered a possible suspect:

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT; THE
NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE
IN NEW ORLEANS, 210
BARONNE STREET, NEW
ORLEANS, LOUISIANA,
SEPTEMBER 18, 1967
BANK ROBBERY
(New Orleans file 91-3256)

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (2); BATON
ROUGE SAVINGS AND LOAN
ASSOCIATION, PERKINS ROAD
BRANCH, BATON ROUGE,
LOUISIANA, FEBRUARY 15, 1968,
BANK ROBBERY
(New Orleans file 91-3544)

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (4); THE
FIRST NATIONAL BANK, LINE
AVENUE BRANCH, SHREVEPORT,
LOUISIANA, FEBRUARY 26, 1968
BANK ROBBERY
(New Orleans file 91-3559)

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; THE NATIONAL
BANK OF COMMERCE IN NEW
ORLEANS, 210 BARONNE STREET,
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA,
MARCH 1, 1968
BANK ROBBERY
(New Orleans file 91-3560)

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT; OAK HOMESTEAD
ASSOCIATION, 821 COMMON STREET,
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA,
APRIL 2, 1968
BANK ROBBERY
(New Orleans file 91-3618)

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; THE NATIONAL
BANK OF COMMERCE IN NEW ORLEANS,
210 BARONNE STREET, NEW ORLEANS,
LOUISIANA, MAY 9, 1968
BANK ROBBERY
(New Orleans file 91-3649)

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY have been exhibited to the victims and witnesses in the above robberies and all have positively eliminated RAY as being involved in any of these robberies.

Lieutenant TED FIELD, Armed Robbery Division, New Orleans Police Department, who has previously been contacted concerning the possibility of JAMES EARL RAY being involved in local armed robberies, advised again on May 15, 1968, that RAY has been considered in connection with unsolved robberies in New Orleans; and, as a matter of fact, his fingerprints have been compared with unidentified latent prints found in armed robbery as well as burglary matters in New Orleans by the New Orleans Police Department Bureau of Identification without effecting an identification.

Lieutenant FIELD advised that any information developed by his department concerning JAMES EARL RAY would be immediately brought to the attention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Reference is made to Bureau airtel dated May 21, 1968.

The following bank officials, Shreveport, Louisiana, were contacted by SA THURMAN P. KELLEY regarding identity of individuals making a withdrawal of \$10,000.00 and over in cash during April, 1968:

URBANE CRANE, Auditor, Commercial National Bank.

W. V. DARK, Cashier, Pioneer Bank and Trust Company.

D. B. COVINGTON, Cashier, First National Bank.

ROBERT DAVIS, President, Shreveport Bank and Trust Company.

J. C. ATKINS, Vice President and Cashier, Louisiana Bank and Trust Company.

IRA MOSS, President, American Bank and Trust Company.

To date, May 29, 1968, the above have not identified any such withdrawal.

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REGARDING WITHDRAWALS FROM THE METAIRIE SAVINGS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY,
3338 METAIRIE ROAD, METAIRIE, LOUISIANA:

On June 4, 1968, Mr. GEORGE J. RUHLMAN, Jr., Executive Vice-President and Cashier, of the Metairie Savings Bank and Trust Company, 3338 Metairie Road, advised SA THOMAS E. DuHADWAY that if anyone withdrew \$10,000 or over in cash, this transaction would be brought to his attention, unless the transaction was made by a business who would normally withdraw this amount to be used in cashing payroll checks.

RUHLMAN advised that no such transaction has been brought to his attention in the past several months, and he is certain that no such transaction took place in April of 1968.

RUHLMAN advised that it is the bank's policy to attempt to discourage anyone from withdrawing \$10,000 or more in cash, and because of this policy, he is sure that a transaction of this type would immediately be brought to his attention.

RUHLMAN advised that the bank has three branches, one of which was opened last month. He stated it would not be possible to check with his branch managers on this date concerning a \$10,000 withdrawal during the month of April, 1968, but that he would contact his branch managers on June 5, 1968, and thereafter he would notify the FBI of the results of these contacts.

