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Bureau File Number

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Volume Number
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(Title)

Murder

(File No.)

1. 4/15/68 20 photos (artist's conception) of suspect
2. 1 photo of the shirt + shorts with laundry marks
3. 4/18/68 6 photos of suspect
4. 4/24/68 photo of James Earl Ray + Walter Terry Rife
5. 4/25/68 photo of James Earl Ray
6. 4/24/68 samples of thermoseal tape
7. 4/24/68 photo of suspect in Mexico fall 1967
8. 4/25/68 photo of suspect
9. Samples of thermoseal tape 5/2/68
10. Specimen of cloth with samples from textile marking machine
11. 5/2/68 samples of thermoseal tape
12. 5/11/68 photo of suspect in Mexico
13. 5/9/68 " " " in fall 1967
14. 5/9/68 5 photos of suspect

Disposition.

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File No. 157-61-1A-1

Date Received 4/15/68

From Bureau
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

20 photo of suspects



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Description of subject
from Memphis

White

Male

5'11"

160 - 170 lbs.

Medium Build

Dark brown or black hair;
combed straight back, no part.



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157-61-1A1

Description of subject
from Birmingham:

White

Male

Age 36

5'8" - 5'10"

150 - 160 lbs.

Medium complexion

Dark hair (probably brown)

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(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

Photo of tee shirts +
shorts with laundry
marks



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File No. 157-64-1A-3

Date Received 4/18/68

From Berman
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(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

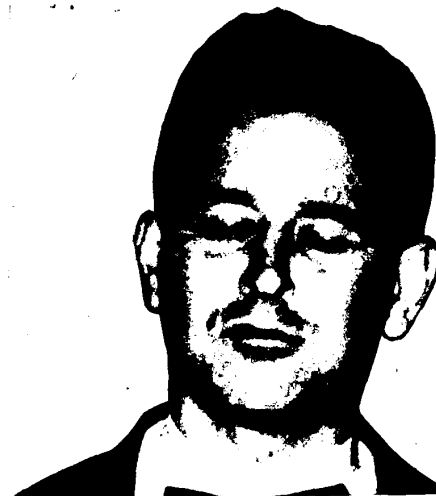
To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:
6 photos of suspect



ERIC STARVO GALT,
also known as
HARVEY LOWMYER and
JOHN WILLARD
(Eyes drawn in by FBI Artist)



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157-61-1A-3

COMPOSITE OF UNSUB, AKA
ERIC STARVO GALT,
HARVEY LOWMYER,
JOHN WILLARD

White Male

Date of Birth: (not verified)

5'8" - 5'11"

160 - 175 pounds

Medium Build

Brown Hair - Brush Cut

Eyes - Blue, or Green, or Hazel

Clean Shaven



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COMPOSITE OF UNSUB, AKA
ERIC STARVO GALT,
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JOHN WILLARD

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File No. 157-66 1A-4Date Received 7/21/68From K.C.
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes☒ No

