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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mrs. OLLIE FIELDS who is a 71-year-old Negro who lives by herself on Mills Road, Pineville, Louisiana.

Up until February, 1968, Mrs. FIELDS' telephone number was 442-3547, and she had this number on December 16, 1967, when a telephone call was made to this number from Orange, Texas, telephone number 886-9900. In February, 1968, she had her number changed to 445-5570.

Mrs. FIELDS said she could not remember back to December, 1967, and who might have called her long distance. She has a grandson named FRED JUNIOR HARPER, who lives somewhere in Texas, and he telephones Mrs. FIELDS from time to time, but she did not know if he was the one who telephoned her on December 16, 1967.

Mrs. FIELDS did not recognize the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY.

On 5/17/68 at Pineville, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673
by SA PAUL R. LANCASTER/lrs Date dictated 5/18/68

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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Sergeant COLLINS, 4412th CCTS Squadron, England Air Force Base.

~~FREDERICK W.~~ OTTERSON, up until May, 1968, was stationed at England Air Force Base and had Air Force SN [REDACTED]. His home telephone number while at England Air Force Base was ~~442-2087~~ and he had this number in December, 1967.

Recently, OTTERSON was transferred to Detachment 200, 57th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, APO, San Francisco, California. He was taking leave enroute to his new assignment in the Philippines, and his leave address was P. O. Box 36, Washington, New Hampshire.

OTTERSON is a white male who "seemed to be a good troop".

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AT METAIRIE, LOUISIANA.

On June 21, 1968, Mr. GEORGE J. LIVERMORE, JR., Assistant Vice-President, Schwegmann Bank and Trust Company, 3620 Veterans Highway, Metairie, Louisiana, reviewed bank records and advised SA ALBERT B. MILLER that no one made a withdrawal of \$10,000 and over in cash during April, 1968.

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H. L. KENNEDY, Deputy Sheriff, Oak Grove, Louisiana, was advised of the nature of the investigation. He advised he was acquainted with both IDELL GRAY and LONNIE REESE and that both are Negroes who have resided in Oak Grove, Louisiana, almost all of their lives. He advised that IDELL GRAY is a housewife and her husband is J. H. GRAY. He advised that LONNIE REESE is a retired farm laborer.

KENNEDY advised he does not know of any organization that either GRAY or REESE might be a member of. He advised he has no information that either of them have ever been a member of a hate-type group or of any Civil Rights group or a sympathizer to any of these groups.

On 5/14/68 at Oak Grove, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-748
by SA GELE L. GARRETT -epk Date dictated 5/14/68

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Mrs. FRANCES JONES, 404 Jackson Street, was contacted and the identity of the interviewing agent was made known to her, as well as the nature of the investigation. Mrs. JONES stated that her telephone number in December, 1967, was 281-0573, Bastrop, Louisiana. Mrs. JONES stated she has a sister, Mrs. MITCHELL (EVELYN) MURRAY, who resides in the Beaumont, Texas, and Houston, Texas, areas, and does call her and did, in fact, call her in December, 1967, and this was a collect call. She advised she has never received any long distance telephone calls from the State of Texas, except from her sister.

After viewing several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, Mrs. JONES advised she had never heard of JAMES EARL RAY, nor had she ever seen a photograph of him until she had seen his photograph in the newspapers and on television recently. She further advised she does not know of anyone named JAMES EARL RAY or ERIC STARVO GALT.

On 5/13/68 at Bastrop, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-749
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RAY HUGHES, Deputy Sheriff, Bastrop, Louisiana, was advised of the nature of the investigation. He advised that FRANCES JONES has lived in the Bastrop, Louisiana, area almost all of her life and she is a white female. He advised she is employed as a collector for the General Credit Bureau, 120 West Madison Street in Bastrop and that she is a widow.

HUGHES advised he does not know of any organization of which JONES might be a member and he has no information that she has ever been a member of a klan or hate-type organization, or a sympathizer of either type organization.

On 5/13/68 at Bastrop, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-752
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PHILLIP W. LEACH, Hudson, Louisiana, was interviewed at his place of business, Leach and Thomas Auto Repairs, 223rd East Main Street, Winnfield, Louisiana, and he advised he is the subscriber to telephone number 318, 628-5652, which is his home telephone. LEACH advised that during the month of December, 1967, his son, DONALD LEACH, received a telephone call from the Houston, Texas, area, to that number from MICHEAL GREY, of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

LEACH advised that GREY was with his son in the U. S. Army at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, in 1967, and was traveling in the Houston area at the time.