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REGARDING WITHDRAWALS FROM THE METAIRIE SAVINGS BANK AND
TRUST COMPANY, 3338 METAIRIE ROAD, METAIRIE, LOUISIANA:

On June 5, 1968, Mr. GEORGE J. RUHLMAN, JR., Executive Vice President and Cashier, Metairie Savings Bank and Trust Company, 3338 Metairie Road, advised ~~SA THOMAS E. DU HADWAY~~ that he had contacted the managers of the bank's two branches that were operating in April of 1968 and was advised by these individuals that no one had withdrawn \$10,000 or more in cash during the month of April, 1968.

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On June 5, 1968, L. W. SCHEFFLER, Executive Vice President and Cashier, First National Bank of Jefferson Parish, 203 Huey P. Long Avenue, Gretna, Louisiana, advised SA RONALD G. HINKLE his bank maintains approximately 20,000 checking accounts and 18,000 savings accounts in seven branches. SCHEFFLER stated that a request to review the accounts to determine if the accounts reflected a withdrawal of \$10,000 or over in cash for the month of April would involve an extensive amount of work. He also stated that the banks records could only be reviewed pursuant to a subpoena specifying the information desired. The subpoena should be directed to SCHEFFLER or any other Vice President of First National Bank of Jefferson Parish.

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Records of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, 525 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, revealed the following information regarding the below listed telephone numbers:

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>SUBSCRIBER</u>
<u>257-3148</u>	<u>C. F. ELSY,</u> Third Street, White Castle, Louisiana
<u>927-0991</u>	<u>STANLEY E. HADDEN,</u> 2162 Shirley Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
<u>388-3298</u>	<u>Acadian Hall,</u> <u>Louisiana State University,</u> <u>Baton Rouge, Louisiana</u>
<u>355-0013</u>	<u>CHARLES GODSO,</u> 2633 Buke Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
<u>921-2744</u>	<u>ROSIE NOEL,</u> 2534 Mississippi Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
<u>342-3204</u>	<u>CARRIE WRIGHT,</u> 724 Progress Baton Rouge, Louisiana
<u>343-8483</u>	<u>CARLTON R. GILKES,</u> 1637 North 37th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

On 5/16/68 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-726

by SA ELMER B. LITCHFIELD/ac Date dictated 5/21/68

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355-6092

357-4430

388-3069

775-3069

775-9082

926-0629

927-2739

654-5916

654-8709

SUBSCRIBER

S. D. O'NEAL,
1725 Madison
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

P. H. MOAK,
6676 Greenwell Street,
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

HODGES HALL,
Louisiana State University,
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

ALLEN JILES,
1516 Fortune Street,
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Coin telephone located
in a twin dormitory for
men, Southern University,
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

ANNIE BELLE HANDY,
1707 North 42nd Street,
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

STONE BRAKER FIREWORKS COMPANY,
12020 Florida Boulevard,
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

H. R. BEEN,
4511 Zachary, Louisiana

MANDA Brothers Packing Company,
Zachary, Louisiana

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The foregoing information can only be made public upon the issuance of a subpoena duces taken directed to Mr. J. D. PFANNKUCHE, District Accounting Manager, Room 242, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, 1215 Prytania Street, New Orleans, Louisiana

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Records, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, Metairie, District Office, which are available only upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, directed to J. T. PFANNKUCHE, District Accounting Manager (Toll), reflect the following information:

Telephone number 869-5083 is subscribed to by RONALD J. MATHERNE, Hymel Street, Litcher, Louisiana. This number was connected on February 23, 1967. Telephone records reflect that MATHERNE is employed at the H Construction Company for ten years as an office clerk. The H Construction Company has telephone number 869-5793.

