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TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE IO # 4182, WF # 442-A, TOP TEN FUGITIVE; Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (DECEASED) - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER	TYPED BY clm
		CHARACTER OF CASE CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY	

REFERENCE:

Memphis report of SA JOE C. HESTER, 4/30/68.

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LEAD:JACKSONAT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Will continue efforts to locate JAMES EARL RAY. All leads being handled immediately upon receipt.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The Jackson Division, at the outset of this matter, conducted investigation concerning the names ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER and JOHN WILLARD in Federal agencies, state and local agencies, with negative results.

All credit and arrest agencies in the 82 counties in Mississippi were contacted. All city directories and telephone directories were checked. Selective Service System, State Office, as well as each local board, county voter registration records, county Departments of Public Welfare, county Tax Assessor Offices, county Clerks of Court, each county, marriage and divorce records, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Board of Health, Workmen's Compensation and Employment Security Commissions, all utility companies, electricity, gas and telephone, financial institutions, registrar's office in major universities, Port Director, Gulfport, Mississippi, all shrimp boat operators in the Gulf Coast area, all barge and towing companies at river ports at Greenville, Vicksburg and Natchez, Mississippi, were checked. One million, two hundred thousand drivers licenses checked through IBM computer concerning the birth date , all of the above with negative results.

All airports, motel and parking garage facilities in Mississippi were checked in an attempt to locate a 1966 white Mustang with negative results.

All dancing schools or academies were checked. Civilian personnel records, Keesler AFB, Biloxi, checked with negative results.

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Ingalls Shipyard at Pascagoula, Mississippi, checked with negative results.

All criminal and racial informants contacted with negative results.

Whereabouts of each major bombing suspect in the State of Mississippi checked and verified to eliminate as possible suspects.

In addition to the above, numerous lookalikes reported to the Jackson Office were located, interviewed and eliminated as possible suspects.

All of the above information has been reviewed, indexed, and filed in the Jackson Office.

For the sake of brevity, negative type information is not being set out in this report.

No copies of this report are being disseminated outside the Bureau; however, sufficient copies of report being furnished to the OO in the event of future dissemination.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

Report of: SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER
Date: May 2, 1968

Office: JACKSON

Field Office File #: JN 157-9586

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Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
(DECEASED) - VICTIMCharacter: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis: Motels and Standard service stations on major highways in North Central and Northeastern section of State of Miss. contacted in attempt to identify individual depicted in artist conception of ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as Harry Lowmeyer, John Willard. Color photo received from Memphis FBI Office of a bedspread and bath towel exhibited to personnel at motels in attempt to identify as being property of the particular motel with negative results. Investigation at Southaven Minnow Shop, Highway 51, Southaven, Miss., just south of the Tenn. State Line, disclosed this shop is the only establishment located which handled Schlitz 12-ounce beer in pop-top cans, as well as Homestead Stubby No. 20, brown paper bags. One empty Schlitz beer can and one brown paper bag obtained from Southaven Minnow Shop and forwarded to FBI Lab., Washington, D. C., for examination purposes. Results of FBI Lab. examination discloses brown paper bag similar in all observable characteristics to paper bag previously submitted. Personnel at minnow shop unable to identify artist conception and unable to identify photo of JAMES EARL RAY as depicted on Wanted Flyer No. 442-A. IN VIEW OF THE CRIME FOR WHICH SUBJECT BEING SOUGHT, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA JAMES W. SAMMON:

On the dates indicated, motels and Standard Service Stations on the below listed major highways in north central and northeastern portion of the State of Mississippi were contacted in this matter. Personnel at motels were exhibited composite drawings of ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as John Willard, Harvey Lowmeyer, received from the Memphis and Birmingham Divisions, along with a color photograph of a bedspread and bath towel received from the Memphis Division. Personnel at these motels failed to identify the composite photographs of GALT, as well as the bedspread or towel as property of their particular motel. The guest registration cards of motels contacted were personally checked by SA JAMES W. SAMMON from the period of March 29 to April 5, 1968, inclusive in an effort to determine if any guest using the name GALT, WILLARD, or LOWMEYER registered at that motel. These checks met with negative results.

Standard Service Stations on the indicated highways were also contacted and personnel at those service stations were also exhibited artist's conceptions of GALT, along with the colored photographs of the Standard Oil map of the United States and the Standard Oil map of Georgia - Alabama. Personnel at these service stations were questioned regarding a 1966 white Mustang with an Alabama tag. Contacts at these service stations also met with negative results.

April 10, 1968 - Highway 55 Interstate and Highway 51, north from Batesville, Mississippi, to the Tennessee State Line. Highway 78 southeast from the Tennessee State Line to the City Limits of Holly Springs, Mississippi.

April 11, 1968 - Highways 78, 6, and 45 within the City Limits of Tupelo, Mississippi. Highway 45 north from Tupelo, Mississippi, to Corinth, Mississippi. Highways 45

and 72 within the City Limits of Corinth, Mississippi.

April 12, 1968 - Highway 78 East from Tupelo, Mississippi, to the Alabama State Line. Highway 45 South from Tupelo, Mississippi, to Columbus, Mississippi. Highway 82 East from Mayhew, Mississippi, to the Alabama State Line. Highways 82 and 45 East within the City Limits of Columbus, Mississippi.

April 13, 1968 - Highway 82 West from Columbus, Mississippi, to Winona, Mississippi. Highway 51 North from Winona, Mississippi, to Grenada, Mississippi. Interstate 55 and Highway 51 North from Grenada, Mississippi, to Batesville, Mississippi.