LEACH was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and he advised he did not know the person.

LEACH advised he does not know the location of telephone number 886-9999.

On 5/14/68 at Winnfield, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-751
by SA BYRON V. MacDONALD -epk Date dictated 5/15/68

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E. G. SPRINGFIELD, Deputy, Identification Office, Winn Parish Sheriff's Office, advised that to his knowledge PHILLIP W. LEACH is in no way associated with klan or any hate-type group, nor is he a sympathizer of either. SPRINGFIELD advised that LEACH runs an auto repair shop in town and has run for sheriff in past elections.

SPRINGFIELD made a search of the records of that department, which also contains the records of the Winnfield Police Department, and advised there is no record identifiable with PHILLIP W. LEACH.

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JUNE S. HOWARD, 107 Napoleon Street, employed at Protective Insurance Agency, 523 Court, advised she is the subscriber of telephone number 318, 259-4986 and has been for the last three years she has lived in Jonesboro. HOWARD advised she received a couple of long distance telephone calls from her ex-husband in December, 1967, concerning Christmas presents for their four year old daughter who lives with her. She advised that her ex-husband is AUSTIN HOWARD, 2323 Western Avenue, West Orange, Texas, and is employed at Spencer Chemical Company, Orange, Texas. She advised her husband would have called from public pay telephones, since he does not have a telephone installed in his apartment. She also advised these were the only long distance telephone calls she has received and there would be no one in her home besides herself who would be receiving any calls.

HOWARD was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and she advised she did not know the person. HOWARD advised she does not know the location of telephone number 886-9737.

On 5/14/68 at Jonesboro, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-753
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ALLEN VAIL, Deputy, Identification Office, Jackson Parish Sheriff's Office, advised that to his knowledge JUNE S. HOWARD is in no way associated with klan or any hate-type group, nor was she a sympathizer of same.

VAIL made a search of the records of that department, which also contains the records of the Jonesboro Police Department and advised there is no record identifiable with JUNE S. HOWARD.

On 5/13/68 at Jonesboro, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-754
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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent THURMAN P. KELLEY at Shreveport, Louisiana, on May 15, 1968:

In connection with the investigation of the robbery of the First National Bank, Line Avenue Branch, Shreveport, Louisiana, on February 26, 1968, photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405 942G, were exhibited to witnesses and bank employees, all with negative results. The employees are:

BERMA GRIFFIN

MOLLY McGLAUN

RUBY BURBANK

CHARLES WAYNE CHESNUTT

Captain J. K. LANIGAN (NA), Shreveport Police Department, was requested to consider JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405 942G, as a suspect in logical unsolved robberies and burglaries. He said he will advise should he develop any pertinent information.

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Mrs. ELEISE JONES, nee Green, 975 East Madison, advised she is the subscriber to telephone number 942-9169 and that she has relatives and friends in the Houston, Texas, area. She is Negro. She stated she does not recall receiving a long distance telephone call from Texas on December 17, 1967, but that since she does have friends and relatives in Texas, it was very possible she receive a call. She stated she had seen the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and he is not known to her.

On 5/14/68 at Opelousas, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-256
by SA RONALD A. HOVERSON -epk Date dictated 5/15/68

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Mr. R. V. SHIRLEY, General Delivery, after being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the inquiry, advised he is the subscriber to telephone number Area Code 318, 725-3277.

He advised he was sure a telephone call to the aforementioned telephone number on December 15, 1967, was from LOIS WILLIS, his daughter, who resides at Beaumont, Texas.

He was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and thereafter stated this individual was unknown to him.

On 5/14/68 at Ragley, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-757
by SA EMIL HENRY BECKER -epk Date dictated 5/15/68

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Jrs. I. J. TIERNEY, Route 1, Box 121, after being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the inquiry, advised she was the subscriber to telephone number Area Code 318, 463-9315.

She advised she was sure a call to the aforementioned telephone number on December 17, 1967, was from her daughter, MAUREEN HEBERT, who resides at 1070 Keyport Street, Houston, Texas.

She was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and thereafter stated this individual was unknown to her.

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LONNIE REESE, 115 Washington Street, was interviewed at his residence and furnished the following information:

REESE stated he has telephone number 428-4754 and he has had this number for several years. He stated his neighbor, Mrs. J. T. ROBINSON, has a daughter, REAOLA, who calls his number once in a while to talk to her mother. He stated that REAOLA resides in the Houston, Texas, area, exact place unknown. He stated he remembers that REAOLA did call his number in December, 1967, about a week before Christmas. He stated that when REAOLA calls, she used a pay telephone and calls collect. He stated that Mrs. ROBINSON always pays for the call when he gets his bill. He stated he has never received any other telephone calls from the State of Texas.