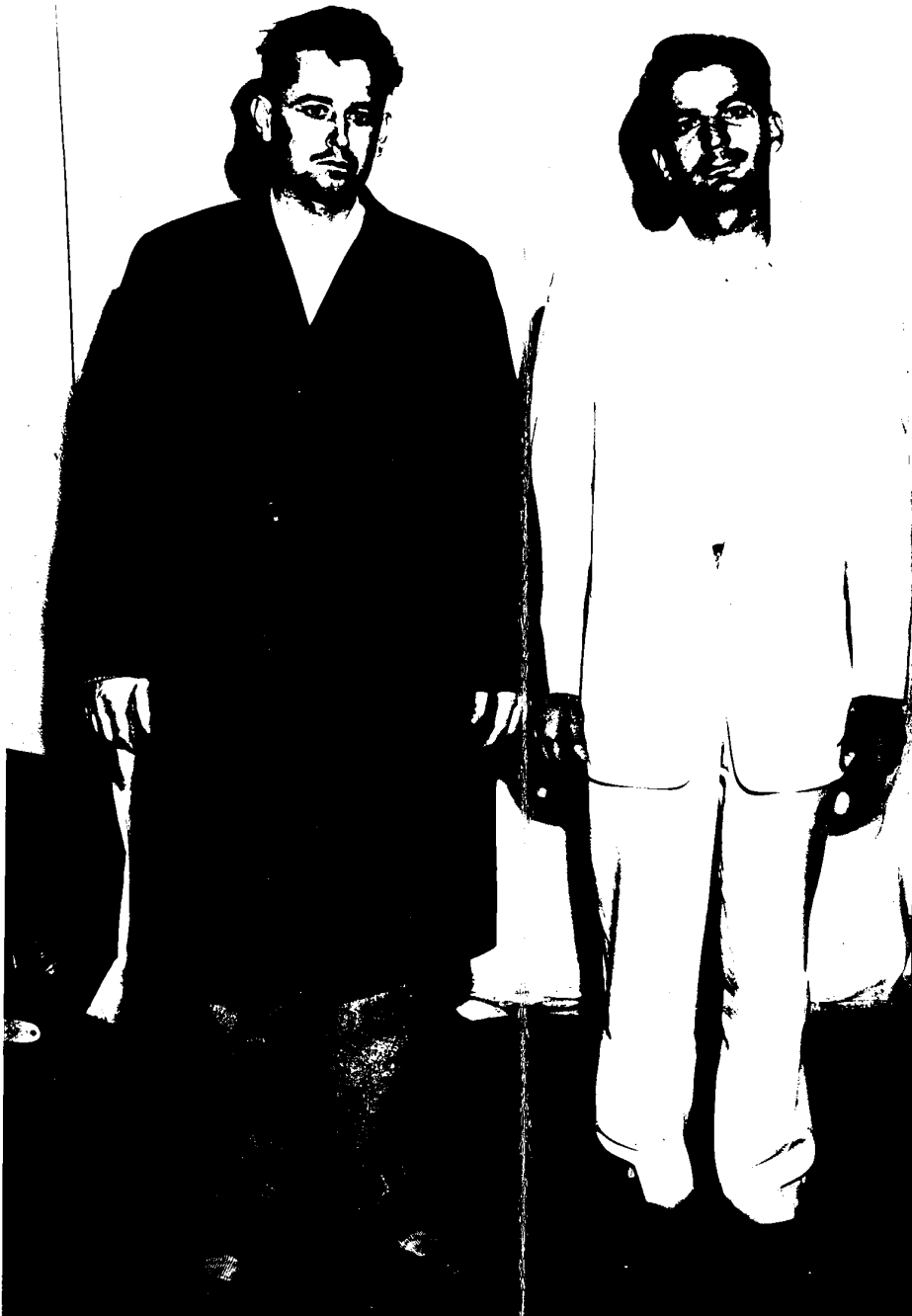
Description:

Photo of James Earl
Ray; Walter Terry
Rife



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WALTER T. RIFE



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WALTER T. RIFE

JAMES EARL RAY

1955 MAR 28

1955 MAR 28

File No. 157-61-145

Date Received 4/22/68

From Dureau
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

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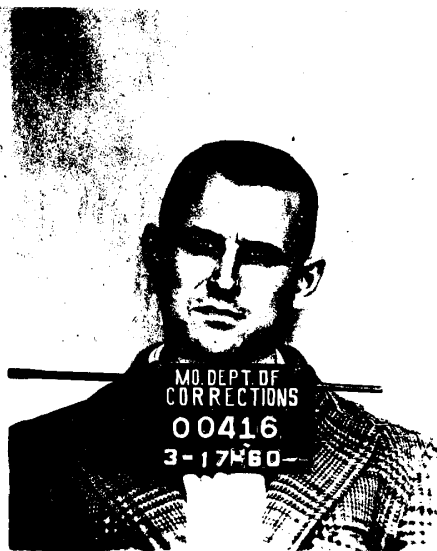
C 9 playing Games
Carl Ray



