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when the family resided in Ewing, Missouri, and later in Quincy, Illinois. They separated at Quincy, but he was unable to recall the year.

Mr. RAYNES stated he has always used the name of RAYNES but he knew that some of the children had shortened the name to RAY. He was aware that subject had used several aliases.

Mr. RAYNES stated he knew nothing concerning subject's implication in this case until he received a telephone call from his daughter, CAROL in which she stated that the FBI had contacted her concerning subject. He stated he had received two telephone calls that evening, one from CAROL, and the other from MELBA, each stating the news items indicated their brother, JAMES was involved in the KING murder. He stated he did not know how MELBA learned of his whereabouts as he had not seen her or heard from her for the past seven or eight years. She had indicated she was calling from Quincy, Illinois.

Mr. RAYNES stated that he had no knowledge or information as to subject's whereabouts. He stated he was afraid of subject and was concerned that subject might attempt to contact him. He stated he wanted no part of the subject and that he had consequently barred his doors. Mr. RAYNES stated that he would gladly cooperate with the FBI and would immediately bring to the attention of its agents any information he received concerning subject or his whereabouts.

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1Date April 26, 1968

JERRY RAYNES advised that he is the stepfather of JAMES EARL RAY as JAMES EARL RAY was born in [redacted] at Alton, Illinois, and Mr. RAYNES stated he married LUCILLE MAHER at Jacksonville, Florida, in the spring of 1929, 1930 or 1931. He believes he was 30 years of age at that time and that she was 23 years of age. Following their marriage, they lived in Quincy and Galesburg, Illinois, and in St. Louis and Ewing, Missouri. It was his understanding that LUCILLE was born in Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Mr. RAYNES stated he believes he was the father of all of the other children born to LUCILLE MAHER and himself. Their son, JERRY, was born in Quincy, Illinois, date unknown, under the name JERRY RAYNES. Several of the other children were born in Ewing, Missouri. His daughter, CAROL, was born there on [redacted]

Mr. RAYNES stated he had received a telephone call from his son, JERRY, in Chicago, Illinois, on April 19, 1968, advising him that it appeared JAMES EARL RAY was involved in the KING assassination.

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by SA JAMES A. DUFFEY HRD/pjh Date dictated 4/22/68

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Date 5/2/68

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JAMES A. DUFFEY:

Mr. JERRY RAYNES, Rural Free Delivery, Center, Missouri, was re-interviewed April 25, 1968. He admitted he had lived with RUBY CARPENTER, from about 1952 until 1963, off and on, as they would split up and then go back to living together.

During this period they lived in St. Louis, and Clarence, Missouri.

He could not recall the St. Louis addresses, but when 4149 West Pine was suggested to him, he stated he believes that to be the address, where RUBY and he lived from about 1952 to 1961 when they moved to a farm near Clarence, Missouri.

While in St. Louis he stated that FRANKLIN, also known as "Buzz", and CAROL lived with him, but subject never lived with him to his recollection. He stated that subject from the time they left Ewing, Missouri, did not live with him, but with Mrs. MARY MAHER, subject's grandmother.

He stated that in the late 1950s subject visited "Buzz" and he recalled subject was then employed at some bakery but he did not know which bakery. He stated if subject ever lived on Pine Street, it was news to him.

Mr. RAYNES stated that he has always been known as JERRY RAYNES, sometimes spelled RAYNS, as the former is the name his mother claims was his. He denied using the name JAMES GERALD RAY.

Mr. RAYNES also denied ever living in Des Moines, Iowa, and added he has never lived or even been in Des Moines.

He stated that when in Clarence, Missouri, he and RUBY had lived on a farm which belonged to her. He stated while there he did not go to town more than on one or two occasions, had no associates, and can not recall the names of any persons there. They lived there two years.

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After leaving Clarence, he went alone to St. Louis where he had various employments. He was employed as a service station attendant for the Site Gasoline Station on Lemay Ferry Road.

He stated he owned an old store building with sleeping rooms upstairs, that he rented, operated a second hand store, and a dry cleaning store.

He sold this property in St. Louis and bought the small acreage at Center, Missouri, last September (1967). He added he is drawing social security and is retired.

He stated that he does not approve of subject's actions, is afraid of him, and what the publicity is doing to his daughter, CAROL, and her family. He stated that if he should hear anything about the subject's whereabouts he will advise the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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JERRY RAYNES

AT CENTER, MISSOURI

Mrs. HAROLD MAIDEN, next-door neighbor of JERRY RAYNES, was contacted by Special Agent JAMES A. DUFFEY on April 24, 25, 26, 1968, and May 2, 3 and 4, 1968. She stated that RAYNES had no visitors to her knowledge and no strange cars were observed by her at the RAYNES' residence.