April 16, 1968 - Highway 72 from the Alabama State Line to the Tennessee State Line. Highway 78 Southeast from Holly Springs, Mississippi, to Tupelo, Mississippi.

April 17, 1968, Highway 45 East from Shannon, Mississippi, to Columbus, Mississippi. Highway 278 East from Highway 45 East from New Wren, Mississippi, to the Alabama State Line. Highway 6 West from Tupelo, Mississippi, to Batesville, Mississippi. The notes from contacts with personnel at motels and Standard Oil Service Stations are being maintained in the Jackson file regarding this matter.

The following motels affiliated with Friendship Inns were contacted on the indicated dates and personnel there were interviewed as set forth above and in addition, the color photograph containing the Friendship Inn Cashmere Bouquet soap wrapper was exhibited with negative results.

MARY MILTON, Registration Clerk, Townhouse Motel, Friendship Inn, Highway 45 South, Tupelo, Mississippi, which motel uses Camay soap with Friendship Inn wrapper, on April 11, 1968.

Mrs. BROOKS PHILLIPS, Southern Motel, Friendship Inn, Corinth, Mississippi, which motel does handle Cashmere Bouquet with Friendship Motel wrapper, on April 11, 1968.

However, Southern Motel was negative on photographs of GALT; negative on bedspread; and negative on bath towel.

Mrs. ANNIE LOUISE HUDSON, Marshall Motel, Friendship Inn, Highway 45 North, West Point, Mississippi, contacted April 12, 1968.

WILLIAM DOVES, Registration Clerk, Columbus Motel, Friendship Inn, Highway 82 East, Columbus, Mississippi, does not use soap wrapped with Friendship paper, contacted April 12, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES W. SAMMON on April 15, 1968, in the Southaven, Mississippi, area, Highway 51, south of the Tennessee State Line in Mississippi.

The following dealer outlets in that area were contacted in an effort to determine if they had any twelve-ounce Schlitz pop-top beer cans with the brewery date of March 15, 1968, which was sold by them in six packs held with a plastic ring. The following beer outlets in that area were contacted on April 15, 1968, with negative results:

SHIRLEY JERET, Stop and Go Store, Highway 51 South.
MARY SNELL, Cashier, BILL RAGLAND, Manager, and LESTER ENOCHS, Stock Man, A and P Supermarket, Highway 51 South, Southaven, Mississippi.

BILL BEALE, Seven Eleven Store, Highway 51 South, Southaven, Mississippi.

MARY DRUMMOND, Drummond Drive-Inn, Highway 51 South, Southaven, Mississippi.

The composite photographs of GALT from Memphis and Birmingham were also exhibited to the above individuals at beer outlets in Southaven, Mississippi, with negative results.

In contacting motels on Highway 51 North on April 10, 1968, RAYMOND ROBINSON, owner of the Thrift Courts Motel

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at Senatobia, Mississippi, advised that for the past three or four weeks, a white male, name unknown, 25 to 30 years old, had been staying at that motel. ROBINSON said that this individual is employed in Stray Horn, Mississippi, on Highway 4 where he is employed constructing a water tower. ROBINSON said that this individual drives a white Mustang with an Alabama license.

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DONALD DICKSON was located in Stray Horn, Mississippi, at the sight of the construction of a water tower. DICKSON said that he has been in the Senatobia, Mississippi, area for the past three weeks and that he is employed for R. D. Cole Manufacturing Company of Newnan, Georgia, which company constructs water towers. DICKSON said he has been so employed for the past nine years and is a foreman of that company.

DICKSON said that on April 4, 1968, he was in bed asleep at the Thrift Courts Motel in Senatobia, Mississippi, when one of his employees came into the room advising him that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING had been shot and killed in Memphis, Tennessee. DICKSON said that an employee, TOM CANNON, and DOUG IVEY can vouch for his presence at the motel when KING was assassinated. DICKSON said that his 1967 white Mustang automobile was parked at the motel at that time.

DICKSON said that he is not responsible for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, nor can he furnish any information in that regard.

The following is a description of DICKSON obtained through observation and interview:

Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Age:	29
Date of Birth:	
Place of Birth:	Fayetteville, Georgia
Residence:	Route 1, Fayetteville, Georgia
Height:	6 feet
Weight:	160
Eyes:	Brown

On 4/10/68 at Stray Horn, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA JAMES W. SAMMON/bls Date dictated 4/15/68

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Hair:	Light brown, short, curly, and parted
Complexion:	Ruddy
Build:	Slender
Education:	10th grade
Marital Status:	Single
Military Service:	U.S. Army, [REDACTED] from 1961 to 1963 - honorable
Employment:	Foreman for R.D. Cole Manufacturing Company, Newnan, Georgia, for past nine years
Automobile:	1967 white Mustang, 1968 Georgia license [REDACTED]
Previous Arrests:	No admits

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DONALD SEWELL, employee, 7-11 Store, Number 34, 6099 Millbranch, Southaven, Mississippi, after being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the investigation, furnished the following information:

He stated that the 7-11 Store purchases its beer from the Service Beverage Company at Clarksdale, Mississippi.

He stated that the Schlitz delivery man appears at that store every Wednesday.

He advised after examining his stock of Schlitz 12 ounce pop top cans that he had two six packs in his refrigerator with the date March 15, 1968. He stated that this 7-11 Store uses Toreador paper sacks. He advised they do not utilize a number or size 20 paper sack.

He was displayed artist's conception drawings from Birmingham and Memphis, Tennessee.