JAMES EARL RAY

SEP. 8 1966

SEP. 9 1966



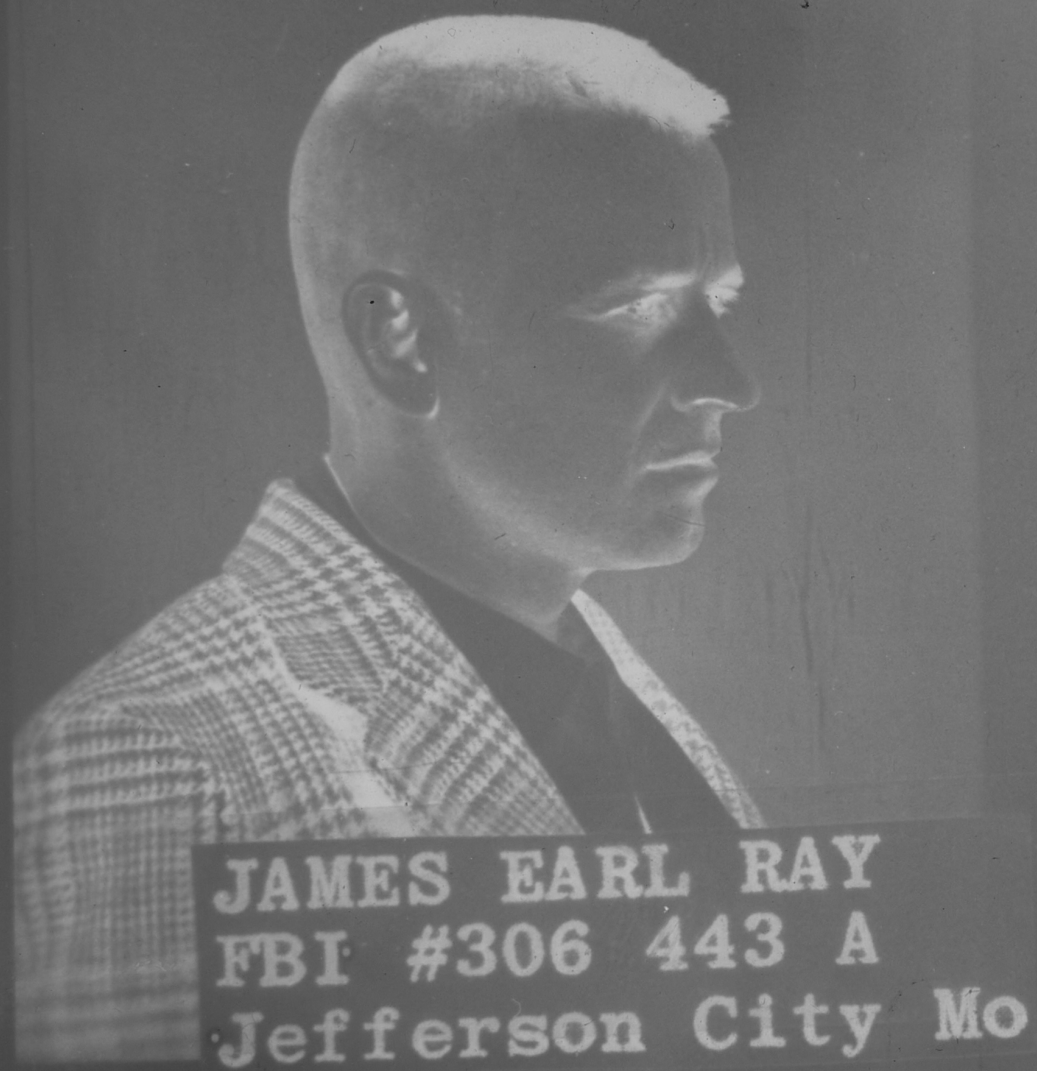
KODAK SAFETY FILM

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JAMES EARL RAY

KODAK SAFETY FILM



File No. 157-61-1A-4
Date Received 4/24/68
From Jose Cortez
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)
Hollywood Cleaners
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
Ponce PR
(CITY AND STATE)
By James E. Whalley
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

samples of Thermo-seal
tape

02B-6

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SI 157-61-1A-6

File No. 157-61-1A-7
Date Received 4/24/68
From Director
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes

☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes

☒ No

Description:

*Photo of subject in
Mexico - 1967-fall*



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File No. 157-61-1A-8

Date Received 4/23/68

From BU
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By SJ
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☐ No

Description:

PHOTOS OF SUBJ.S

KODAK SAFETY FILM

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KODAK SAFETY FILM

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File No. 157-61-1A-9
Date Received 5-2-68
From Osgood Harvey
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)
Band Box Cleaner
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
St. Thomas, V.I.
(CITY AND STATE)
By Joe C. Sparks
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☐ No

Description:

Samples of Thermo-
seal tape used at Band
Box Cleaners.