On 5/21/68 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673-227
by SA JOHN E. DECKER/cst Date dictated 5/21/68

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On May 9, 1968, SANDRA WARNER (Protect Identity), Secretary, Security Division, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Shreveport, Louisiana, made available to Special Agent PATRICK R. COONEY a list of subscribers to a list of telephone numbers which she had previously been furnished. She advised the subscribers had these telephone numbers in December, 1967. The list is as follows:

<u>Telephone Number</u>	<u>Subscriber</u>	<u>Address</u>
<u>Minden, Louisiana</u>		
377-0277	LILLIE SEAMSTER	General Delivery
377-3200	Ramada Inn	Minden, Louisiana
377-5687	WILLIAM COLE	807 Peach Street
<u>Shreveport, Louisiana</u>		
861-0460	WARREN B. ROBINSON	6708 Antioch
861-0070	NANCY CLINTON	Caspiana, La.
861-2712	JOSEPHINE O'NEAL	127 Gregg
865-8634	REBECCA KENNEDY	907 Bates Avenue
	ESSIE MAE BARNETT	907 Bates Avenue
865-9677	JOHN LEON GANT	1920 Clanton
686-6120	R. J. BOWMAN	2020 McCutcheon Avenue
635-2723	LENDELL J. WOODSON	West 70th Street
635-3380	JENNIE V. ELZIE	5317 Kennedy Drive
635-7345	FRANCIS D. MARTIN	3542 Stonewall
634-9317	Mayfield Street Grocery	3819 Mayfield
	Pallie's Beauty Shop	3819 Mayfield
422-5296	SALLIE WALPOOL	1730 Abbie
422-5470	J. CAROL SMITH	1523 Kenneth
	JOANN SMITH	1523 Kenneth
422-9058	Mrs. C. THOMPSON	1611 Cooper Road
425-8352	ARTHUR V. MURDOCK	2916 W. Jordan
	LULA MURDOCK	2916 W. Jordan

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<u>Telephone Number</u>	<u>Subscriber</u>	<u>Address</u>
631-1084 631-3466	Mrs. K. E. ROWLEN, SR. DOROTHY JEAN SAVAGE	Brossett Road 2709 Lakehurst
<u>Bossier City, Louisiana</u>		
746-3625 746-8581	Sammie's Food Store IDA CLOUD	2695 East Texas 2301 Belmont Boulevard
<u>Coushatta, Louisiana</u>		
932-4365	DELPHIA PRICE	P. O. Box 146
<u>Springhill, Louisiana</u>		
539-9945	Chatterbox Bar	Louisiana Highway 7

Mrs. WARNER advised the telephone prefix for Gibsland, Louisiana, was 843. She stated, however, that without the last four numbers it would be impossible to determine the subscriber who received a telephone call on December 15, 1967.

The New Orleans indices contain no record identifiable with the above subscribers.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The following investigation was conducted by SA RONALD W. BEINNER at Shreveport, Louisiana, on May 8, 1968:

SANDRA WARNER, Security Office, Southern Bell Telephone Company, Shreveport, Louisiana, made available the subscribers to the following telephone numbers located in Florien, Mansfield and Logansport, Louisiana:

TELEPHONE NUMBER

586-3895

697-5600

697-0962

697-1344

697-4118

697-4170

697-4973

PERSON

THOMAS L. LEWING, Post Office Box 562, Florien, Louisiana.

H. D. SLAID, Route three, Mansfield, Louisiana.

ROOSEVELT CANNA, Route three, Box 411, Mansfield, Louisiana.

MYRTHA S. THOMAS, Post Office Box 657, Mansfield, Louisiana.

ANNIE HOGAN, Route three, Box 409, Mansfield, Louisiana.

ADDIE LEE WILLIAMS, Post Office Box 543, Mansfield, Louisiana.

SANDERS ANDERSON, Post Office 389, Mansfield, Louisiana.

WARNER advised that the above individuals were the subscribers to the phone numbers listed during December, 1967.

A review of New Orleans indices was negative for any information regarding the above individuals.