She stated her son works for RAYNES on Saturdays and after school when needed and that he had observed no unusual activity at the RAYNES' residence. She advised that RAYNES is more or less a recluse and rarely leaves his home. He does not visit with his neighbors but is pleasant when he meets them.

Special Agent DUFFEY conducted spot checks of the RAYNES' residence on April 24, 25 and 26, 1968, and May 3 and 4, 1968, but noted no visitors or unusual activity.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA's
THOMAS L. BUCKLEY and ALAN E. MC ELWAIN on April 25, 1968:

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

RAY RELATIVES

SISTER MARY CLARA, Head Sister, Catholic School of Specialized Reading, 4149 West Pine, advised that that property had been a school for approximately seven years and is owned by the Archdiocese of St. Louis who also own the property immediately to the west, known as 4151 West Pine, which is used as a convent. She advised that she had no knowledge of the former occupants of 4149 West Pine but stated that a Mrs. RADKE at 4147 West Pine and Mrs. COULTER at 4157 West Pine might have information about former occupants.

Mrs. ALICE RADKE, 4147 West Pine, advised that 4149 West Pine was formerly owned by RUDY and RUTH KRACK, who sold the property to the Roman Catholic Church about seven years ago. She recalled that the KRACKs kept roomers in her home but she did not know any of these people. She did not know the KRACKs' current address except she thought they lived in the western part of St. Louis near University City, Missouri. She examined a copy of an Identification Order #4182, and stated that JAMES EARL RAY was unknown to her.

Mrs. JEWELL A. COULTER, 4157 West Pine, advised that Mr. and Mrs. RUDY KRACK lived at 4149 West Pine from the early 1940's until 1961 or 1962 when they sold their home to the Catholic Church and moved to 5950 McPherson, St. Louis, Missouri. Mrs. COULTER recalled that the KRACKs kept roomers in their home but she did not know any of these people. She examined a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that he was unknown to her.

Mrs. RUDY KRACK, 5950 McPherson, advised that she could not recall anyone named JERRY RAYNES or JERRY RYAN ever having occupied an apartment in her home at 4149 West Pine. She

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stated that she and her husband purchased 4149 West Pine in 1940 and lived at that address until they sold the property in late 1961 to the Catholic Church. They moved to their present address in early 1962. Mrs. KRACK advised that she felt certain she would remember a roomer who had lived in her home for approximately eight years and she could not recall anyone ever having used the name JERRY RAYNES or RYAN. She examined a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that he was unknown to her.

Mrs. WILLIE MANNING, 1731 South 11th Street, owner of 1727 and 1729 South 11th Street, recalled that a person named JERRY RYAN (not sure of last name, could have been RAYNES) lived in an apartment at 1727 South 11th Street with a teenage son and daughter around 1960. She recalled that the children were both in their late teens and that the girl was the oldest. RYAN had no wife that she knew of. These people lived at 1721 South 11th Street for several months and moved to an unknown address, she thinks, on Menard Avenue. Mrs. MANNING stated that none of the present occupants of 1727 or 1729 South 11th Street lived at those addresses in 1960. She was unable to recall the names of persons who did live at those addresses in 1960. She examined a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that he definitely was not one of the children who lived with JERRY RYAN and further that she cannot recall ever having seen him before.

Efforts to expand the neighborhood investigation in the area of 1727 South 11th Street were not determined feasible since the entire northern end of the block on the west side of the street is occupied by a truck dock and the entire eastern side of the street is the back wall of a warehouse.

Efforts to locate residents at 1135 South 10th Street met with negative results. The southern most building in the block is now known as 1133 South 10th Street and this address is occupied by the FEDERHOFER Truck, Leasing and Rental, Inc., which occupies the entire south half of the block on the west side of Tenth Street. The buildings across on the east side of the street are abandoned and ready to be razed.

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Mrs. FLORA SARR, 1012 Hickory, around the corner from 1133 South Tenth Street, recalled that the corner of Tenth and Hickory used to be occupied by a rooming house which was demolished when the present building was built about 1962. She thinks that this corner was numbered 1135 at that time. Mrs. SARR advised that the old rooming house on the corner of Tenth and Hickory was managed by a Mr. FOWLER whose first name and address she does not know. She was very sure FOWLER did not own the property but merely managed it. She stated that FOWLER was quite elderly eight years ago and may well have died by this time; in any event, she does not know his present whereabouts. She further advised that she never knew any of the occupants of the rooming house.