After viewing several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, REESE advised he had never heard of JAMES EARL RAY, nor had he ever seen a photograph of him until he had seen his photograph in the newspapers and on television recently. He further advised he does not know of anyone named JAMES EARL RAY or ERIC STARVO GALT.

On 5/14/68 at Oak Grove, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-759
by SA GENE L. GARRETT -epk Date dictated 5/14/68

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Mrs. J. H. (IDELL) GRAY, Railroad Street, Post Office Box 129, was interviewed at her residence and furnished the following information:

GRAY stated she has telephone number 428-4273 and she has had this number for over two years. She stated she has three children who live in Houston, Texas, area, and a sister-in-law in the same area. She advised they all call her from a coin-operated telephone when they call home. She advised she did receive a collect call from her sister-in-law in December, 1967, but she only remembers that it was shortly before Christmas. She stated she does not remember any of her children calling her in December, 1967, as they all came home for the Christmas holidays.

After viewing several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, Mrs. GRAY advised she had never heard of JAMES EARL RAY, nor had she ever seen a photograph of him until she had seen his photograph in the newspapers and on television recently. She further advised she does not know of anyone named JAMES EARL RAY or ERIC STARVO GALT.

On 5/14/68 at Oak Grove, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-760
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1Date 6/4/68

JOHN BURTON, Fort Necessity, Louisiana, was interviewed at his residence where he was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent as well as the purpose of the interview.

BURTON voluntarily furnished the following information:

He advised that he is a Negro male, approximately 64 years of age, exact birth date not recalled and he is a life-long resident of Franklin Parish, and is self employed as a farmer. BURTON advised that he is the holder of Fort Necessity telephone number 723-4402 and has had this number for several years. BURTON advised that he has a daughter, FANNIE MAE BURTON who lives in Orange, Texas, and he believes that she made several long distance telephone calls to his residence in December of 1967. He stated that he could not recall the exact dates but that she had called he and his wife during the Christmas season on two or three occasions trying to arrange a Christmas visit.

BURTON advised that he does not know JAMES EARL RAY and has no information concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING other than what he has seen on television.

On 5/22/68 at Fort Necessity, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-761
by SA VINCENT B. COYLE /kam Date dictated 5/24/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 6/4/68

STACY WARE, Fort Necessity was interviewed at her residence where she was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent as well as the purpose of the interview.

She voluntarily furnished the following information:

WARE advised that she is the holder of Fort Necessity telephone number 723-4224 and has had this telephone number for several years. She advised that she does not recall receiving any long distance telephone calls from Texas on/or about December 17, 1967. She advised that only she and her husband live at her residence and no one else uses the telephone. She advised that neither she nor her husband received any long distance calls to the best of her recollection during the month of December, 1967, and she could not recall reason why anyone would be calling her from Texas. WARE advised that she is not acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY and that she has no information concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING other than what she has seen on television.

On 5/22/68 at Fort Necessity, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-762
by SA VINCENT B. COYLE /kam Date dictated 5/24/68

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1Date 6/4/68

Mrs. EVELYN HUDSON, Credit Bureau, Winnsboro, Louisiana, advised that she has had a credit record on file for several years for JOHN BURTON of Fort Necessity, Louisiana. She advised that BURTON is a Negro male, approximately 64 years of age and is a farmer. She advised that his credit record is satisfactory and he is not known to have been affiliated with any hate type groups.

Mrs. HUDSON advised that although she does not have a credit record for STACY WARE it is known that WARE is a Negro female approximately 61 years of age, a housewife and resides at a rural residence in Fort Necessity, Louisiana. She advised that WARE is not known to belong to any hate type groups.

On 5/22/68 at Winnsboro, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-763
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 17, 19681

A review of current city, Southern Bell Telephone Directories, and crisscross directories established Lake Charles telephone 477-2603 is listed to a FRANCES T. LANDRY, employee of Davison Chemical Company, and residing at 3717 Common Street (rear), Lake Charles, Louisiana.

On 5/11/68 at Lake Charles, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-764
by SA JAMES FRANCIS WRIGHT - smd Date dictated 5/16/68

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Date May 17, 19681

Miss FRANCES T. LANDRY, 3717 South Common Street (rear), Lake Charles, Louisiana, advised she has had Lake Charles telephone number 477-2603 for about one year, and she was assigned this telephone number in December, 1967.