SEWELL recalled that in the latter part of March, 1968, a white male approximately 5'9" to 5'10" in height, age 27 to 28 years of age, small frame, with a dark crew hair cut, wearing a gray suit with black pin stripes, glasses with black rims, purchased beer at that store.

SEWELL stated that he could not recall what brand of beer this individual bought or how he paid for it.

SEWELL stated that he recalled this incident as the authorities in Memphis, Tennessee, had put a curfew on beer and liquor sales and that at the same time this individual was in the checkout line, a highway patrolman came to the store and told him to cut off beer sales.

On 4/15/68 at Southaven, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA KENNETH P. HUGHES/pac Date dictated 4/19/68

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According to SEWELL, the patrolman advised him that the individuals in line could make their purchases but no other individuals would be allowed to purchase beer. SEWELL estimated the time at 3:30 p.m.

He stated that he recalled this incident as after this white male purchased the beer, he, SEWELL, had to request him to leave the store as he was "cursing" due to the fact that the beer sales had been cut off.

SEWELL stated that he had to tell this individual to leave the store.

SEWELL again stated that he believes this incident took place during the latter part of March, 1968, when the City of Memphis first experienced racial problems.

SEWELL stated that he had never seen this individual before and has not seen him since. He stated he did not see which way he turned when he left the store nor did he observe an automobile.

He stated that this individual vaguely resembled the artist's conception drawing from Birmingham.

SEWELL stated that he doubted he could recognize this individual if he saw him again.

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Located at the Southaven Minnow Shop, Highway 51, just south of the Tennessee State Line in Mississippi, were numerous six packs of Schlitz twelve-ounce beer in the pop-top can, held together in the six pack with a plastic ring, which beer was brewed by the date March 15, 1968. A can of this beer was obtained.

Also located in that minnow shop was a brown paper bag stamped "Homestead. Stubby. 20". One of the brown paper bags was obtained.

BILL and JANE MC LAUGHLIN and their son WILLIE MC LAUGHLIN, the proprietors of that minnow shop, were all interviewed in this matter, and composite photographs of GALT exhibited to them with negative results. Neither they nor LAWRENCE PARKER, a frequent customer to the minnow shop, could identify GALT by photograph, nor did they recall an individual driving a white Mustang with an Alabama license purchasing a six pack of twelve-ounce pop-top Schlitz beer from their minnow shop.

Mr. MC LAUGHLIN advised that GUS (last name unknown), a salesman for the Service Beverage Company of Clarksdale, Mississippi, delivers their beer to them, and that from his records, on April 1, 1968, he purchased 17 cases of twelve-ounce Schlitz pop-top beer; on April 10, eight cases; on April 11, six cases; and on April 15, 1968, two cases.

It was noted that the Southaven Minnow Shop is one-half mile south on Highway 51 from the Tennessee State Line in Mississippi and exactly three miles south of the Oliver Rexall Drug Store on Highway 51, Whitehaven, Memphis, Tennessee.

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LEW HOUSTON, Manager of Service Beverage, a Schlitz Beer Distributor, Clarksdale, Mississippi, advised that all their beer is brewed and sent to them from their Schlitz Brewery in Longview, Texas.

HOUSTON said that GUS THOMPSON is their truck salesman to the Southaven, Mississippi, area and does deliver Schlitz beer to the Southaven Minnow Shop in Southaven, Mississippi.

HOUSTON said on March 15, 1968, his company received 2100 cases of the twelve-ounce pop-top Schlitz beer from their Longview, Texas, brewery and all of that beer has been distributed.

HOUSTON said that on March 20, 1968, his company was shipped 924 cases of that beer from Longview, Texas, and that he has 35 cases of that particular beer left, which was brewed at Longview on March 15, 1968, which date is recorded on the cans. HOUSTON said that this particular shipment was sent on March 15, 1968, from Longview to him.

HOUSTON said that therefore all Schlitz beer brewed at Longview, Texas, on March 15, 1968, was received by him on March 20, 1968, and that of the 924 cases received, he has 35 cases remaining. HOUSTON said that from his records, the Southaven Minnow Shop on March 21, 1968, received four cases of the twelve-ounce pop-top Schlitz beer; on March 28, 1968, five cases; and on March 30, 1968, twelve cases. HOUSTON said that that beer received at the Southaven Minnow Shop would have been a portion of the beer brewed in Longview, Texas, on March 15, 1968, and received by him in Clarksdale on March 20, 1968.

On 4/17/68 at Clarksdale, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

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Mr. V. P. WAIT, Manager, Senatobia Tobacco Company, was interviewed concerning the distribution of a Number 20 brown paper bag with the name "Homestead Stubby" written on it, at which time WAIT furnished the following information:

WAIT advised that Senatobia Tobacco Company is a branch of Pettis Cigar Company and that they (Senatobia Tobacco) do handle a Number 20 brown paper bag with the name "Homestead Stubby" on it.

WAIT advised that the Southaven Minnow Shop, located on Route 51, adjacent to the Mississippi - Tennessee State Line, is the only store that is presently purchasing this bag. WAIT stated that the Southaven Minnow Shop has presently been purchasing about 250 of these bags every two weeks.

WAIT further advised that the Southaven Minnow Shop is the only store that is presently buying that particular bag in that area. WAIT stated that the "Market Place", located on Route 51, across from the Southaven Minnow Shop, had purchased this particular bag around Christmas of 1967, but this had only been a one time order.

WAIT advised that the closest store to the Southaven Minnow Shop that is presently using this particular bag is Treadways Grocery, which is in Cockrum, Mississippi, in the southern part of DeSoto County.