O 2 B - 6

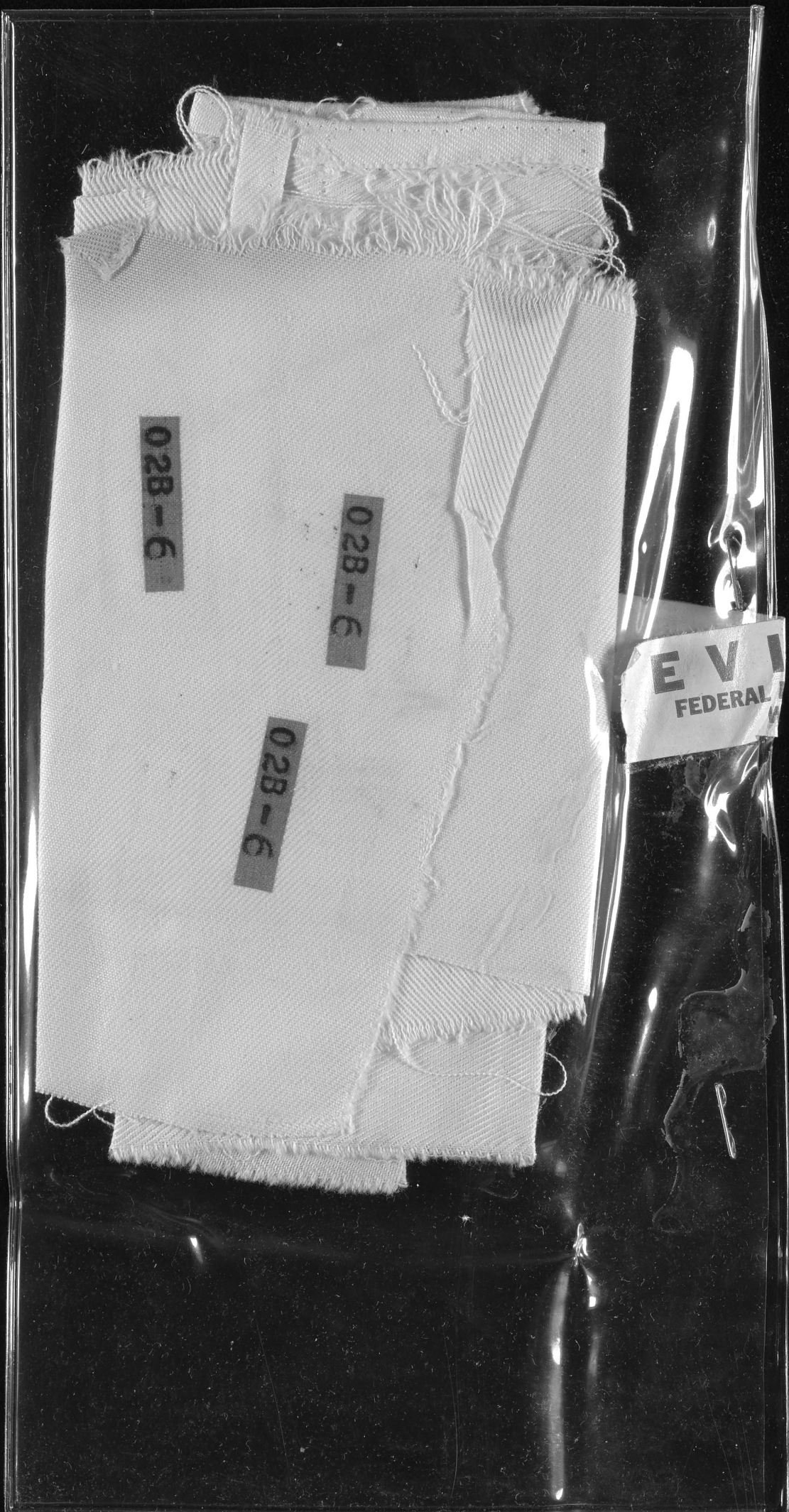
Rec'd 5-2-68
JL

File No. 157-61-1A-10Date Received 4/17/68From HAROLD Glendenning, Mgr.
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)NAVAL Exchange Laundry
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)US NAVAL STATION ANNEX
SAN JUAN, P. R.
(CITY AND STATE)By James R. Martin
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

4 pieces of cloth with
samples from 4 Textile
Marking Machines.

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File No. 157-61-1A-11
Date Received 5-2-68
From Wilfred Vogel
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)
La Croix Laundry
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
Fredericksted, St. Croix, V.I.
(CITY AND STATE)
By JOE C. SPARKS
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☐ No

Description:

SAMPLES OF THERMO-
SEAL TAPE USED BY
LA CROIX LAUNDRY

02B--6

02B--6

02B--6

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Rec'd 5/3/68
for

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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File No. 157-61-1A-12Date Received 5/1/68From Ali-
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

photo 9 subject in memo



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File No. 157-61-1A-13Date Received 5/6/68From Der
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☐ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes
☐ No

Description:

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in fall - 1960