

Applicant's answer is the negative to the question "Are there any churches, schools, playgrounds or parks within a 500' radius of the premises?" A check discloses that Benton Park is directly across the street from the premises at the southwest corner of Illinois and Central. Benton Park has a playground area in the park and this is about 300' from the premises.

and on inquiry, and interview, she verified the fact that she has no record of arrests.

Captain Walter Horn

METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT - CITY OF ST. LOUIS

RECORDS DIVISION

Record of Arrest

November 10, 1967

@Ray

Name searched Carol Ann Pepper, 1805 S. 11th, DOB [] St. Louis, Mo.

The entries shown on this form are the result of a name search of the arrest card files. Fingerprint and other positive identification means were not a part of this search and therefore, the Police Department assumes no responsibility for stating that this record belongs to the person for whom the inquiry was made since many individuals have the same name.

Respectfully, Commander, Records Division - per clerk

Shirley Thomas
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<u>Date of Arrest</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
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Bus address: 1982 Arsenal

NO RECORD
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Records of the Commercial Credit Rating Company, as checked on April 29, 1968, by IC DYER, disclosed no record in the name of CAROL PEPPER but did disclose a record of ALBERT B. PEPPER who was 17 years of age as of September 1960 and showed the following information concerning him:

Addresses	1700 block of Lafayette (February 1960); 2021 Bellview (February 1968)
Employments	Unemployed (February 1960); New Market Hardware (February 1968)
Inquiries	September 5, 1963, Liberty Loan Company (VI 2-2100); February 6, 1968, GMAC (Lindell) (Ha 9-3122)

This credit record also contained a news clipping in February 1960 reflecting a sentence of PEPPER to 30 days in the workhouse and a \$35 fine for 12 counts of traffic charges resulting from a high speed chase by the police.

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JOHN LARRY RAY - BROTHER

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JAMES EARL RAY
HOTEL CLERK

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ALBERT J. RUSHING and Special Agent RICHARD T. HRADSKY on April 19, 1968, at the MacArthur Hotel, 100 North Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri:

Mr. IRVIN SHATZMAN, Manager, MacArthur Hotel, made available records pertaining to the registration of guests at the hotel which were reviewed for the period January 26, 1968, to April 19, 1968. From this review the following registration cards were located:

Registration card number 8709, reflecting that JERRY W. RAY, 3535 Dundee Road, Northbrook, Illinois, registered at 10:00 p.m., February 2, 1968, in room 501, at a rate of \$4.00 per day. He was registered for only that one date.

Registration card number 8791, reflecting that JOHN RAY, 1912 Hickory, St. Louis, Missouri, registered into room 614 at 2:10 a.m., February 6, 1968, at a rate of \$4.00 per day. He was registered only that one date at that time.

Registration card number 8976, reflecting that Mr. and Mrs. JOHN RAY, 1886 Wyoming, St. Louis, Missouri, were registered into room 1203, at 2:10 a.m., February 17, 1968, at a rate of \$6.00 per day. They were registered for only that one date.

Each of the foregoing three registration cards had initials which were identified by Mr. SHATZMAN as the initials of CHARLES BREITWEISER, Clerk at the MacArthur Hotel, signifying that BREITWEISER was the clerk on duty at the time of each registration.

The following personnel of the MacArthur Hotel were contacted on April 19, 1968, at which time the original registration cards referred to above were exhibited to them and also photographs of subject JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to them:

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ROMEO WARD
Extra Bellboy

RAYMOND RILEY
Bellboy

LOUIS ZIRKEL
Clerk

BLOOMER A. HALL
Clerk.

Each of the foregoing persons advised he was unable to recall any circumstances relating to the persons who were registered at the hotel as indicated by the three registration cards and each advised he could not recall having encountered or seen any person similar in appearance to the photographs of subject RAY.

Mr. SHATZMAN, the manager of the MacArthur Hotel, advised that other hotel personnel, not then on duty and not available at that time for interview, included the following bellboys and clerks:

ENOCH KIGER
Bellboy

WILLIAM TYSON
Bellboy

CHARLES BREITWEISER
Clerk.

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Re: Ray Relatives - MacArthur Hotel Check

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On April 20, 1968, SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY interviewed the following persons at the MacArthur Hotel:

CHARLES BREITWEISER, Clerk, whose initials appeared on the registration cards;

WILLIAM TYSON, Bell-hop;

LOUIS ZIRKEL, Clerk;

ENCOH KIGER, Bell-hop, was located and interviewed at his home, 4177 Delmar, St. Louis, Missouri.

H. A. HARORR, Desk Clerk.

None of the above recognized the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as ever being a guest at the hotel nor did they know JOHN or JERRY RAY or associate any incident at the hotel with either the names or the registration cards.

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RE: JAMES EARL RAY
RELATIVES - NEIGHBORHOOD

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by SAs
GEORGE M. PEET and ALBERT J. RUSHING, April 19, 1968.

JOHN RAY, brother of subject, when registering at the MacArthur Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, February, 1968, showed one address at 1886 Wyoming, and on a second registration during February, 1968, he gave his address as 1912 Hickory.

From observation it was determined that the address 1886 Wyoming is non-existent; that the area where this address would normally be located is the north edge of Cherokee Part, a city park in St. Louis.

TONY CREAMER, 1915 Hickory, advised that the FBI had previously talked with his mother, HELEN CREAMER, attempting to locate JAMES RAY. He indicated that while he did not know them, he understood that the RAY family previously lived at 1913 Hickory Street and that the only people in the neighborhood who have been in the area long enough to remember the RAYs were the TURNBOUGHS at 1902 Hickory and Mrs. MARTIN at 1917a Hickory.

JUNE TURNBOUGH, 1902 Hickory, and Mrs. SOPHIE MARTIN, 1917a Hickory, were both contacted at the TURNBOUGH residence, at which time Mrs. TURNBOUGH indicated she had resided in the area for 21 years, while the MARTINS had resided there for 14 years. They recalled that about 1959 or so a woman named LUCILLE, her mother, and LUCILLE's son resided in and operated a rooming house at 1913 Hickory. Mrs. TURNBOUGH recalled that LUCILLE's son, who may have been the subject, was with her son when he was walking across the roofs of the houses on Hickory Street and fell through a skylight. Mrs. TURNBOUGH and Mrs. MARTIN advised there has been a high turnover of residents in the area during past years, that there is no one else in the neighborhood that was residing there during 1959, and that neither of them have heard or seen anything of or concerning the family occupying 1913 Hickory during 1959.