On 4/18/68 at SENATOBIA, MISSISSIPPI File # Jackson 157-9586
by SA WILLIAM P. LAWLER, JR. /jdh Date dictated 4/19/68

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GROVER KINNY, Stock Manager, Pettis Company, Oxford, Mississippi, was contacted concerning the distribution of a Number 20 brown paper bag with the name "Homestead Stubby" written on it, at which time KINNY furnished the following information:

KINNY advised that Pettis Cigar Company buys a Number 20 brown paper bag bearing the name "Homestead Stubby" from the Graham Paper Company in Memphis.

KINNY advised that distribution to stores in the extreme northern part of Mississippi is handled by Senatobia Tobacco Company, in Senatobia, Mississippi, which is a branch of Pettis Cigar Company, and that specific information concerning the sale of this bag would have to be obtained from Senatobia Tobacco.

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Date April 29, 1968

The wanted flier on JAMES EARL RAY, Wanted Flier Number 442-A, was exhibited to BILL MC LAUGHLIN; his wife, Mrs. BILL MC LAUGHLIN; and his seventeen-year-old son, WILLIAM MC LAUGHLIN, JR.

All advised that RAY is totally unknown to them and that they do not recall that individual purchasing a six-pack of twelve-ounce pop-top Schlitz beer, while driving a white Mustang automobile with an Alabama license.

On 4/24/68 at Southaven, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA JAMES W. SAMMON /blw Date dictated 4/27/68

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By communication dated April 17, 1968, the following items were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory, Washington, D.C., by the Jackson FBI Office:

One empty Schlitz beer can, 12-ounce size, from Southaven Minnow Shop, Southaven, Mississippi;

One brown paper bag from Southaven Minnow Shop, Southaven, Mississippi.

By communication dated April 24, 1968, the FBI Laboratory, Washington, D.C., furnished the following information:

Specimens received 4/19/68

K169 Empty Schlitz beer can, 12-ounce size, from Southaven
Minnow Shop

K170 Brown paper bag from Southaven Minnow Shop

Results of examination:

Marks appearing in the number impressions on the bottoms of K169 and the previously submitted Q53 can of beer were identified as having been made by the same number dies. The marks on the Q52 can of beer were not identified with K169 or Q53, possibly because the marks were not so deeply or completely impressed in Q52.

The K170 paper bag was found to be similar in all observable characteristics to the Q55 paper bag which was previously submitted.

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LEADS:

No leads are being set forth in this report as all are being handled by telephone and teletype during progress of this investigation.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

One copy of this report is being provided to the Atlanta, Birmingham, and Los Angeles Offices for information purposes and any possible assistance and in anticipation of subsequent investigation.

An extra copy of this report is being furnished to the Birmingham and Memphis Offices marked "Hold." These extra copies have been designated for the USA at Memphis and Birmingham and should be released only upon Bureau authority.

All criminal and appropriate security and racial informants in the New Orleans Division are being contacted on a continuing basis. To date, no information has been developed through these contacts. Identities of informants and contacting Agents are not being set forth, but are being maintained in the New Orleans file in this matter.

At the inception of this investigation, an enormous volume of investigative effort was conducted in an effort to identify ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, JOHN WILLARD. Throughout the State of Louisiana, records of banking institutions, credit bureaus, city and telephone directories, records of Louisiana State Police, sheriffs' offices, city police, libraries, divorce records, voter registration records, Selective Service records, utility companies' records, records of various state and Federal agencies, records of various seamen's unions, barge lines, waterfront employees' associations records, state employment service, as well as welfare records, companies who supply employees working on barges, tugs, records of companies supplying day laborers, however, no information identifiable could be located.

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Identities of companies and individuals contacted are not being set forth, but are being retained in the New Orleans file in this matter.

On three separate occasions, all of the records on file at the Louisiana Driver's License Division, Baton Rouge, La., were checked for any current or past record of a driver's license issued to ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, or JOHN WILLARD; however, no information identifiable could be located. The results of this negative investigation is not being set forth in this report, but is being maintained in the New Orleans file in this matter.

At the inception of this investigation, laundries throughout Louisiana were contacted in an attempt to identify the laundry tag found on the man's shorts and T-shirt at Memphis. These contacts were conducted with negative results. Identities of persons contacted are not being set forth in this report, but are being maintained in the New Orleans file.

As a result of an allegation that the subject attended the Continental Dance Studio, New Orleans, La., in 1964, investigation was conducted to identify, locate, and interview any former instructor and pupil at this school. The names of numerous former instructors and pupils were obtained, some of whom were interviewed. Subsequently, when it was determined that JAMES EARL RAY was incarcerated in the Missouri State Penitentiary in 1964, this phase of the investigation was discontinued. The identities of former dance instructors and pupil and those interviewed are not being set forth in this report, but are being maintained in the New Orleans file.