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The files of the Gentilly District of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, contain the following information relative to telephone number 282-6540:

Listed to: MARION LARKINS
 Address: 5818 Lafaye, New Orleans, La.
 Date connected: July 16, 1958
 Employment: Orderly at Touro Infirmary

This is a non-published telephone number.

The above information is not to be made public without the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to Mr. J. T. PFANNKUCHE, District Accounting Manager (toll), or his authorized representative.

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 by SA WILLIAM F. KUSCH - kmt Date dictated 5/14/68

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Date 5/14/681

The files of the Metairie District of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, contain the following information relative to telephone number 834-0436:

Listed to: Mrs. IRMA BLANCHARD
 Address: 3838 Airline Highway,
 Metairie, Louisiana
 Date connected: November 21, 1964
 Employment: Secretary, St. Lawrence School

This is a non-published telephone number.

The above information is not to be made public without the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to Mr. J. T. PFANKUCHE, District Accounting Manager (toll), or his authorized representative.

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The files of the Uptown District of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, contain the following information relative to telephone number 895-3872:

Listed to: ETHEL R. JACKSON
Address: 2989 LaSalle, New Orleans, La.
Date connected: July 24, 1967
Employment: Husband - Gulf Cleaners

This is a non-published telephone number.

The above information is not to be made public without the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to Mr. J. T. PFANNKUCHE, District Accounting Manager (toll), or his authorized representative.

On 5/10/68 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-732
by SA WILLIAM F. KUSCH - kmt Date dictated 5/14/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 14, 19681

Records, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, Uptown District Office, which are available only upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, directed to J.T. PFANNKUCHE, District Accounting Manager (Toll), reflect the following information:

Telephone Number ~~895-9029~~ is subscribed to by a Miss YVETTE SOUCY and Miss ~~BEVERLY GUIDRY~~, 3003 Toledano, Apartment 211. This number was connected on April 21, 1966. Telephone records reflect that Miss SOUCY is employed at the Katz and Besthoff Drug Store, Saint Charles and Napoleon Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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 SA's WILLIAM F. KUSCH
 by JOHN E. DECKER JED:sjl Date dictated 5/13/68

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Date May 14, 19681

Records, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, Gentilly District Office, which are available only upon issuance of subpoena duces tecum, directed to J.T. PFANNKUCHE, District Accounting Manager (Toll), reflect the following information:

Telephone Number 242-5962 is subscribed to by Saint Paul's Catholic School, Route 6, Chef Menteur Highway. This number was connected on September 7, 1954.

Telephone Number 947-3471 is subscribed to by GEORGE PREISS, 2718 Ideal Place.

Telephone number 943-9109 is subscribed to by RUSSELL FARLEY, 4816 $\frac{1}{2}$ North Prieur. This number was connected on November 12, 1964. Telephone records reflect that FARLEY has been self employed as a carpenter for 15 years.

Telephone number 945-4302 is subscribed to by IVAN H. SKOGLUND, 2716 D'Abadie. This number was connected on August 16, 1960. Telephone records reflect that this number is billed to ALTHEA A. PHELPS, Traffic Department, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Telephone Number 283-1173 is subscribed to by Mrs. ETHEL MITCHELL, 1448 Milton. This number was connected on February 28, 1963. Telephone records reflect that MITCHELL has been employed for five years by Mrs. JOHN SAXTON, telephone number VE 5-7029.

Telephone number 242-8580 is subscribed to by FLORENCE HILTON, 9318 Hayne Boulevard. This number was connected on October 20, 1966. Telephone records reflect that HILTON has been employed at Schwegmann's in Gentilly for eight years as a packer.

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Records, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, Metairie, District Office, which are available only upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, directed to J.T. PFANNKUCHE, District Accounting Manager (Toll), reflect the following information:

Telephone Number 721-2027 was subscribed to by CLEO F. SNIPES, 3009 Huntsville, Kenner, and service was terminated on January 19, 1968. This number was connected on April 10, 1963. Telephone records reflect that SNIPES has been employed as a painter for one year for W.H. JOHNSON.