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Re: Ray Relatives - JOHN RAY

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES E. LINDSAY and SA WALTER C. JOHNSON:

On April 20, 1968, Mr. GOERGE SVOBODA, JR., 1926 Allen Street, which is the property in the area where 2012 Mississippi Avenue would be located, was contacted. Mr. SVOBODA related that the address 2012 Mississippi does not exist. He advised that it would be the rear of his property if it did exist. He stated that his property is the Moydell Funeral Home and has been in existence for over thirty years. He advised that he has never had any person by the name of RAY employed by the company. He viewed a photograph of the subject JAMES EARL RAY and advised that this person was not familiar to him.

On April 20, 1968, Mr. and Mrs. WALTER SCHUESSLER, 2011A Mississippi Avenue, advised that he could not recall a JOHN LARRY RAY having resided at the address of 2011 or 2013 Mississippi in the last few years. He advised that he has resided at this address for the last 28 years and that he cannot recall any person by that name residing at the address.

On April 20, 1968, GEORGE CARDWELL, former owner, National Market, Russell and Mississippi Avenues, advised that he could not recall any person who resided in the vicinity of 2000 block of Mississippi Avenue who used the name of RAY. He advised that he had operated the above store for a period of 20 years and was familiar with most of the people in the neighborhood, and could not recall anyone answering the description of the subject JAMES EARL RAY either.

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RE: RAY RELATIVES

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent HARRY C. JUNG on April 23, 1968:

Through the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Kirkwood, Missouri, it was ascertained that 1968 Missouri license AE2-558, was issued on a 1960 Ford coach, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) 0Y71Y122630, to JOHN RAY, 1912 California Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

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Date April 23, 1968

JOHN LARRY RAY, also known as JACK, was located at the Grapevine Bar, 1982 Arsenal Street, St. Louis, Missouri, telephone Prospect 6-9417. RAY readily admitted his identity and also admitted that he is the brother of JAMES EARL RAY. He said that he had not spoken with anyone concerning the charges against his brother, and this includes other members of his family.

RAY stated that he last saw JAMES two to four years ago, when he visited his brother at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. Prior to this visit, he had not seen his brother for approximately fifteen years. On that occasion, JAMES EARL RAY had just been discharged from the United States Army and visited members of the family in Quincy, Illinois. RAY said that he has had no other contacts with his brother over these many years and has no knowledge of his whereabouts. He insisted that he has not been contacted by his brother since the latter's escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary in 1967 and, as a matter of fact, did not know of the escape.

JOHN RAY stated that he is commonly known as JACK. He said that his sister, CAROL ANN PEPPER, owns the Grapevine Bar and has operated the establishment since the fall of 1967. He claimed that he did not have any interest in the business other than to assist his sister. He said that she had had some trouble with patrons fighting and since that time he has tried to assist her in the operation of the bar.

JOHN RAY stated that the last time he was outside the City of St. Louis was three, four or possibly five months ago, when he went to Quincy, Illinois, to visit his sister.

During the interview, the following descriptive and background information was obtained:

Name	JOHN LARRY RAY, also known as JACK RAY
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Alton, Illinois

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Height	5'10" to 5'11"
Weight	160 to 170 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium
Peculiarities	Slight speech impediment
Residence	1900a Cherokee Street, St. Louis, Missouri (rents two rooms above Cherokee Buffet)
Marital Status	Single
Military Service	None
Criminal Record	None admitted
Automobile	1960 Ford Thunderbird, two-door, hardtop, white over blue, bearing Missouri license AE2-558
Relatives	Mother
	Father
	Sisters
	Brothers
	LUCILLE RAY, nee MAHER Deceased
	Refused to identify
	MELBA RAY, Quincy, Illinois; Mrs. CAROL ANN PEPPER 2025 Bellevue Maplewood, Missouri; SUSAN RAY Current address unknown
	JERRY RAY Chicago, Illinois; FRANK RAY Deceased (killed in automobile accident in 1964);

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Uncle

WILLIAM MAHER
1118 East Seventh Street
Alton, Illinois.

It is noted that RAY was initially uncooperative and said, "What's all the excitement about? He only killed a nigger. if he had killed a white man you wouldn't be here. King should have been killed ten years ago."

Special Agent JUNG informed JOHN RAY of the provisions of the Harboring Statute and cautioned him concerning withholding information concerning a Federal fugitive.

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Date April 29, 1968

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JOHN LARRY RAY was contacted at the Grape Vine Tavern, 1982 Arsenal Street, St. Louis, Missouri, where he was attending bar. RAY was asked to re-iterate when he last saw his brother JAMES EARL RAY, and he said that it was several years ago at the Missouri State Penitentiary. He was asked how many times he had visited his brother in the penitentiary and on this occasion said two or three times.

RAY was reminded that the records of the penitentiary reflected that he was a visitor on at least nine occasions the last of which was on April 22, 1967, the day before the brother escaped. RAY stated that he was confident that he had only been to visit his brother in jail on three or four occasions. He did not recall the date of his last visit. He stated that he formerly had a visitor's permit issued to JOHN or JERRY RAY. He and his brother JERRY possibly used the same permit. He said that the exact number of visits he made to the penitentiary could be determined through handwriting examination of the prison records.

RAY said that he himself was released from the Menard Penitentiary, Chester, Illinois, in February, 1960. Following release he came to St. Louis where the subject was incarcerated in the City Jail. RAY visited his brother at the jail prior to his being sent to the State penitentiary. RAY pointed out that he was in the Menard Penitentiary for seven years on a larceny conviction and thus he could have had no personal contact with his brother from 1953 until 1967, other than on prison visits. RAY insisted that he knew nothing of subject's plans to escape and that he has had no contact with his brother since the escape. He added that he did not know of his brother's escape from the penitentiary until several weeks or perhaps a month after the actual escape when he heard of same on the radio. He noted that no law enforcement officers have contacted him concerning his brother other than during instant investigation.

RAY stated that after coming to St. Louis in February, 1960, he remained her for two or three months and then went to Chicago, Illinois, where he worked as a bartender. His most

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steady job was at the White Pine Golf Course, Bensonville, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago where he worked for approximately four years. He also worked briefly at the Greyhound Bus Depot, Chicago. He said that he returned to St. Louis approximately one year ago and has had various part-time jobs one of which was as a bartender at the Arena Bowl for several weeks, and another as a bartender at 901 N. Kings-highway Boulevard.

He has been working at the Grape Vine Tavern since it opened in December, 1967. He claimed that his sister, CAROL PEPPER was the owner of the tavern, but admitted that he himself had \$1,800 invested in the business.

The interview was terminated when other patrons entered the establishment and RAY had to attend bar. He indicated that the barmaid he usually has working during the day became ill and went to a hospital for treatment.

The provisions of the harboring statute were re-iterated to RAY but he insisted that he did not know the whereabouts of his brother JAMES EARL RAY.

Date May 9, 1968

1.

