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12/15/67	278-9041	214-465-0015	
12/15/67	278-9086	214-748-5851	
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SAN FRANCISCO			
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Unless pertinent information is developed during the course of the investigation requested above which pertains to the San Antonio Division, it is not necessary to advise the San Antonio Division of the results.

#### ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

### Memorandum

**TO** : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 5/17/68

FROM : SA RICHARD E. FUGATT

SUBJECT: MURKEN

Re Serial # 898, Memo of SA WILLIAM B. WATTS, Jr.

On 4/26/68, SUF DUNCAN, Hostess, Yohannan's Restaurant, 144 14th St., NW, advised that the man she had referred to as having ordered breakfast, and than left without finishing it, had been alone. She stated that he had not even finished his cigarette, and that she mentioned this to him as he was leaving, but that he had merely stated that he was in a hurry. She stated that this incident had seemed quite strange to her, and that she and the short order cook, felt that he seemed to resemble the pictures of GALT or RAY, which they had seen.

Miss DUNCAN further advised that the man returned later in the afternoon and was with a woman and children whom she assumed would have been his family. She stated that upon noticing the man more closely at that time, she noted that he had long hair and did not appear to seem as nervous as he had. She also stated that she felt he was not ident with GALT after all.

Miss DUNCAN was shown photographs of RAY and stated she was quite positive he was not ident with the customer she had referred to.

On the same date, Miss REICY BLACKBURN, Clerk, Rodeway Inn, (adjacent Yohannan's) advised the man referred to by Miss BUNCAN was GORDON B. FOWLER, registered 4/19/68, and checked out 4/21/68, Room 117. The address on the card was given as 720 E. Park Avenue, Charlotte, N.C., 1966 Plymouth, N.C. license CL 3807.

advised on 5/10/68, that she had been present at the incident which SUF DUNCAN referred to, and had felt that the man was somewhat similar to GALT at the time. After viewing photographs of RAY, Miss DAVISON stated that she was quite sure that the man was not ident with RAY.

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs JACK T. BEVERSTEIN and JOSEPH G. SHEA.

On April 24, 1968, CARL GENE TAYLOR, also known as "Junior" TAYLOR, 185 W. Dixie Street, Marietta, Georgia, advised that the photo of JAMES EARL RAY did not resemble person known to him as "Red", who had stayed with LEWIE DOWDA a couple of weeks in approximately March, 1968. He stated person known to him as "Red" was a white male, approximately 6', 35 years of age, 185 pounds, and had bright red hair. He advised this person had come to Marietta, Georgia, with his wife and small baby and had resided with the DOWDAS at the Olive Spring Apartments.

TAYLOR advised he had been employed with DOWDA at the Bonanza Steak House in Marietta, Georgia. He advised he had never seen anyone resembling JAMES EARL RAY in the company of DOWDA. He stated during the Fall of 1967, DOWDA and his wife had traveled to California to visit her relatives and at no time did DOWDA ever mention contacting anyone he was acquainted with who could logically have been JAMES EARL RAY.

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On April 24, 1968, SAs JOSEPH G. SHEA and JACK T. BEVEESTEIN interviewed SAMUEL WEHUNT, 185 W. Dixie Street, Marietta, Georgia, former brother-in-law of LEWIS RAYMOND DOWDA. WEHUNT advised as follows:

DOWDA is presently in Cobb County Jail serving a twoyear sentence for robbery of Wilkeson Jewelers, Mableton, Georgia. WEHUNT advised photograph of JAMES EARL RAY did not resemble any person he had ever seen. He stated DOWDA's wife is presently residing with her father. RALPH J. GRAHAM, 65 Woodridge Drive, Marietta. WEHUNT advised during the latter part of November, 1967, DOWDA and his wife had left the Marietta, Georgia, area and traveled to California and returned. He did not know any details concerning this trip other than DOWDA and his wife were traveling in their Volkswagen and knew of no one who accompanied them. He stated he had learned from an individual known to him only as "Junior" that a man from Florida with his wife and child had visited DOWDA, staying for approximately two weeks. He stated this individual had left Marietta, Georgia, the first part of March, 1968. He stated "Junior" resides at 186 W. Dixie Street, also. WEHUNT advised DOWDA's parents had returned to Deland, Florida.

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On April 29, 1968, LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA was interviewed at the Marietta City Jail, Marietta, Georgia, by Special Agents RORERT B. PERRY, JAMES RICHARD FLICK and JACK T. BEVERSTEIN. DOWDA had been transferred to this jail due to an escape attempt by other prisoners at the Cobb County, Georgia, Jail.