Telephone Number 888-7744 is subscribed to by WALTON C. HALL, JR., 5911 Airline Highway, Lot 58. This number was connected on May 18, 1966. Telephone records reflect that HALL has been employed for eight years as a pipe fitter at the Texas Automatic Sprinkler Company. Telephone Number 887-0105.

Telephone Number 888-0404 is subscribed to by RICHARD ROD, 1604 David Drive, Metairie, Louisiana. This number was connected on February 25, 1958. Telephone records reflect that this number is billed to Mrs. JOAN L. ROD, Accounting Department, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Telephone Number 887-8469 is subscribed to by DONALD EDWARD JOHNSON, 4617 Senac Drive, Metairie, Louisiana. This number was connected on June 22, 1966. Telephone records reflect that JOHNSON has been employed as a sales engineer for Clark Brothers, Telephone Number 833-7277.

On 5/8/68 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-935
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The files of the Uptown District of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, contain the following information relative to telephone number 861-7067:

Formerly listed to: RICK CONEWAY
 Address: 1200 Broadway,
 New Orleans, Louisiana
 Date connected: September 15, 1967
 Date disconnected: January 25, 1968
 Employment: Arts and Sciences,
 Tulane University

This was a published telephone number.

The above information is not to be made public without the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to Mr. J. T. PFANNKUCHE, District Accounting Manager (toll), or his authorized representative.

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 by SA WILLIAM F. KUSCH :mak Date dictated 5/13/68

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Date May 14, 19681

Records, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, Central District Office, which are available only upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, directed to J.T. PFANNKUCHE, District Accounting Manager (Toll), reflect the following information:

Telephone Number ~~525-7532~~ is subscribed to by ~~GAYE DROST~~, 1900 Perdido, Apartment A-98. This number was connected on September 13, 1966. Telephone records reflect that DROST is a medical student at Louisiana State University and that his parents live in Sulphur, Louisiana.

Telephone Number ~~522-8495~~ is subscribed to by ~~HILDA DE LOS REYES~~ 1410 Saint Andrew, Apartment 7. This number was connected on February 26, 1965. Telephone records reflect that the subscriber is on Welfare and receives \$121.00 a month.

Telephone number ~~524-0001~~ is subscribed to by ~~R.A. GEISBUHLER~~, 638 Royal Street, Apartment 303. This number was connected on April 30, 1964. Telephone records reflect that the subscriber is a registered nurse at Charity Hospital.

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Records, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, Westbank District Office, which are available only upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, directed to J.T. PFANNKUCHE, District Accounting Manager (Toll), reflect the following information:

Telephone Number 361-0465 is subscribed to by ALMA STEWART, 1207 Belleville. This number was connected on October 26, 1961. Telephone records reflect that the subscriber's husband is the owner of Stewart's Barber Shop.

Telephone Number 361-3374 is subscribed to by LUCILLE SENAT, 1801 Opelousas, Apartment B. This number was connected on September 9, 1965. Telephone records reflect that SENAT is employed at the Claiborne Towers, Telephone Number 525-7721.

Telephone Number 361-4360 is subscribed to by J.A. LYONS, 601 East Marlin Court, Gretna, Louisiana. This number was connected on October 16, 1960. Telephone records reflect that LYONS has been a foreman for three years in the Temcoat Division of Brown and Root.

On 5/8/68 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-738
 by SA's WILLIAM F. KUSCH
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1Date 5/20/68

SOPHONIE ELSY, 212 Third Street, White Castle, Louisiana, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and furnished the following information:

ELSY advised that her telephone number is 257-3148. ELSY advised that they receive a number of telephone calls from Beaumont, Texas, since her son RALPH ELSY lives in Beaumont, Texas, and also her nephew CLAVEAL ISON, lives in Beaumont, Texas. ELSY advised that this would have to be the individual who made any phone calls to her number on December 16, 1967.