JOHN LARRY RAY interviewed in the vicinity of the Grapevine Tavern, 1982 Arsenal Street, St. Louis, Missouri, at which time he advised that his brother, JERRY RAY, arrived here from Chicago about 9:30 AM on April 30, 1968, at which time he woke him up at his residence. He stated during the time JERRY remained in St. Louis they spent most of their time around the tavern, however, did visit their sister, CAROL PEPPER in Maplewood, Missouri.

He stated that the majority of the conversation concerned harassment of sister CAROL and brother JERRY by newspaper reporters. JOHN RAY related that JERRY indicated if the harassment in Chicago continued he would quit his job.

JOHN RAY stated that his brother JERRY left to return to Chicago driving his own automobile, a light green DeSoto, about 11:00 AM, May 1, 1968.

JOHN RAY specifically stated that during the conversation there was no indication that either JERRY or CAROL had any knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY's location or contact with him directly or indirectly since his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary.

JOHN RAY pointed out that the only one member of the family whose location would be known to JAMES EARL RAY would probably be JERRY because the rest of the family have all moved at one time or another since the escape, and JERRY RAY's address would be the only stable address known to JAMES EARL RAY.

When questioned regarding amounts of money sent to the Missouri State Penitentiary for JAMES EARL RAY, JOHN RAY stated that he would on occasion send his brother money while a prisoner at Jefferson City, however, could not specifically recall the amounts or the number of times he sent money. He stated that he did this because of the realization by himself having been a prisoner how hard it is to come by the necessities while a prisoner and also due to the fact that his brother JAMES EARL RAY had sent him money while he (JOHN RAY) was a prisoner at the Menard Penitentiary.

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With regard to his brother, JOHN RAY stated that JAMES EARL RAY appeared to be a normal person as far as he recalls until he returned from the Army in Germany when on contact subsequent to this return he gathered the opinion that JAMES EARL RAY became a narcotics user while in the Army or else had some other cause to act crazy on occasion.

JOHN RAY further pointed out that it was his belief that if his brother, JAMES EARL RAY, killed Dr. KING he was either crazy at the time or was paid for this act of violence. He conjectured that if it was a crazy act or an act while he was mentally unstable he felt that JAMES EARL RAY would never then contact any member of the family. Further, if this killing were for money he would not contact any of the family because he would not need any help financially. He indicated that it was his opinion that if he were paid by any person or group for this assassination that they in turn would kill his brother to seal his lips forever and prevent any connection between the individuals responsible for the contract and the assassination of KING.

JOHN RAY stated that he knew of no close friends of his brother, that his brother was a loner, and any friends he would make would be short term acquaintances.

JOHN RAY again emphatically denied any knowledge of, direct or indirect contact with his brother, JAMES EARL RAY, since his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary. He reiterated that in the event he should garner any knowledge concerning his brother's whereabouts he would immediately contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation inasmuch as he was well aware of the provisions of the harboring statute and does not want (himself) to return to prison over something that he could avoid.

JOHN RAY stated that he has not been contacted by anybody regarding money in connection with paying or collecting any amounts owed by or to his brother while his brother was an inmate in the Missouri State Penitentiary. Further, that he

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never furnished any money to an attorney, in fact did not even know the name of any attorney that might have been in previous contact with his brother, JAMES EARL RAY. He noted, however, that he vaguely recalls his brother mentioning during one visit to the penitentiary that he had an attorney either in Columbia, Missouri, or Jefferson City, Missouri, however, he was very unspecific regarding this and it may have been that he just wrote to one of those from the prison in an effort to get some brief set forth, and there would be a record of this communication in the Missouri State Penitentiary correspondence records.

With regard to correspondence JOHN RAY stated that he does not recall receiving many letters but may have received one or two letters from JAMES while one or the other of them was a prisoner, but believes that JERRY RAY may have corresponded more frequently with him.

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JOHN LARRY RAY was contacted at his residence, 1902A Cherokee Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

He advised that his brother, JERRY RAY, arrived in St. Louis last night from Chicago driving his own car and getting to the Grapevine Tavern about 9:30 p.m.

After remaining at the tavern for a short period of time he left indicating he was tired and was going to go to a hotel (name not mentioned) and would meet tomorrow about noon at the Grapevine Tavern with JOHN.

JOHN RAY stated that JERRY indicated he wanted to get away from Chicago for awhile because of harassment from newspaper reporters and did not know how long he intended to stay in St. Louis. JOHN RAY pointed out that there was no statement made by JERRY that would lead him to believe that JERRY had any knowledge of the whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY.

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by SA PATRICK W. BRADLEY
SA F. JACK WILLIAMS PWB: pdp Date dictated 5/8/68

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St. Ref., Pendleton, Ind.	John L. Rayns #35297	1-24-50	2nd deg. burg.	2-5 yrs.
PD Holtville Calif	Johnny Larry Ray #1341	12-3-52 sleeper		rel
PD Quincy Ill	Johnny Ray #---	4-7-53	Larc of Auto	Cont to Cir Cr't \$1,000 bond. 6-1-53 1 yr t 20 yrs min 5 to 10 yrs Ill Pen Menard, Br 5-10 yrs disch 2-1-60
SP Menard Ill	John Ryan #23401	6-2-53	larc, MV	
St Hwy Pat Kirkwood Mo	John Larry Ray #C-10570	11-8-61	inv of burg & larc	rel 11-9-61
PD Highland Ill (dupl prt ret'd)	John Larry Ray #415	3-9-62	inv	rel
PD St Louis Mo	John Larry Ray #112763-7	11-25-62	comm A Mult City	

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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JERRY RAY - BROTHER

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

RE: RAY RELATIVES

Major JOHN DOUGHERTY, Chief of Detectives, St. Louis Police Department, advised SA ROBERT L. BENDER on April 19, 1968, that information had been received from a Police Department informant, reliability unknown, that subject JAMES EARL RAY had a brother, J. RAY, residing in East St. Louis, Illinois, with telephone number UPTon 1-3336 or UPTon 4-3336. He stated that according to the informant this individual formerly resided at 1512 College Street, East St. Louis, Illinois, but had recently moved.

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RE: SUBJECT'S RELATIVE JERRY RAY

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On April 30, 1968, the following investigation was conducted by SA PATRICK W. BRADLEY:

At 9:54 a.m., a white over light green, four door, 1960 DeSoto automobile, bearing Illinois license KX 5820, was parked facing north on the east side of Illinois Avenue, approximately one-third of a block south of Arsenal Street. This car had men's clothes hanging in the rear seat area behind the driver's side of the front seat.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

RE: RAY RELATIVES

At 11:15 a.m. on April 30, 1968, SAs ALBERT J. RUSHING and EARL E. BROWN observed the 1960 DeSoto bearing Illinois license KX-5820, said to be operated by subject's brother JERRY RAY, parked in front of the residence at 3118 Illinois. It was on the east side of the street, headed north. This residence is the third house south of the Grape Vine Tavern, owned by subject's sister CAROL PEPPER.