As indicated in the details of this report, investigation determined that there were a total of fifty-three oceangoing ships which left the Port of New Orleans, between April 4 - 9, 1968. The identities of these ships and persons contacted are not being set forth in the details, inasmuch as this investigation was conducted with negative results. Identities of ships and persons contacted are being maintained in the New Orleans file.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN E. DECKER at New Orleans, Louisiana:

On April 15, 1968, [REDACTED] (Protect Identity) Security Officer, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] advised that a review of toll calls for the pay phone, telephone number 523-8802, located at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Charters Street, for the period December 17, 18, and 19, 1967, revealed one long distance phone call on December 18, 1967, to Los Angeles, California, telephone number 934-2328. This call was for three minutes and there were no names or notations made on the toll ticket.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA's
DANIEL P. MC LAUGHLIN and LEONARD A. STEINBACH on April 18, 1968
at New Orleans, Louisiana:

██████████ 830 North Rampart Street, New Orleans,
(FBI protect identity) advised as follows:

A young white boy, about 15 years old, named ██████████
██████████, appeared at his store, which is named Juan's Hot
Tamale Restaurant, and talked as if he was acquainted with
ERIC STARVO GALT. He said that ██████████ is a pathological liar
and that he has known him for about two years. He said that
██████████ is 14-15 years old, is probably on probation and gets
money by "hustling queers". He said that ██████████ spoke as if
he was very familiar with GALT and related the following facts
about GALT to him:

He said that he has ridden in GALT's Mustang on many
occasions and that on one occasion, when the Mustang either
ran out of gas or had a flat tire on Royal Street in front of
Mintz's Furniture Company, GALT gave him \$1.50 to take a taxi
home because GALT did not want him (██████████) to see the guns he
had in the back of the Mustang. He said that ██████████ told him
that his aunt introduced GALT to his brother. He said that
when GALT brought his brother to New Orleans, he (GALT) left
a few days later for Los Angeles and had his (██████████) nieces
with him. He said that GALT is afraid to use his own name
and that he is using his (██████████) brother's name to register
in hotels around town. He said that ██████████ told him that when
he was in the FBI Office, he did not identify GALT, but that
the first picture that was shown to him by the FBI was GALT.

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Date: 4/29/68

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Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

Investigation at Provincial Motel, New Orleans, determined that ERIC S. GALT registered at motel on 12/17/67. Interviews of motel officials and employees in regards to GALT negative. Registration for GALT, as well as indented writing found on paper in motel room rented by GALT, obtained and forwarded to FBI Laboratory. Laboratory examination of the registration card conducted; however, no latent fingerprints obtained and the handwriting appearing on this registration card does not sufficiently augment previous writings of GALT to permit a satisfactory comparison of the "HARVEY LOWMYER" signature. Indented writing found on paper in room contained telephone numbers and names of persons. These individuals subsequently identified and advised they belonged to organization known as "Parents Without Partners" and had recently been contacted by another member from Pontiac, Mich. Motel records indicated this person from Pontiac, Mich., used same room as previously used by GALT on 3/25-27/68. Relatives of CHARLES J. STEIN of Los Angeles, Calif., who reside in New Orleans, La., recall STEIN appearing in New Orleans shortly before Christmas, 1967. They could furnish no information as to the individual who had driven STEIN from Los Angeles to New Orleans. STEIN's mother advises the purpose of this trip was to pick up the children of a cousin residing in California. Engineering and contracting firms, Chalmette, La., area, as well as steamship and airline companies, New Orleans, contacted with negative results. New Orleans members of family of FRANK LIBERTO, Memphis, Tenn., state they have no knowledge of any disparaging remarks made by FRANK LIBERTO in regards to MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. **ARMED AND DANGEROUS**

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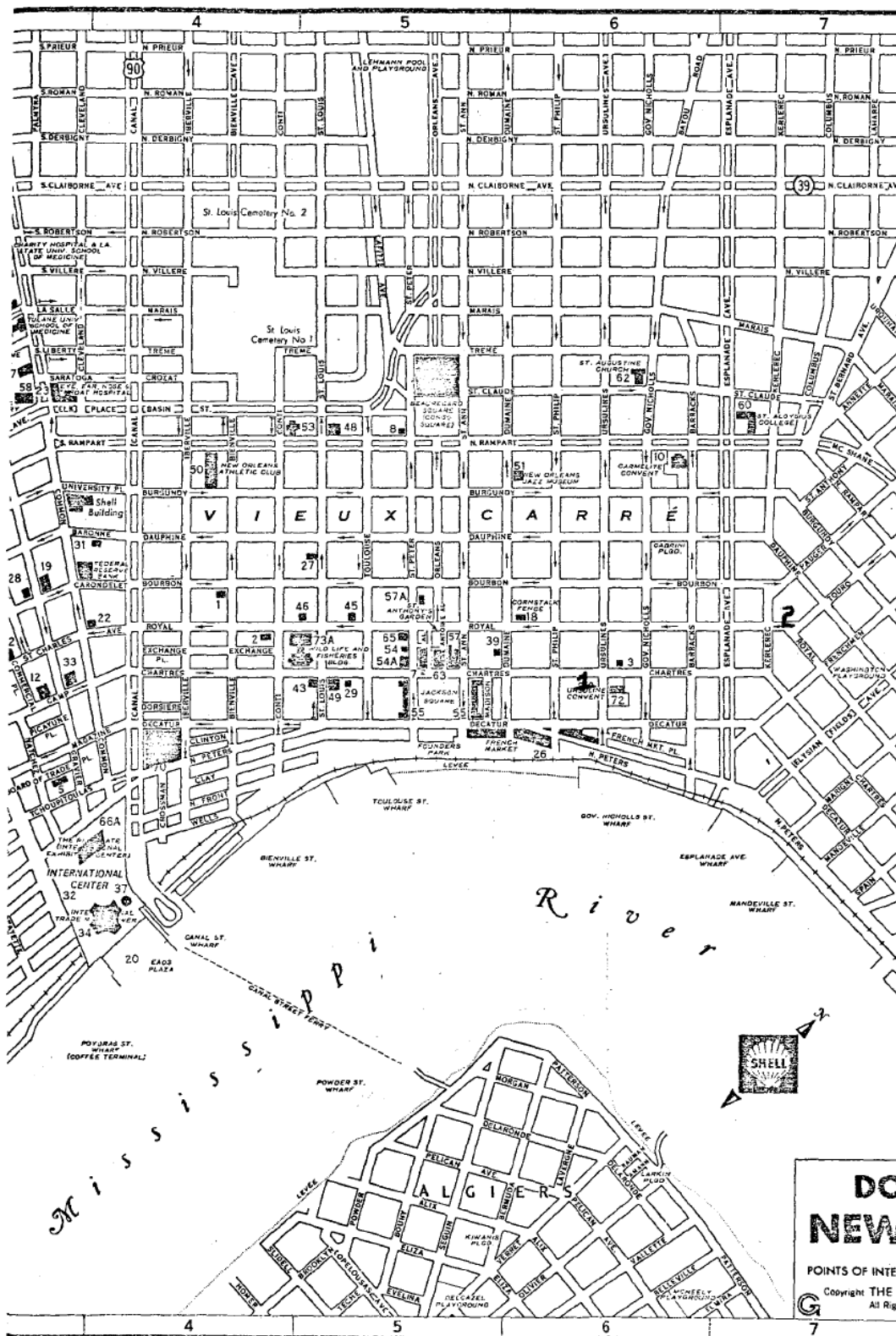
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CITY MAPS OF NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA AREA