She cannot recall a specific call from the State of Texas on or about December 17, 1968, particularly from a person using a pay phone. She advised the call must have been pre-paid, as she did not have any collect call from Texas during December.

She explained that she has several boy friends in the Beaumont, and Houston, Texas area, and it is quite possible she received a call from one of her friends, but she has no recollection or record of such a call.

Upon viewing various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, Miss LANDRY advised RAY is not known to her.

On 5/11/68 at Lake Charles, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-765
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Date May 17, 19681

A review of current Lake Charles City crisscross and Southern Bell Telephone directories disclosed telephone number 433-5653 is assigned to a HORACE GUILLORY, 2501 Hodges Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana, an employee of the Cities Service Refinery.

On 5/11/68 at Lake Charles, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-266
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 17, 19681

Mr. HORACE GUILLORY, 2501 Hodges Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana, advised that he has had Lake Charles telephone number 433-5653 assigned to him for several years and had this number in December, 1967.

He advised he cannot recall particularly receiving a phone call from the East Texas area on December 17, 1967, but most likely the call was from his brother, KENNETH HUGHES, North Little John Street, Houston, Texas, who calls frequently. He advised HUGHES has called him from pay phone booths in the past.

He knows of no other person who would call him from the Texas area.

Upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, he advised he recognized the photographs from newspapers and magazines but does not personally know RAY.

On 5/11/68 at Lake Charles, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-767
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Mr. H. R. BEENE, 4511 Church Street, Zachary, Louisiana, advised as follows:

Mr. BEENE stated that his telephone number is 654-5916. He advised that in December of 1967, he travelled with his son to visit his daughter at College Station, Texas. Mr. BEENE advised that his daughter's name is Mrs. NATTIE PARKER. BEENE further stated that he believes he left on this trip to Texas on either December 15, or 16, 1967, and that he and his son stopped to call home at 654-5916 from a pay phone somewhere between Beaumont and Houston, Texas. Mr. BEENE stated that he believes this phone call was made on December 16, 1967.

Mr. BEENE further advised that the names JAMES EARL RAY, ERIC STARVO GALT and HARVEY LOWMYER are unknown to him. He advised that neither he nor any members of his family belong to the Ku Klux Klan or any similar organization.

On 5/16/68 at Zachary, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-768
by SA WILLIAM E. DOYLE - jah Date dictated 5/16/68

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Mr. RUFUS LEJUENE, Assistant Manager, Manda Brothers Packing Company, Church and East Central Streets, Zachary, Louisiana, advised as follows:

Telephone number 654-8709 is the number assigned to a pay telephone at the Manda Brothers Packing Company in Zachary. This number is maintained mainly for the use of the employees and no business is conducted over this phone. Mr. LEJUENE stated that all of the employees of Manda Brothers have access to this phone and know the number as well as any other individuals who might enter the building and see the pay telephone.

He stated that at the present time, there are approximately 30 employees at the packing company and that all employees in the past would also have had the use of the pay telephone.

Mr. LEJUENE stated that he knows of no one at the company who received a telephone call from the area of Houston, Texas, on December 15, 1967. He further stated that the names JAMES EARL RAY, ERIC STARVO GALT and HARVEY LOWMYER are unknown to him.

On 5/16/68 at Zachary, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-769
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LEE WOODROW TAYLOR was contacted at his residence at Rural Free Delivery, Marion and advised of the nature of the investigation and the identity of the interviewing Agent.

TAYLOR advised that telephone number 292-6387 is the telephone in his home and he had the same number during December, 1967. He further advised that he has a daughter LORINE DEESE, living at 8404 Knox Street, Houston, 18, Texas, and she calls them in Marion, Louisiana, frequently. TAYLOR advised that he can not be sure that his daughter called them on the exact date of December 17, 1967, but he is sure she called in December and he received no other long distance calls during that month. He stated he would be sure the call from Houston to his home on the date in question would have been from his daughter.

TAYLOR further advised that his daughter does not have a phone at her home so she would either call from a pay phone or from the home of a friend. If he had to call his daughter he would call 713-447-4942 and ask there to speak to his daughter. These people, whose name he does not know would then call his daughter to the phone.

TAYLOR, after looking at several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, advised that he has only ever seen that person when his picture appeared on television or in the paper and he definitely does not know, has not otherwise seen and has never been contacted by JAMES EARL RAY.