At 2:55 p.m. the same agents observed this vehicle parked across the street from CAROL PEPPER's residence, 2025 Bellevue, Maplewood, Missouri.

On May 1, 1968, SAs F. JACK WILLIAMS, PATRICK W. BRADLEY, ALBERT J. RUSHING and EARL E. BROWN observed this same vehicle parked on Illinois near the Grape Vine Tavern at 8:00 a.m. At 10:21 a.m. SAs WILLIAMS and BRADLEY observed subject's brothers JOHN and JERRY RAY arrive at the Grape Vine Tavern in JOHN's Thunderbird. Both went into the tavern.

At 10:51 a.m. JERRY RAY entered the DeSoto and proceeded west on Arsenal to Gravois, which is U. S. Highway 66, and turn northeast on Gravois. He crossed into Illinois from Missouri on the Poplar Street Bridge at 10:59 a.m. He continued in a northerly direction on U. S. Highway 66, and was last observed crossing the Madison County, Illinois, line. This observation was likewise made by SAs WILLIAMS, BRADLEY, RUSHING and BROWN.

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1Date 5/3/68

During the course of a check of a 1960 white over light green Desoto bearing Illinois license KX5-820 observed at Illinois and Arsenal Street the following was noted:

7:50 a.m. auto observed parked facing north on the east side of Illinois Avenue approximately three car lengths south of Arsenal Street.

9:59 a.m. JOHN LARRY RAY and JERRY RAY were observed arriving at the intersection of Illinois Avenue and Arsenal Streets in a white over light blue Thunderbird automobile bearing Missouri license AE2-558. After parking this automobile they entered the Grape Vine Tavern, 1982 Arsenal Street.

10:35 a.m. Schlitz beer truck making delivery at Grape Vine Tavern.

10:46 a.m. JERRY RAY observed approaching the Desoto automobile.

10:47 a.m. checked left front tire with a tool taken from the trunk of automobile.

10:49 a.m. entered car and drove north on Illinois, west on Arsenal and north on Jefferson Street.

10:54 a.m. was observed proceeding east on Gravois to Mc Nair.

10:55 a.m. he entered Interstate 55 proceeding north from Gravois and at 10:58 a.m. entered the ramp of the Poplar Street Bridge heading east.

10:59 a.m. he crossed over the Illinois State Line marker in center of Poplar Street Bridge.

11:04 a.m. he was observed to go on Highway 66 toward Chicago, Illinois, at Madison County Line, Route 111 in Illinois.

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SA PATRICK W. BRADLEY
by SA F. JACK WILLIAMS PWB:hcv Date dictated 5/1/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date May 9, 1968

JERRY RAY advised telephonically at 9:25 a.m. on May 7, 1968, that he had arrived in St. Louis on the evening of May 3, 1968, and that he had, after conferring briefly with his brother JOHN RAY, gone to the MacArthur Hotel in St. Louis where he had registered using the surname of RYAN.

He spent the following day with his brother, JOHN, and stayed at the St. Regis Hotel in St. Louis that night under the name of RYAN.

He spent his waking hours on Sunday, May 5, 1968, with his brother, JOHN, at his residence and the Grape Vine Tavern and that evening both he and his brother, JOHN, traveled in JERRY's automobile to the residence of their father, JERRY RAYNES, Center, Missouri, where they spent the night and returned to St. Louis on the morning of May 6, 1968.

He spent his waking hours on May 6, 1968, with his brother, JOHN, and stayed at JOHN's apartment that night.

He stated he contemplated contacting his Chicago employer telephonically later on the morning of May 7, 1968, to determine if reporters had left his employment and whether or not it might safe for him to return. He indicated he would contact Special Agent HAROLD R. DOBSON later in this regard.

He stated that, if the press was still active at his employment, he would either spend a few days with his father in Center, Missouri, or go to the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, area. He is using the surname RYAN and had experienced no difficulty with reporters since leaving Chicago.

He had contacted his sister, CAROL PEPPER, telephonically but had not seen her personally up to that time. He was aware that she had visited her father in Center on Sunday, May 5, 1968, but stated she had left prior to the arrival of himself and his brother, JOHN, which he estimated was approximately 8:00 or 9:00 p.m., after dark.

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He indicated his intention of personally contacting his sister, CAROL PEPPER, on the afternoon of May 7, 1968.

He was convinced from his conversations with his father, his brother - JOHN RAY and his telephonic contact with his sister, CAROL PEPPER, that none of them had any information as to the whereabouts of the subject.

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1Date May 9, 1968

JERRY RAY telephonically advised Special Agent HAROLD R. DOBSON he had just called his Chicago employer and had learned no reporters had been seen in the vicinity of his employment on the previous day. This employer had indicated that he was welcome to return if he so desired.

He expressed the belief it would be desirable to remain in the St. Louis area for one additional day and that if a check with his employer showed his employment area free of reporters on May 8, 1968, he contemplated returning to Chicago on that date.

It was intention to stay with his brother, JOHN, that night.

He stated that at the time of making contact with Special Agent DOBSON he was en route to his sister's, CAROL PEPPER, residence to spend the afternoon with her and that he would later advise Special Agent DOBSON of the results of his conversations with her.

He stated he had never lived at Lancaster, Missouri, and had never used that city as a mailing address.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date May 9, 1968

JERRY RAY telephonically contacted Special Agent HAROLD R. DOBSON at 6:30 p.m. on May 7, 1968, following a visit with his sister, CAROL PEPPER.

He stated she had indicated she had nothing specifically against the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) which prevented her cooperation but that she and her husband were both angry with law enforcement generally because members of the St. Louis, Missouri, Police Department had disclosed the PEPPER relationship to subject to her husband's employer who had proceeded to advise other employees with the result that her husband had been regarded with suspicion by them, particularly by Negro fellow employees.

He had assured her that the FBI had not disclosed any information concerning the relatives and that the FBI had assured him that it was interested in preventing harassment of relatives by the press. He pointed out that his own harassment by the press had not been caused by the FBI and he attributed the relative lack of press harassment experience by Missouri relatives to the FBI policy of secrecy.

She told him she and her husband had even talked seriously of selling their home and leaving the area.

She also expressed her beliefs to him that subject was not guilty of the KING assassination.

He stated that he would stay with his brother, JOHN, the night of May 7, 1968, and would recontact his Chicago employer telephonically on the morning of May 8, 1968. He stated that in the event the area surrounding his employment was free from reporters at that time it was his intention to leave St. Louis for Chicago at approximately noon on May 8, 1968. He stated he would telephonically contact Special Agent DOBSON prior to his departure.