ELSY was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that this individual was not familiar to her. ELSY advised that she and her husband CLEVELAND FRANK ELSY are natives of White Castle, Louisiana, and have lived in White Castle, Louisiana, all their lives. ELSY advised that she and her husband are not members of any black militant organization.

ELSY who is a Negro female was born at White Castle, Louisiana.

On 5/16/68 at White Castle, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-739
 by SA RICHARD G. RIZER /bab Date dictated 5/17/68

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA RICHARD G. RIZER at White Castle, Louisiana:

On May 16, 1968, Chief of Police CLAYTON HEBERT, White Castle, Louisiana, advised that CLEVELAND FRANK ELSY and his wife have resided in White Castle, Louisiana, all their lives. HEBERT stated that they are a respectable Negro family in White Castle, Louisiana, and have not been arrested by the White Castle Police Department.

On May 16, 1968, Chief Deputy EARL WILLIAMS, Iberville Parish Sheriff's Office, Plaquemine, Louisiana, advised they have no arrest record in their files for a CLEVELAND FRANK ELSY or a SOPHONIE ELSY in their files.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/13/681

Inquiry of telephone information at Gueydan, Louisiana, reflected that the numbers 536 are the prefix of all telephone numbers in the Gueydan area. The information operator stated it would be impossible to determine from the prefix as to what telephone number had actually been called. The operator stated that with this limited information, this is not a working number.

On 5/10/68 at Gueydan, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-741
by SA JOHN SATTERTHWAITE/lrs Date dictated 5/11/68

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Date May 17, 19681

A review of current Lake Charles City crisscross directories and the Southern Bell Telephone Directory disclosed Lake Charles telephone number 477-4851 is assigned to Reverend J. E. MURDOCK, Post Office Box 5739, 3814 Swanee, Pastor, Calcasieu Tabernacle, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

On 5/13/68 at Lake Charles, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-742
by SA JAMES FRANCIS WRIGHT - smd Date dictated 5/16/68

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1Date 5/20/68

~~ALLEN JILES~~, 1516 Fortune Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and furnished the following information.

JILES advised that his next door neighbor, ~~BETTY LOU JOHNSON~~, receives some telephone calls from the Houston, Texas, area on a number of occasions. JILES advised that this would be the only person who could have called his number on December 16, 1968. He advised that he knows no one else in the Houston, Texas, area.

JILES advised that his telephone number is ~~775-3261~~.

JILES was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that he has not seen this individual and could furnish no information concerning his whereabouts.

JILES is a Negro male, date of birth Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

On 5/16/68 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-743
 by SA RICHARD G. RIZER /bab Date dictated 5/17/68

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Date 5/21/681

The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mr. A. SYDNOR LUCKIE, Assistant Personnel Officer, Veterans Administration Hospital, telephone 442-0251.

The Veterans Administration Hospital does not keep records which would show who at the hospital received a long distance telephone call from Texas, on December 16, 1967.

December 16, 1967, was a Saturday, and on Saturdays, from 1:00 PM in the afternoon until 9:00 PM in the evening, there is a record kept when possible of incoming calls with the time these calls were received through the switchboard; however, it is not known at what time of the day on December 16, 1967, the telephone call in question was made to the Veterans Administration Hospital.

There is set forth below a tabulation showing the time and whether the call was long distance or an outside call, and the ward or room or individual receiving the call.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL
DECEMBER 16, 1967

1:04	OS	314
1:07	OS	Information
1:08	OS	7A
1:12	??	Concerning Woods (Discharge)
1:13	LD	7A
1:29	OS	7A
1:45	OS	2D
1:46	OS	7A
2:01	OS	Heating Plant
3:02	OS	Admitting Office
4:12	OS	2C
5:00	OS	3 57
5:20	OS	7A
5:40	LD	JESSIE BOWMAN
6:10	LD	4 314
6:17	OS	3C

On 5/16/68 at Alexandria, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 *int 2-944*
by SA PAUL R. LANCASTER/lrs Date dictated 5/18/68

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