On 5/14/68 at Marion, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-720
by SA CHARLES D. NEUDORFER cjm Date dictated 5/15/68

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DAVID BOWEN, City Marshal, Marion, Louisiana, was advised of the nature of the investigation. He advised that LEE WOODROW TAYLOR is a Negro, male resident of Marion, Louisiana. TAYLOR has lived in the Marion, Louisiana, area all of his life. TAYLOR is blind in one eye and has poor vision in the other. As a result of this condition, he is not able to work and only does odd jobs in the area. His wife, BEATRICE L. TAYLOR, works as a domestic in Marion.

BOWEN advised the he does not know of any organization to which TAYLOR or his wife belong and they do not have any activities or do any extended traveling outside of the Marion area.

On 5/14/68 at Marion, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-771
by SA CHARLES D. NEUDORFER cjm Date dictated 5/15/68

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Mrs. MARTIN M. PERDUE, was contacted at her residence at Rural Free Delivery, Choudrant, Louisiana, and was advised of the nature of the investigation and the identity of the interviewing Agent.

Mrs. PERDUE advised that her home telephone number is 255-6196 and this has been the family telephone number for at least two years. She advised that two telephone calls received at her home from San Antonio, Texas, on December 15, 1967, would have been from IRENE and LEO OWENS. She stated that Mrs. OWENS is her, PERDUE's, son's wife's mother.

Mrs. PERDUE advised her son, JOE PRICE, is a Sergeant in the Air Force and his wife's name is BEVERLY. Mrs. OWENS is BEVERLY's mother, although she has remarried and OWENS is not BEVERLY's maiden name.

During the Christmas season of 1967 JOE and BEVERLY PRICE were visiting the PERDUE home and the OWENS family were making plans to travel to Choudrant for the holiday. On December 15, 1967, the PRICES traveled to Barksdale Air Force Base to pick up JOE's paycheck. While they were around Mrs. OWENS called and called again the same day after they had returned to Choudrant.

Mrs. PERDUE stated at the time the telephone call was made the OWENS family were living in a house trailer but have since moved into a home and she does not know their current address.

Upon being shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, she advised that RAY is unknown to her.

On 7/5/68 at Choudrant, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-772
by SA CHARLES D. NEUDORFER :mak Date dictated 7/10/68

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A review of the Lake Charles, Louisiana, Telephone, City and Criss-Cross Directories showed the subscriber to telephone number 436-6483 as O. C. FANNIN, 713 McNabb Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Neighborhood inquiry in the vicinity of 713 McNabb Street in Lake Charles determined that O. C. FANNIN, 713 McNabb Street, moved away from that address on May 10, 1968. His new address is care of D. R. PARKER, 9314 Avenue S, Houston, Texas.

The above investigation was conducted on May 13, 1968, by Special Agent GEORGE M. CAMPBELL.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/29/681

DAVID TURRENTINE, Apartment 4, 4200 Loop Road, advised he was the manager of the apartment building located at this address. He stated his records reflect that TOMMY JOE MORGAN rented Apartment 28 from October 9, 1967, to May 3, 1968, and during this time MORGAN was the subscriber to telephone number 325-5768. His records further reflect that TOMMY JOE MORGAN left this address on May 3, 1968, giving a forwarding address of 6115 Ivanhoe Road, Memphis, Tennessee.

TURRENTINE advised MORGAN claimed to be a cotton buyer from Memphis, but his employer was unknown. He knew little else about MORGAN or his activities while he was living in Monroe.

On viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, TURRENTINE stated that RAY was unknown to him and he did not recall seeing anyone resembling RAY in contact with MORGAN during the time MORGAN was residing in Apartment 28.

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On 5/20/68 at Monroe, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-774
by SA WILLIAM E. DENT, JR. -epk Date dictated 5/24/68

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Date May 17, 19681

Reverend MIKE MURDOCK, Nelson Road, Lake Charles, Louisiana, advised that his son, Reverend J. E. MURDOCK, was assigned Lake Charles telephone number 477-4851 in December, 1967. However, in January, 1968, his son left the area to conduct revivals in the Texas area, and the phone was disconnected at that time.

He advised his son is presently conducting a revival at Kennedy, Texas, at the First Assembly of Christ, and from there he is to proceed to Three Rivers, Texas, for a revival.

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On 5/13/68 at Lake Charles, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-775
by SA JAMES FRANCIS WRIGHT - smd Date dictated 5/16/68

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Date 5/10/681

Records of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, which can only be made available through the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to J. T. PFANNKUCHE, District Accounting Manager, Southern Bell Telephone Company, 1215 Prytania, New Orleans, Louisiana, reflected the following information:

Telephone Number 873-7200 is listed to BILL T. VEIBELL and was connected on April 17, 1967, and disconnected January 30, 1968. On the disconnect date, it is noted VEIBELL was employed for Magnolia Beauty Supply as a salesman, and departed for Corinne, Utah.