SHOWING ALLEGED POINTS OF CONTACT BY

ERIC S. GALT



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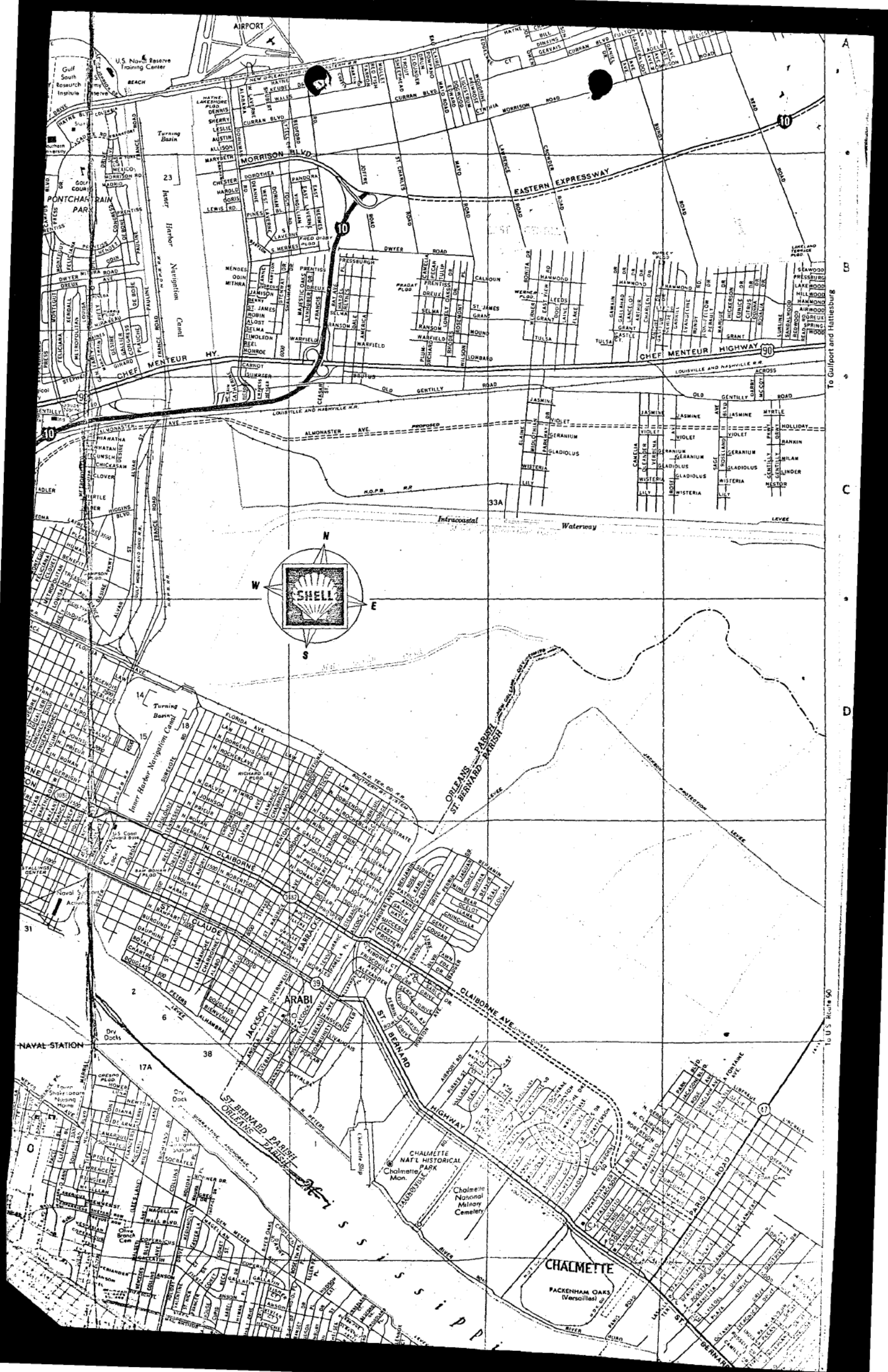
DOWNTOWN NEW ORLEANS

FEATURING
POINTS OF INTEREST, PARKS AND PRINCIPAL BUILDINGS

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1. LOCATION PROVINCIAL MOTEL, 1024 CHARTERS ST.
 2. OLONZO RESIDENCE, 1909 1/2 ROYAL ST.