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1Date May 10, 1968

JERRY RAY telephonically contacted Special Agent SPURGEON J. PETERSON at 1:45 PM on May 8, 1968. He stated he had decided not to return to Chicago until approximately 2:00 PM on May 9, 1968. He indicated he would be required to go to work at the club where he is employed by 9:00 PM on that date. He stated further that he would be living at a new address in Chicago as the club had obtained new living quarters for him. He was not aware of the address at that time but would determine same on his arrival in Chicago.

He stated he contemplated spending the afternoon and part of the evening at the residence of his sister, CAROL PEPPER, and that he planned on having his evening meal there.

He stated he would call Special Agent HAROLD R. DOBSON following his visit with the PEPPERS and that he would contact Special Agent DOBSON between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM prior to his departure on May 9, 1968.

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RE: RAY RELATIVES

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent HARRY C. JUNG on April 23, 1968:

JOHN J. QUINN, Excise Commissioner for the City of St. Louis, City Hall, 12th and Market Streets, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that CAROL ANN PEPPER was issued a City Full Drink License, number 5056, on November 27, 1967, for the operation of a tavern at 1982 Arsenal Street, St. Louis, Missouri. In her application, PEPPER indicated she was born [redacted] Ewing, Missouri, and resides at 1805 South 11th Street, St. Louis, Missouri. She indicated previous residences at 712 and 713 Shenandoah Street, and claimed no arrest record. Her husband, ALBERT BENNY PEPPER, was born on [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois, and was employed as a property maintenance man by the New Market Hardware Company, Laclede and Sarah Avenues, St. Louis, Missouri. PEPPER stated that she rented the premises and fixtures from SHARON M. STOCKMAN for a two-year period commencing October 1, 1967, through September 30, 1969, for \$80 per month.

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RAY RELATIVES
PEPPER LIQUOR LICENSE

The following investigation was conducted by
SA PATRICK W. BRADLEY:

On April 23, 1968, Special Agent ROBERT W. FODDE, State Liquor Control Office, Continental Building, Grand and Olive Streets, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that all applications for retail liquor dealer licenses are forwarded along with the investigation regarding the application to the State Liquor Control Office, Jefferson City, Missouri, where they would be under the control of State Liquor Control Supervisor HARRY WIGGINS.

Mr. FODDE pointed out that the application for retail liquor dealer license in the State of Missouri is very detailed, including questions such as residence of the owner and operator for the past 10 years and details as to where the money for the purchase or commencing of business was obtained.

Mr. FODDE stated that from his limited records maintained at this office it would appear that CAROL PEPPER was issued a license under their control number 6243, doing business as Jack's Place at 1982 Arsenal Street, St. Louis, Missouri. A notation in the file indicates that applicant's husband has a police record.

At time of application a surety bond of \$2000 is required and this bond was signed by professional bondsman HENRY GRIESEDIECK.

With regard to this tavern location, it was previously operated as a tavern by one GEORGINE AUDREY MC GUIRE, which license was issued July 1, 1966; however, was not renewed July 1, 1967, and, therefore, assumed to be discontinued as a business on or before June 30, 1967. Mr. FODDE pointed out that their records indicate that this particular license of CAROL PEPPER's was applied for as "sole owner and operator" and, therefore, hidden ownership or operation by someone else under her license would be a violation of the Liquor Control Laws of the State of Missouri subjecting the license to suspension or revocation.

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RAY RELATIVES
PEPPER LIQUOR LICENSE

The following investigation was conducted by
SA PATRICK W. BRADLEY:

On April 23, 1968, Mr. DAN PFIEFER, Acting Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service, Alcohol, Tobacco and Tax Unit, 200 North Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that Form 11 Special Tax Return must be filed with the Special Tax Unit of Internal Revenue Service prior to the issuing of a Federal Liquor Tax Stamp. Mr. PFIEFER pointed out that in the event such return were filed under the name of one person who was merely a "front" whereas in reality another person was the true owner and the individual liable for the Special Tax Return for the operation of a tavern, then the one making the return would be liable under Title 26, Section 7206, Paragraph 2, U. S. Code, for filing a false Special Tax Return and subject to \$5000 fine and/or three years imprisonment or both.

Mr. PFIEFER pointed out that no background information to any extent is obtained at the time of filing Form 11 merely requesting the name of the owner or partner, the trade name of the business, the address of the business and whether or not this is a new business, a renewal of tax stamp, a change of location or a change of ownership.

Miss KATHERINE BURKE, Special Tax Unit, Internal Revenue Service, 12th and Market Streets, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that a Form 11 Special Tax Return was filed under the name CAROL PEPPER, doing business as Jack's Place, 1982 Arsenal Street, St. Louis, Missouri. The tax was paid in the amount of \$31.50 for a retail liquor dealer class of tax. This return was signed CAROL PEPPER and under title of the individual signing this return the word owner is circled with the date being shown as November 27, 1967. The form is checked for a new business with the date of commencement shown as December 1, 1967. The date of issue is reflected as December 1, 1967, with the stamp number being reflected as 249659.

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JOHN DE LEONARDO, Credit Manager, General Motors Acceptance Corporation (GMAC), 8961 Page Boulevard, furnished the following information to SA EARL F. BROWN:

Contract number 3239 was signed by JOHN RAY, 1982 Arsenal, St. Louis, Missouri, as principal mortgagor on February 7, 1968, for an Ideal Draft Beer Cooler for a cash sale price of \$658 with a down payment of \$58. The terms of the chattel mortgage provide that payments of \$38 and one payment of \$34.94 are to be made, payable \$1.25 per day in the meter. The cooler is to be located at the Grape Vine, 1982 Arsenal. The seller was Frigid Sales and Service Corporation, 7589 Olive Boulevard, St. Louis. The signer as co-mortgagor was CAROL PEPPER, 2025 Bellevue, Maplewood, Missouri.

GMAC records reflect that CAROL PEPPER has a checking and savings account at Manufacturer's Bank, St. Louis, Missouri.

Since JOHN RAY is first signer of the mortgage, GMAC looks to him as being legally liable for payments on this cooler, which was sold by MIKE BURK of Frigid Sales, and who is said to be well acquainted with JOHN RAY.

GMAC records further reflect that CAROL PEPPER's husband is a plumber employed by New Market Hardware, Sarah and Laclede.

A Xerox copy of the chattel mortgage in question is attached.

On 4-26-68 at St. Louis, Missouri File # SL 44-775
by SA EARL E. BROWN /ral Date dictated 4-29-68

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The undersigned mortgagee, hereby purchases from the undersigned mortgagor, subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth below and upon the reverse side hereof, the property described below or in schedule attached hereto.