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On 5/8/68 at Houma, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-776
by SA ROGER A. BOMBARDIER -epk Date dictated 5/10/68

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Mr. PRESTON WYATT, a 61 year old white male, residing, no box number, Robeline Road, Robeline, Louisiana, furnished the following information:

He is the subscriber to telephone number 472-6954, which phone is located at his residence, Robeline Road.

He advised that he does not specifically recall a telephone call which would have been placed to his residence at Robeline, Louisiana, on or about December 15, 1967, from the State of Texas. However, his daughter EMILE JENKINS has been residing for the last year in the State of Texas and although he does not know of her current whereabouts, either residence or employment, she calls the WYATT home in Robeline on a monthly basis to inquire of the families' welfare and he is sure that this call must have come from her since she always utilizes a pay phone. He could furnish no further information regarding his daughter EMILE JENKINS but advised that she is not a radical individual and he has never known her to either be a member of the Klan Auxiliary or similar hate-type groups and has never known her to associate such individuals who might be members of such an organization.

WYATT was shown identification order # 4182 and he advised that he is not familiar with this individual by photograph, neither is he familiar with the name JAMES EARL RAY.

WYATT could furnish no further pertinent information.

On 5/10/68 at Robeline, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673
by SA DAVID V. BUCKLEY/cem Date dictated 5/13/68

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Mrs. LUCY PRUDHOMME, a 57 year old Negro female, residing Rural Route, no box number, Campti, Louisiana, furnished the following information:

She is the subscriber to Telephone Number 476-2295, which telephone is located in her residence, Rural Route, Campti, Louisiana.

She was questioned regarding a telephone call made to her number on or about December 17, 1967, from the State of Texas. She advised that she has no idea who placed this call to her residence advising that she is the only resident of this address and that undoubtedly she would personally receive the call but cannot determine to the best of her recollection who did make the call utilizing a pay phone. She stated that she receives a number of call of a local nature and it is as unusual that she would receive one from Texas, since she has no relations or friends living there. However, she cannot recall who placed the call or what the matter was concerned about.

Mrs. PRUDHOMME was shown identification order # 4182 and she advised that she is neither familiar with the name JAMES EARL RAY or the photo of the same individual displayed on this particular identification order and she has had no contact whatsoever with this individual.

On 5/10/68 at Campti, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 *sub 2-778*
by SA DAVID V. BUCKLEY/cem Date dictated 5/13/68

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Mr. LEE EDWARD JONES, a 37 year old Negro male, residing 804 Lee Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana, furnished the following information:

He is the subscriber to Telephone Number 352-9176, which phone is located at his home at the above address. JONES was questioned regarding a telephone call to his number on or about December 17, 1967, from a pay phone in the State of Texas.

He stated that he does not specifically recall such a telephone call being made to his number but advised that his daughter GIRLEAN JONES was visiting in the State of Texas during December, 1967, and may well have placed a call to his phone utilizing a pay station. He advised that he could not be more specific but stated that it is his policy to not accept collect calls and that his children are aware of this rule and they always utilize a pay phone when calling him long distance.

Mr. JONES was shown identification order # 4182 and he advised he is neither familiar with the name JAMES EARL RAY nor is he familiar with the individual depicted by photo in the identification order.

JONES could furnish no further pertinent information.

On 5/10/68 at Natchitoches, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-779
by SA DAVID V. BUCKLEY/cem Date dictated 5/13/68

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Miss ~~MARLAN~~ GRAHAM, a 20 year old Negro female, residing Room 422B, Sabine Hall, Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, Louisiana, furnished the following information:

She is the subscriber to telephone number 357-6530 which telephone is in her room as set forth above.

Relative to a telephone call which may have been placed to her number at Northwestern State College from a pay phone in the State of Texas on or about December 17, 1967, she advised that she could not recall or remember such a call being placed but that it is very possible that one of her friends at Northwestern could have been vacationing or residing in Texas and placed the call regarding some school matter.

Miss GRAHAM was shown identification order # 4182 depicting photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and she advised she neither knew this individual by name or by photograph and she could furnish no other pertinent information.

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Mr. CLARENCE M. PRICE, a 52 year old white male, residing Box 414, Montgomery, Louisiana, furnished the following information:

He is the subscriber to telephone number 646-3441, which is located at his residence address.