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INVESTIGATION AT PROVINCIAL MOTEL,
1024 CHARTRES STREET,
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA,
WHERE ERIC S. GALT STAYED FROM
DECEMBER 17 - 19, 1967

The Los Angeles Office of the FBI advised on April 14, 1968, that according to CHARLES J. STEIN, he and ERIC GALT had arrived in New Orleans, December 17, 1968, and GALT registered at a motel in the 1000 block of Charten Street.

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Mr. BRYAN DUPEPE, Owner Manager, Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, was contacted concerning guests residing at the motel during the period of December 17-19, 1967.

DUPEPE furnished the motel work sheets for that period which contain motel room numbers, last names of occupants of each room, the day of registration, and the expected length of stay at the motel. It was determined from the work sheets that an individual by the name GALT registered at the motel on December 17, 1967, and was assigned room 126.

DUPEPE then furnished the registration cards for December, 1967, and a registration card was found which contained the name ERIC S. GALT, address of 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, automobile - Mustang, and Alabama license number 138993.

The card indicated that there was only one person assigned to that room. The card further indicated that GALT checked out of the motel before 1:00 PM, on December 19, 1967, although no check-out time was indicated on the card. The card further indicated that the room rented for \$12.00 per day. DUPEPE advised that this was their minimum room rate at the motel. He advised that the room contains two beds and that there are two floors in that room. DUPEPE advised that the room was very small and that the ground floor room measures ten feet by ten feet, with a captains ladder (spiral staircase) to a second bedroom, identical size, above.

DUPEPE stated that they maintain separate logs for all outgoing long distance and local telephone calls made by the guests. DUPEPE furnished the log of long distance telephone calls made, which contained all of December, 1967 calls, and it was determined that no calls were made by ERIC S. GALT and no calls were made from room 126 during the period from December 17-19, 1967.

DUPEPE advised that the log of local telephone calls for any time preceding April 4, 1968, has been destroyed.

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DUPEPE advised that they maintain duplicate bills for a period of about sixty (60) days and that the bills covering December, 1967, had already been destroyed. He advised that these bills would itemize all of the charges billed to the guests during their stay, which would include telephone calls, room service, or any other expenses incurred by the guests.

DUPEPE advised that the following employees would have been working at the motel during the period of December 17-19, 1967:

WILL BERDON, Assistant Manager;

SVENN RONN, Desk Clerk;

BENJAMIN J. DUKE, Desk Clerk;

EUGENE RAMEL, Desk Clerk;

INEZ KRIEGER, Housekeeper;

LUBY CARSON, Housekeeper;

STANLEY J. MORRIS, Porter;

JOSEPH CLEMENTS, Porter;

GLORIA BARETT, Maid;

EVELYN REVERTIGA, Owner Manager of Provincial Cafe;

YVONNE RILEY, Waitress;

BEVERLY WILLIAMS, Waitress;

GLORIA YOUNG, Waitress.

DUPEPE advised that he has no record of any unusual activity concerning the rental of room 126 during the period of December 17-19, 1967, and unless there was something unusual occurring in connection with that room, he would not be contacted regarding the occupant.

DUPEPE advised that he does not recall GALT and he does not recall any of his employees making any mention of GALT.

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He advised that GALT could have parked his automobile in the motel parking lot which is an off-street parking lot. He advised that it is difficult to find parking space in the French Quarter, near the motel, and that more than likely, he would have utilized the motel parking area.

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Mrs. IRENE KRIEGER, 4224 North Rampart Street, advised she is employed in the housekeeping section of the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mrs. KRIEGER advised that she is in charge of the section of the motel that should include Room 126.

Mrs. KRIEGER advised that she seldom enters the motel rooms as this work is performed by the maids and she merely over sees the work of the maids.

Mrs. KRIEGER advised that anything left in the motel room would be turned over to her by the maids and she in turn would package it for mailing and the front office of the motel would then mail the package. She stated that she would not know if the front office maintained a record of all items mailed to individuals that had rented rooms at the motel.

Mrs. KRIEGER was shown the three composite pictures of the unknown subject in this case along with the following artist conceptions obtained from the National Bank Robbery Album:

#5A

#7A

#13

#87

#97

#131

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Mrs. KRIEGER was not able to identify any of the above photographs which were exhibited to her. She further stated she can not recall anything being left in Room 126 during the month of December, 1967.

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INEZ KRIEGER, Housekeeper, Provincial Motel,
1024 Chartres Street, furnished the following information:

She advised that they have not had any bed spreads or blankets taken from room 126 and she advised that they do not have any property in their custody which would have been left by occupants of room 126.

KRIEGER displayed a bed spread which would have been identical to the type of bed spread used in room 126 between December 17 and 19, 1967, and it was determined that this bed spread was striped and multi-colored, having the colors red, white and blue pin strips with red border cord.

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WILL BERDON, Assistant Manager, Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, advised that he could not recall the individual who stayed in room 126 at the motel during the period December 17 to 19, 1967. He advised that he could not recall seeing a white Mustang with an Alabama license tag parked in the motel lot.

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BEN J. DUKE, Desk Clerk, Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, advised that he could not recall the individual who stayed in room 126 at the motel during the period December 17 to 19, 1967. He advised that he could not recall anyone who used the name ERIC S. GALT and he could not recall seeing a white Mustang with an Alabama license tag parked in the motel lot.