QUANTITY	NEW OR USED	MAKE	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY, INCL. SERIAL NUMBER Attach Separate List, if Necessary
1	used	Ideal Draft Beer Cooler	DDR-2R #FL29131 36700

For a TOTAL TIME SALE PRICE computed as follows:

1. CASH SALE PRICE \$ 658.00 (1)
2. TOTAL DOWN PAYMENT (Consisting of \$ (Net Trade-In) \$ (Cash)) \$ 58.00 (2)
- DESCRIPTION OF TRADE-IN: Make _____ Model _____ Year _____
3. DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ITEMS 1 and 2 \$ 600.00 (3)
- * 4a. CHARGE FOR CREDITOR INSURANCE ON LIFE OF MORTGAGOR (Include this item if mortgagor has authorized mortgagee to apply for the insurance) \$ 3.73 (4a)
- 4b. CHARGE FOR INSURANCE ON THE PROPERTY as described in Paragraph 11 on reverse hereof. (Include this item if mortgagor has authorized mortgagee to apply for the insurance) \$ 4.32 (4b)
5. OFFICIAL FEES \$ - (5)
6. PRINCIPAL BALANCE (Add items 3, 4a, 4b and 5) \$ 608.05 (6)
7. TIME CHARGE \$ 72.89 (7)
8. TIME BALANCE (Add items 6 and 7) \$ 680.94 (8)
9. TOTAL TIME SALE PRICE (Add items 2 and 8) \$ 738.94 (9)

The Time Balance is payable at the mortgagee's office designated below or at such office of any assignee as may be hereafter designated, in _____ instalments of \$ _____ each, commencing one month after delivery of the above property and on the same day of each successive month, or as indicated in space below. The final instalment payable hereunder shall equal the amount of the time balance remaining due.

Delivery Instructions and Description of Real Estate pursuant to Uniform Commercial Code.

Payable \$1.25 per day in the meter

- (a) Said property is to be delivered on or about Feb. 7, 1968, to and on the premises located (or to be erected) at Street and Number 1982 Arsenal Known as Grape Vine Section _____ Block Number _____ City St. Louis 4 County _____ State Mo. Name of record owner of premises _____
- (b) Mortgagee shall not be responsible for failure to deliver said property, or for any delay in delivering same, caused by the manufacturer thereof or due to strikes, fires or any other causes beyond seller's control.
- (c) Upon delivery of said property, mortgagor shall sign a delivery receipt, a form copy of which is herewith furnished to mortgagor, showing the date thereof and further identification of said property and the due date of the first instalment payable hereunder.
- (d) Special delivery instructions, if any: _____

Said property shall remain strictly personal property. Mortgagee (mortgagor) ★ agrees to put said property in place in the premises hereinabove mentioned and in connection therewith to couple said property with any pipes, tubing, conduits or wiring necessary for the use of same, in such manner as shall not interfere with ready inspection, service or repair of said property and as shall permit said property to be readily disconnected from such pipes, conduits, tubing or wiring and to be removed without injury to the premises. ★ (Strike out as applicable).

* According to terms and conditions set forth in policy or certificate of insurance issued by the insurer as checked below. If the insurance becomes effective, the term thereof shall commence on the date of this contract and continue until the date, but not later than the 15th () day after the date provided above for payment of the final instalment hereunder, on which the unpaid balance of the obligation hereunder is or becomes paid in full, unless the insurance is automatically terminated on an earlier date in certain other events. Reference is hereby made to the further statement of such insurance, including the further statement concerning the below designated maximum amounts of insurance, contained in Paragraph 16 on the reverse side hereof and hereby incorporated in this item.

Mortgagor Proposed For Life Insurance: The person whose name appears on line A below (co-mortgagor, if any, on line B, when mortgagor is a corporation or partnership).

☐ The Prudential Insurance Company of America, Newark, New Jersey, under its Group Policy No. GL-380. Under said group policy, maximum amount of insurance under this contract is \$7,500 and maximum aggregate amount of insurance under this and any other instalment contract of the mortgagor is \$15,000.

☐ (If Other Policy, Name Insurer) _____

MORTGAGOR'S DECLARATION OF GOOD HEALTH (Applicable Where a Charge Has Been Authorized in 4a Above and Insurance Under Prudential Group Policy GL-380 is Proposed)—I, the mortgagor proposed for life insurance, in order to induce Prudential to effect such insurance, do hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief I am now in good health. I hereby authorize any physician or hospital to disclose to Prudential all information concerning my medical history prior to the date of this contract.

(Home Office Address)
Under policy of above designated insurer, maximum amount of insurance under this contract is \$ _____ and maximum aggregate amount of insurance under this and any other instalment contract of the mortgagor is \$ _____.

Notice to the Buyer: 1. Do not sign this contract before you read it or if it contains any blank spaces. 2. You are entitled to an exact copy of the contract you sign. 3. Under the law you have the right to pay off in advance the full amount due and under certain circumstances to obtain a partial refund of the time charge. Executed in Quadruplicate, copy of which was delivered to, and receipt is hereby acknowledged by, mortgagor, this 7th day of Feb., 1968.

Mortgagor Signs in Ink [Signature]
Contract includes Good Health Declaration where applicable.

Co-Mortgagor Signs in Ink [Signature]
Contract includes Good Health Declaration where applicable.

Seller Signs in Ink [Signature]
FRAIGID SALES & SERV. CORP.

1982 Arsenal St. Louis, Mo. 63104
(Street) (Town) (State) (Postal Code)

2025 Bellevue Maplewood, Mo. 63143
(Street) (Town) (State) (Postal Code)

7589 Olive Blvd. St. Louis, Mo. 63130
(Street) (Town) (State) (Postal Code)

MORTGAGEE'S RECOMMENDATION, ASSIGNMENT AND GUARANTY

For value received, the undersigned does hereby sell, assign, and transfer to the General Motors Acceptance Corporation his, its, or their right, title and interest in and to the within entitled mortgage, herewith submitted for purchase by it, and the property covered thereby and authorizes said General Motors Acceptance Corporation to do every act and thing necessary to collect and discharge the same.

The undersigned certifies that said chattel mortgage arose from the sale of the within described property, warranting that title to said property was at time of sale and is now vested in the undersigned free of all liens and encumbrances; that said property is as represented to the mortgagor of said property by the undersigned and that statements made by the mortgagor of said property on the statement form attached hereto are true to the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned.