In December, 1967, he was employed driving house trailers all over the United States and was leased to National Trailer Convoy, Tulsa, Oklahoma, driving such house trailers. When he was on the road it was his habit to always make a telephone call to his residence at Montgomery, Louisiana, inquiring of his families' welfare. In order to hold down the telephone bills he always made such calls from a coin phone.

One month ago he was involved in an automobile accident and lost one leg and has been ridden since that time.

Mr. PRICE made available an ICC Movement Schedule which indicated that on December 15, 1967, he delivered a load of house trailers at Bracketville, Texas, which he advised places him in Bracketville, Texas, on the date that the phone call was placed to his residence phone, Montgomery, Louisiana. He advised this reaffirms in his mind that he is responsible personally for placing the call from Bracketville to Montgomery, Louisiana, and this call was concerned with personal business, the welfare of his family.

Mr. PRICE was shown identification Order # 4182 and he advised that he had never met this individual although he is quite familiar with the name ERIC GALT and JAMES EARL RAY since being bed ridden he is a constant TV viewer.

Mr. PRICE could furnish no further information of pertinent value.

On 5/10/68 at Montgomery, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-781
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The following investigation was conducted by
SA PAUL R. LANCASTER.

AT MARKSVILLE, LOUISIANA

On May 23, 1968, Avoyelles Parish Chief Deputy Sheriff, HAROLD HENDERSON, advised that there are no unidentified deceased males in Avoyelles Parish in 1968.

AT ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA

On May 24, 1968, Rapides Parish Identification Officer, C. C. BOLEN of the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office, advised there are no unidentified deceased males in Rapides Parish from April 5, 1968 to May 21, 1968.

Rapides Parish Deputy Sheriff C. C. BOLEN advised that he knows of no burglaries or robberies in Central Louisiana of any great magnitude, particularly anything in the neighborhood of \$50,000.00.

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Date 5/28/68

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.

On 5/20/68 at Alexandria, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 *alt 2-783*
by SA PAUL R. LANCASTER/cem Date dictated 5/24/68

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Date 5/28/68

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.

On 5/20/68 at Alexandria, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-784
by SA PAUL R. LANCASTER/cem Date dictated 5/24/68

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1Date 6/4/68

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
by SA PAUL R. LANCASTER /bab Date dictated 5/27/68

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent KEVIN J. HARRIGAN:

On May 21, 1968, AL LeBLANC, Chief, U. S. Parole and Probation Officer, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised there are approximately 500 persons under Federal parole and probation supervision who reside in the New Orleans area. He stated that to his knowledge none of these persons under supervision have served time at Leavenworth, Kansas, between July, 1955 and April, 1958, or served time in the Missouri State Prison from March, 1960, until recently. However, he advised he would personally contact each of the other six Federal Parole and Probation Officers in an effort to determine if any of them had anyone under their supervision who had served time at either Leavenworth or the Missouri State Penitentiary during the aforementioned dates. He advised that a few of his Probation and Parole officers were out of town and it would take several days to obtain the necessary information.

On May 20, 1968, SYLVAN MOE, Louisiana State Parole and Probation Officer, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised there are approximately 1,000 persons under State Parole and Probation supervision who reside in the general New Orleans area. He stated he personally has under his supervision approximately 150 of these persons and he is fairly certain no one of these under his supervision has served time at either Leavenworth or the Missouri State Penitentiary. He advised that approximately 95 per cent of all those under supervision are releasees from the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola, Louisiana. MOE stated he would contact the other Parole and Probation Officers to determine if any of them had anyone under their supervision who had served time in Leavenworth between July, 1955, until April, 1958, or who had served time in the Missouri State Prison from March, 1960, until the present time.

On May 21, 1968, Detective JOSEPH BOLDEN, Fugitive Squad, New Orleans Police Department, advised that all

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ex-convicts released from the Louisiana State Penitentiary under parole or probation supervision have to report to him within 24 hours of release from prison for the purpose of furnishing current address and to be phtographed. In addition, any person whose parole or probation supervision has been transferred from out-of-state to New Orleans also has to report to him for the same reasons. Detective BOLDEN advised that during the past year he does not recall any ex-convict who has transferred to New Orleans from another state under parole or probation supervision and who formerly served time at either Leavenworth or in the Missouri State Prison.