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JOSEPH CLEMENTS, Porter, Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, advised that he could not recall the individual who stayed in room 126 at the motel during the period December 17 to 19, 1967. He advised that he could not recall anyone who used the name ERIC S. GALT and he could not recall seeing a white Mustang with an Alabama license tag parked in the motel lot.

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STANLEY JOSEPH MORRIS, Porter, Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, advised that he could not recall the individual who stayed in room 126 at the motel during the period December 17 to 19, 1967. He advised that he could not recall anyone who used the name ERIC S. GALT and he could not recall seeing a white Mustang with an Alabama license tag parked in the motel lot.

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SVEN RON, Desk Clerk, Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, advised that he could not recall the individual who stayed in room 126 at the motel during the period December 17 to 19, 1967. He advised that he could not recall anyone who used the name ERIC S. GALT and he could not recall seeing a white Mustang with an Alabama license tag parked in the motel lot.

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GLORIA BARRET, Maid, Provincial Motel,
1024 Chartres Street, advised that she could not recall
the individual who stayed in room 126 at the motel during
the period December 17 to 19, 1967. She advised that she
could not recall anyone who used the name ERIC S. GALT and
she could not recall seeing a white Mustang with an
Alabama license tag parked in the motel lot.

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BRYAN DUPEPE, Owner-Manager, Provincial Motel,
1024 Chartres Street, furnished their motel registration
cards for all the guests who stayed at the motel between
December 17 and 19, 1967:

12/17/67	Mrs. HENRY J. SHERRILL, 301 Woodland Avenue, Mobile, Alabama Room 117 Two in party
12/17/67	ROBERT A. CONEY, Judge, 311 Fayette Street, Peoria, Illinois Car - Buick License - Illinois 3281 Room 212 Three in party
12/17/67	Mr. and Mrs. E. S. KNUTH, 514 Ebony, Duluth, Minnesota Room 112 Two in party
12/17/67	Mr. and Mrs. CUTTEN J. CARLSON, 200 Collinworth Drive, Rochester, New York, Room 222 Two in party
12/18/67 - 12/23/67	Mr. and Mrs. W. G. PINKER 2261 Rolling Green Road, Saginaw, Michigan Car - Oldsmobile License - Michigan LP 5907 Room 118 Two in party

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12/18/67	GERSON POLASKY, 123 North McNichen Cincinnati, Ohio
12/18/67	G. L. POSTLETHWAIT, General Delivery, Daytona Beach, Florida Car - Dodge License - California VF 451 Room - 214 Two in party
12/18/67	JOE PARISH, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, Room 108
12/18/67	W. H. RUNGLER (?) 2899 Columns Avenue, Miami, Florida, Car - Cadillac License - Florida 1WW11380
12/18/67	Dr. and Mrs. DAVID L. ROSNER, 87 Soundview Drive, Port Jefferson, New York Car - Oldsmobile License - New York Room 101 Two in party
12/18/67	Mr. and Mrs. WENDELL H. WAYNE, Post Office Box 975, Evanston, Illinois, Car - Pontiac License - Illinois 85299 Room 215

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12/18/67

STEVE FULLER,
4077 Hamilton Street,
San Diego, California
Car - Volkswagen
License - California VOD 912
Room 109
Two in party

12/18/67

RAY EASTERWOOD,
139 Briar Lane,
Atlanta, Georgia
Room 219
One in party

12/18/67

Mr. and Mrs. MIKE EPPLES,
1231 South Owasso,
Tulsa, Oklahoma
Car - Oldsmobile
License - Oklahoma D8762
Room 231
Two in party

12/18/67

Mr. and Mrs. WALDORF PLITCHER,
10820 Georgia Avenue,
Wheaton, Maryland
Car - Chevrolet
License - Maryland AE 2099
Room 225
Two in party

12/19/67

MARCIA JOSEFA MOVA DE GIREO,
Calle 5 f AN;
48-31
Meddlin, Colombia
Room 103
Two in party

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12/19/67

A. A. CASBARIAN,
716 Governor Nichols
New Orleans, Louisiana
Car - Jaguar
License - Louisiana 29B986
Room 205
Two in party

12/19/67

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. MATHEWS, JR.,
2126 Mobry Road NE
Atlanta, Georgia
Car - Pontiac
License - Georgia 2J11476
Room 214
Two in party

12/19/67

MARIA MERCEDEN BOTERO,
Carrena 43
54-53 Madellin, Colombia
Room 101
Three in party

12/19/67

GORDON WELLMAN,
132 Forest Court,
Irwin, Pennsylvania
Room 110

12/19/67

Mr. and Mrs. VINTON P. OSTRANCHER,
126 Meadow Lane,
Buffalo, New York
Car - Cadillac
License - New York TP3035
Room 207
Two in party

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12/19/67	Mr. and Mrs. N. M. JONES, JR., 213 Hutcheson, Houston, Texas, License - Texas MYN 249 Room 106 Two in party
12/19/67	AUSTIN L. CONWAY, 328 Highland Pines Drive, Pittsburgh 37, Pennsylvania Room 102 One in party
12/19/67	EMIL F. MEIER, 2514 Pioneer Road, Evanston, Illinois Car - Buick License - Illinois BX1449 Room 211 Two in party
12/19/67	Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAM P. FISHER, 610 A 7th Street, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama Car - Pontiac License - Alabama 32541 Room 108 Two in party
12/19/67	N. R. HINEC, 1610 Southland Avenue Atlanta, Georgia One in party

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12/19/67

E. D. ELLIOTT,
1610 Southland Circle NW,
Atlanta, Georgia,
Room 202,
One in party