In consideration of the purchase of the above obligation by the General Motors Acceptance Corporation, the undersigned does hereby guarantee the payment of all deferred payments at the time and in the manner therein specified and covenants in default of the payment of any instalment thereof or performance of any requirement by the mortgagor to pay the full amount then remaining unpaid to the said General Motors Acceptance Corporation upon demand except as otherwise provided by the terms of the present General Motors Acceptance Corporation Retail Plan. Liability of the undersigned shall not be affected by any insolvency, compromise, settlement, extensions, or variation of terms of the within entitled mortgage effected with, or by the discharge or release of the obligation of the mortgagor or any other person interested, by operation of law or otherwise. The undersigned hereby does expressly waive and dispense with notice of acceptance of this guaranty, notices of non-payment and non-performance, notices of amount of indebtedness outstanding at any time, protests, demands, and prosecution of collection, foreclosure and possessory remedies, and the right to remove any legal action from the court originally assuming jurisdiction.

Mortgagee
By FRAIGID SALES & SERV. CORP.

By [Signature]
(If Corporation, Title)

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RE: RAY'S RELATIVE
JOHN LARRY RAY

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by SA
PATRICK W. BRADLEY:

On April 26, 1968, DEAN FERRY, Manager, Customer Service, Union Electric Company, advised that their company furnishes service to CAROL A. PEPPER, doing business as Jack's Place, 1982 Arsenal Street, however records of their company do not reflect how the monthly bill is paid. Mr. FERRY noted, however that the bill is current but could not actually establish whether or not it was paid by check or cash.

On April 26, 1968, HERMAN SCHAEFER, Beer Sales Manager, Joseph Schlitz Brewing Company, 1350 South Kings-highway, advised that their records reflect that Jack's Place, 1982 Arsenal Street is a cash on delivery stop, meaning that the driver assigned that route for a given day will pull up in front of the tavern, walk in and inquir of anybody that appears to be in control of the bar whether or not any delivery of beer is desired and if so, will deliver same and accept payment in cash from whoever appears to be behind the bar without any knowledge as to whether or not this is the owner of or operator of the tavern.

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RE: RAY'S RELATIVE
JOHN LARRY RAY

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted on
April 29, 1968, by SA PATRICK W. BRADLEY:

Mr. FRANK A. MILLER, JR., Vice President and Treasurer, and FRANK J. LESYNA, President, Miller-Scheer Realty and Insurance Company, 2846 California Street, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that this company owns the building where the Grapevine Tavern is located at 1982 Arsenal Street, St. Louis, Missouri, although this is leased in the name of SHARON M. STOCKMANN, as party of the first part, inasmuch as she is the secretary of this company and the property was held in her name. They pointed out that she is no longer employed with this company, however they have the records regarding the lease of the Grapevine Tavern.

Mr. LESYNA stated that he recalls JOHN RAY coming to the office with CAROL PEPPER to fill out the lease and although CAROL PEPPER's name was utilized in the lease and she signed the lease that it was actually JOHN RAY who was giving the orders. He pointed out that at this time and because of this he questioned JOHN RAY whether or not the individual had a police record because the lease was contingent on successfully obtaining a full liquor license. For this question JOHN RAY indicated he did not have a police record however, they wanted to put the building in CAROL PEPPER's name because there would be less problems that way, not further explained.

At the time of signing this lease they paid \$75 in the form of a check on the Manufacturers Trust Company signed by CAROL PEPPER and to the best of his recollection he believes that some \$245 in cash in advance payments was made by JOHN RAY although he could not definitely state this.

A notation in the file reflects JOHN RAY's telephone number as 771-2447, and he claimed he had previously worked as a caretaker on a golfing course, location not known.

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In addition to the above business located in this particular building, they also lease other parts of the building which includes address of 1978a Arsenal, 1976 Arsenal, 1982a Arsenal and 1978-80 Arsenal.

Mr. LESYNA advised that one EDWARD BAY rents 1978a Arsenal as a residence at the rate of \$35 a month; LOUIS CANGEMI rents 1976 Arsenal where he conducts a shoe repair business at the rate of \$25 per month; GEORGE HUHN rents 1982a Arsenal Street as a residence at \$35 a month; and ELEANOR OGLESBY rents 1978-80 Arsenal Street as a combination residence and 3-2 tavern which is only open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

Mr. LESYNA made available copies of the lease and application for tenancy which reflects as follows:

Commercial Lease indicates it was entered into the first day of October, 1967, between SHARON M. STOCKMANN and CAROL A. PEPPER, for the premises of the first floor store including the basement known as 1982 Arsenal Street, St. Louis, Missouri. This Commercial Lease indicates that the use of the premises is to be a business of a tavern having a full liquor license. The terms of the lease were for two years commencing the first day of October, 1967, and ending the 30th day of September, 1969, for a monthly rental of \$80 due on the first day of each month.

The leasee was granted a three year option of renewal under the same terms and conditions provided the leasee gives 60 days written notice regarding this, prior to the expiration of the current lease. This lease was contingent upon leasees ability to secure a full liquor license.

This lease is signed SHARON M. STOCKMANN as lessor and CAROL PEPPER as leasee.

The application for tenancy for the Grapevine Tavern, telephone number PR 6-9417 reflects that the premises are to be used as a full liquor tavern.

This application reflects the name CAROL A. PEPPER, 2025 Bellevue, Maplewood, Missouri, phone 645-2948 with the

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notation, new address September 22, 1967. Her husband's name is shown as ALBERT PEPPER with present address 1805 South 11th Street, St. Louis, Missouri, renting from one JOHN GAWON at a monthly rental of \$45. Character references shown as ALENA SUTTON, 7129 Leona Drive, and credit reference is reflected as Biederman Furniture Company, 11940 Manchester Road. The bank reference is shown as Manufacturers Bank and Trust Company, 1731 South Broadway. Place of employment of the husband, New Market Hardware Company, 4064 Laclede, for the past three years as a maintenance man. Number of members of the family is shown as four with a notation two boys, ages 5 and 3. This application reflects that they own a 1961 Plymouth automobile and have lived in St. Louis for the past ten years.

Notation at the bottom of the first page of this application for tenancy has written, JOHN RAY, 1912 California Avenue, however this is not written in specific answer to a given question merely written in the margin of this page. This application for tenancy is signed CAROL A. PEPPER and dated September 20, 1967.

At 4:03 p.m. on April 29, 1968, the white over light blue Thunderbird automobile, bearing Missouri license AE2-558 was observed parked on the west side of Illinois Avenue facing south approximately three car lengths south of Arsenal Street.

On April 29, 1968, ROBERT FOWLER, Security Department, Laclede Gas Company, advised that their records reflect that as of November 29, 1967, they agreed to furnish service to 1982 Arsenal Street, to new tenant, CAROL PEPPER.

He pointed out that they have no way of showing from their records how the monthly bill is paid, other than the fact that it is paid and is current.