On May 21, 1968, Detective LARRY VIGUERIE, Armed Robbery Squad, New Orleans Police Department, was contacted to determine if he were aware of any ex-cônverts presently residing in the New Orleans area who had served time in either Leavenworth or at the Missouri State Penitentiary. Detective VIGUERIE advised he was unaware of any ex-convicts presently living in New Orleans who had served time at either one of these prisons; however, he stated he would make inquiry among the other approximately 30 detectives of the New Orleans Police Department to determine if any of them were aware of any ex-convicts residing in the New Orleans area who had served time at Leavenworth or at the Missouri State Penitentiary from 1960 until recently. Detective VIGUERIE advised that in the event he received any positive information in this regard, he would immediately recontact Special Agent HARRIGAN.

On May 21, 1968, Sergeant JOSEPH GIARDINA, Seventh District, and Lieutenant BOYD, Eighth District, New Orleans Police Department, were both contacted regarding any knowledge they might have of any ex-convicts possibly residing in the Industrial Canal area and who had formerly served time at either Leavenworth or at the Missouri State Prison. It should be noted that both these districts cover area referred to as the Chef Menteur Highway and Industrial Canal area. Both these officers asvised they were unaware of any ex-convicts who had served time at Leavenworth from 1955

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until 1958, or who had served time at the Missouri State Penitentiary from 1960 until recently. They also advised they would make inquiry regarding this matter among various officers assigned to their districts and if any ex-convicts were identified who had served time either at Leavenworth or Missouri State Penitentiary during the ~~above~~ periods, then they would immediately contact Special Agent HARRIGAN.

On May 22, 1968, Detective EUGENE FIELDS, Robbery Squad, New Orleans Police Department, advised he believes an ex-convict by the name of OSCAR HENRY BAKER, III, New Orleans Police Department Number 109301, was from the Kansas City, Missouri, area and might possibly have served time in the Missouri State Penitentiary.

On May 22, 1968, a check at the Identification Bureau, New Orleans Police Department, showed OSCAR HENRY BAKER, New Orleans Police Department Number 109301, had several arrests from the period 1960 until recently; however, an examination of his "rap sheet" did not indicate he had served time at either Leavenworth or at the Missouri State Penitentiary. BAKER was described as a white male, born [redacted] at San Antonio, Texas, was six feet tall, weighed 160 pounds and had FBI Number 648 536D.

On May 22, 1968, Detective LARRY VIGUERIE, Armed Robbery Squad, New Orleans, Louisiana, Police Department, was recontacted; however, he advised that contact by him with most of the detectives had failed to identify any ex-convict living in the New Orleans area who had served time at either Leavenworth or at the Missouri State Penitentiary during the period RAY was incarcerated at those places. He stated he would continue to make inquiry and would advise if any positive information were developed.

On May 23, 1968, SYLVAN MOE, Louisiana State Parole and Probation Officer, was recontacted; however, he advised that inquiry by him among other available Parole Officers

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was negative regarding the identity of any person under supervision who had served time at either Leavenworth or the Missouri State Penitentiary during the period JAMES EARL RAY was incarcerated. He further advised he contacted all of the Parole and Probation Officers with the exception of two who were presently on vacation. He advised he would contact them regarding this matter upon their return and if any positive information were developed, he would immediately contact Special Agent HARRIGAN.

On May 24, 1968, AL LeBLANC, U. S. Probation and Parole Officer, New Orleans, was recontacted; however, he advised that inquiry by him among the other Parole and Probation Officers had been negative in an effort to identify any ex-convict possibly residing in the New Orleans area who had served time at Leavenworth in 1955 until 1958 or who had served time at the Missouri State Penitentiary from 1960 until recently.

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RE: JAMES C. HARDIN

The following investigation was conducted by
SA THURMAN P. KELLEY on May 31, 1968:

Records of the Shreveport telephone directory list Dr. JOHN C. HARDIN, 129 Ardmore Avenue and Dr. JOHN C. HARDIN, JR., 400 Southfield Road. It is noted that there is no other J. C. HARDIN listed. It is further noted that referenced teletype from Louisville refers to Dr. J. C. HARDIN, 129 Ardmore, Shreveport.

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Shreveport reveal same name and address for Doctor. JOHN C. HARDIN, 129 Ardmore, wife SADIE, age approximately 74 and retired. Record in file since January, 1943. No derogatory information.

Dr. JOHN C. HARDIN, born [redacted] wife NANCY, dentist since 1956, no derogatory information.

Police Department and Sheriff's Office records checked for Doctors JOHN C. HARDIN and JOHN C. HARDIN, JR. negative.

In view of different first names of the above referred to Doctors and the individual "JAMES C. HARDIN", it does not appear logical to make further inquiry regarding the Doctor HARDINs referred to above.

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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.