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RE: PEPPER LIQUOR LICENSE

On May 7, 1968, St. Louis United States Attorney VERYL L. RIDDLE advised Special Agent HAROLD R. DOBSON that pursuant to a current project undertaken by his office to determine the nature and extent of criminal ownership of liquor dispensing establishments in the St. Louis Metropolitan area, which project has no relationship to this case, he had secured the cooperation of the United States Post Office and State Liquor Control Officials. The State Liquor Control Office has mailed extensive questionnaires to all liquor licensees located in St. Louis, St. Louis County and Jefferson County, Missouri, in which detailed information is requested as to ownership and other matters. The deadline for the return of such questionnaires was originally scheduled for May 1, 1968, but returns to date have been sparse which necessitated setting up a new dead-line of June 1, 1968.

Mr. RIDDLE stated that returns are to be forwarded to the State Liquor Control Office by mail and that false answers in such returns by certain target owners may cause presentation of the matter to a Federal Grand Jury to determine if furnishing false answers to the Liquor Control Office through the mail constitutes a scheme for use of the mail in furtherance of a scheme to defraud.

Mr. RIDDLE emphasized that questionnaires had been sent to all tavern owners in the area and that no individual owner would thereby feel he had been singled out for any special attention.

Mr. RIDDLE stated that he wanted to be sure that his project would not interfere with our investigation of this case in any way. He was confidentially advised of the identities of subject's brother and sister, JOHN RAY and CAROL PEPPER, as well as the name and location of the Grape Vine Tavern. He was further advised it does not appear his project would interfere with the investigation of this case.

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He stated that he would take care to see that any return concerning the Grape Vine Tavern received would be placed aside and that no action would be taken regarding it without first checking with this Office. Mr. RIDDLE emphasized his desire to be of any assistance possible in our investigation of this case.

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PREVIOUS THREATS TO DR. KING

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RE: PREVIOUS THREATS TO KING -
DELANO ELMER WALKER

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A review of the files of the St. Louis Division concerning DELANO ELMER WALKER on April 26, 1968, by Special Agent HAROLD R. DOBSON, disclosed that during 1965 WALKER reported that while drinking in a bar in St. Louis on November 9, 1965, he was approached by a single unidentified white male who talked about the racial situation and the possibility of his assassinating Reverend KING. He alleged that the individual gave him \$50.00 and indicated that he would contact him in a few days to make more definite plans. He stated that thereafter the same man contacted him on November 11, 1965, at his residence at Elvins, Missouri. and that he told the individual that he was not interested. The Chief of Police, Elvins, Missouri, interviewed WALKER's wife and neighbors on November 11, 1965, and they advised that no one had visited the WALKER residence on that date.

AT MOBERLY, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent WILLIAM R. DUNCAN:

WALKER was located at the Missouri Training School for Men, Moberly, Missouri, where he is serving a three-year sentence for assault. He was originally sentenced October 2, 1967, and was received at the Training School on November 14, 1967. The record indicated that during interview by prison officials on November 20, 1967, he mentioned several "bizarre incidents" including an allegation that he had been contacted to assassinate KING. Prison records indicate that WALKER has a history of mental illness.

He was interviewed on April 26, 1968, by Special Agent DUNCAN, at which time he advised that several months ago, while

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drinking in a bar in St. Louis two men talked to him about the racial situation and that one of them gave him \$50.00 and stated they would see him in a few days concerning the possibility of assassinating KING. Three or four days later three men in a new Buick automobile drove to his home at Elvins, Missouri, and he told them that he was not interested in their proposition. He claimed that his wife had also seen these men. He stated that shortly after the incident he had been taken to a State Mental Hospital at Farmington, Missouri.

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RE: PREVIOUS THREATS TO DR. KING -
BENNY K. PINKSTON, FBI NUMBER
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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A review of St. Louis file on April 27, 1968, by Special Agent HAROLD R. DOBSON disclosed receipt of information October 9, 1964, from the St. Louis, Missouri, Police Department, that captioned individual had been reported by the Police Department of Cairo, Illinois, to have threatened Dr. KING's life and to have consulted Attorney DAVID V. LANSDEN, Cairo, Illinois, as to what would happen to him if he killed KING. The Cairo, Illinois, Police Department indicated PINKSTON was reported to be in Sikeston, Missouri, when foregoing information was received.

The Little Rock, Arkansas, Division advised on August 18, 1967, that captioned individual, who is also known as B. K. PINKSTON, "HARDWALKER," "PREACHER," and "PROFESSOR," was described as a Negro male, born [redacted] at Forrest City, Arkansas, height - 5 feet 5 inches, weight - 140 pounds, brown eyes, black hair, medium build, with a two inch vertical scar on his forehead. His listed residence was given as Forrest City, Arkansas, but it was indicated he made frequent trips from there and that he had claimed to have traveled in Mexico extensively.

Files of the St. Louis, Missouri, Police Department, as examined on April 26, 1968, by Investigative Clerk JOHN D. DYER, JR., disclosed that BENNY J. PINKSTON, FBI Number 314 743 1, had been arrested by that Department on February 14, 1968, and charged with the possession of marijuana. The record indicated he had been released on bail March 13, 1968. At the time of the arrest he gave no St. Louis address but listed residences at 143 West Scott Street, Forrest City, Arkansas, and 143 West or South Cotton Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

PREVIOUS THREATS TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

By communication dated April 26, 1968, Indianapolis Office requested the St. Louis Office to furnish San Francisco a photograph of LAWRENCE DONALD STOUT, a subject of a former Bureau case, and possible co-conspirator in this case.

On April 27, 1968, Special Agent WALTER C. JOHNSON forwarded a 1953 photograph of LAWRENCE D. STOUT, Federal Bureau of Investigation Number 49 59 380, to San Francisco for their investigative assistance in determining if STOUT is a possible co-conspirator.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

BACKGROUND - JAMES EARL RAY

By communication dated April 25, 1968, Kansas City Office advised St. Louis that Mrs. JEAN PRANGER, Columbia, Missouri, knew an ex-convict by the name of JOHN RAY, whose wife was named LINDA. RAY at the time was under the supervision of State Parole Officer LEMUEL HARRY at Belleville, Illinois. HARRY currently employed at Brown Shoe Company, St. Louis, Missouri.

On April 27, 1968, LEMUEL HARRY, 112 South Eighth Street, Belleville, Illinois, employed at Brown Shoe Company, St. Louis, Missouri, advised Special Agent WALTER C. JOHNSON that he was a former State Parole Officer at Belleville, Illinois, from 1951 to 1953. He recalled LINDA RAY, a German war bride, worked under his supervision at Wohl Shoe Company, St. Louis, Missouri, about fourteen years ago but he did not know her husband or recall that he was a parolee under his supervision. He pointed out that fifteen years had elapsed since he was a Parole Officer and the names of parolees under his supervision had been forgotten.

JAMES EARL RAY was unknown to LEMUEL HARRY.