DOWDA advised JAMES EARL RAY had been very close to (First Name Unknown) "PUNCHY" MILLER, an ex-boxer who had worked in the kitchen at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP). MILLER had been one of the leaders at the MSP and was removed from the kitchen after the accidental killing by him of another prisoner during a fight. DOWDA stated he had no knowledge that MILLER was engaged in the distribution of amphetamines at the prison. He stated MILLER was released from prison and went to a town located close to the MSP, where he started passing bad checks. BENJAMIN O. GOODIN, Supervisor in the MSP kitchen, tried to retric a these bad checks, but was unable to do so before MILLER was returned to prison for passing bad checks. DOWDA could not explain why GOODIN should make MILLER's checks good. DOWDA stated GOODIN had been in the U. S. Navy and had served aboard several ships which were sunk. He stated GOODIN reports to the Veterans Administration weekly and is on some kind of drugs, which he believes MILLER obtains by prescription. He advised RAY was not particularly close to LEO BARNETT. He stated LEO BARNETT's mother lives in Flat River, Missouri allies a mother, DARRELL BARNETT, who is in the MSP.

DOWDA advised that in April, 1967, he had taken a trip to Missouri and had gone to Flat River in an effort to locate LEO BARNETT. He stated BARNETT's mother told him LEO was serving time in the penitentiary in Florida. He stated he then returned to Georgia without seeing any of the guards or anyone else in Missouri. He advised on his return trip he had met "DINK" CHUMLEY in a bar in Alabama. He stated CHUMLEY was having trouble with his wife, who had burned all CHUMLEY's clothes and he was enroute to Georgia in an effort to get away from her. He stated CHUMLEY decided to come to Marietta, Georgia, with him, which he did. DOWDA stated the trip to Missouri only took him three days and again denied having contacted anyone else."

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DOWDA stated CHUMLEY stayed in the Atlanta area for several months and then left to go to South Carolina to see a girl friend. He advised CHUMLEY returned from South Carolina and told DOWDA that he had a job and was working somewhere in Atlanta, Georgia. DOWDA stated he has no idea concerning the present whereabouts of CHUMLEY.

DOWDA advised that RAY, while in prison, worked as a bread slicer and only earned between \$5 and \$6 per month, but never seemed to want for money. He stated RAY, while in prison, always wore his hair short. He stated RAY only mentioned two girls while in prison and from conversation, DOWDA felt RAY thought more of the girl he had met at Columbia, Missouri, than the girl he had met at the Gaslight.

DOWDA advised NEIL ABBY (phonetic) was COUT supplier of amphetamines in the MSP. He stated he believed ABBY's source was HAROLD SCHAEFER, a guard at the kitchen gate of the prison. He stated ABBB nearly ran the K Hall and after his transfer to C Hall, ABBY nearly ran it also. He stated ABBY could get his cell door open by guards anytime he wanted.

DOWDA advised the main supplier of amphetamines in MSP was a prisoner whose name he does not now recall. This person was known by two initials and he was serving a long sentence for the fatal shooting of a St. Louis police officer. He advised this person attempted to escape several times and was almost in complete charge of C Hall. He stated he had the run of the prison and had a pass to eat in the officers dining room, which he did most of the time. He was very close to Warden NASH and after NASH's suicide, tried unsuccessfully to get close to Warden SWINSON. He stated after Warden SWINSON took over, one-half pound of amphetamines were found in the trash can of this prisoner's This prisoner had six to eight prisoners puching the amphetamines for him. He stated he believed this prisoner obtained his drugs through a guard. He described this prisoner as a white male, approximately 32 - 33 years of age; 6' - 6' 1"; 180 pounds; black hair. He stated this prisoner was close to JAMES EARY RAY, as well as prisoners LEO BARNETT and MEIL ABBY.

DOWDA advised the only prisoners at the MSP whose addresses he had were for PAUL LAYL and LEO BARNETT. He

stated he had not obtained RAY's address, however, he feels RAY has his address in Florida, but would not know if he were in Marietta, Georgia.

DOWDA stated he had taken a trip to California during the Summer of 1965 and on this trip he had spent two or three days with a distant cousin , JACK HOLCOMBE, who resides at San Jose, California. He stated he had also visited a friend of his sister, one BEVERLY WHEELER, who is a nurse in a Los Angeles hospital. He stated it was on this trip that he got in trouble in Missouri and was sentenced to the MSP. DOWDA denied having returned to California the String of 1967. He stated that on his trip to California in the Fall of 1967, he had planned to call JEWEL RIGGER, psychiatrist at the Napa State Hospital located outside Santa Rosa, but had not made the call. He advised JEWEL RIGGER is the wife of an inmate at the MSP. He stated LLOYD A. BELT, Supervisor in the kitchen at the MSP resides at Henley. Missouri and on the trip to California, in the Fall of 1967. he had visited BELT.

DOWDA advised that within the MSP there are two gangs, one being from St. Louis and the other from Kansas City, Missouri. He stated there was a good deal of friction between these gangs and that RAY associated with the leaders of the St. Louis gang.

DOWDA advised he had talked to his wife concerning the reported visitor to his home at 2:00 A.M. on a morning in the Fall of 1967. He stated his wife claims she has no knowledge of anyone visiting their apartment at this time of the morning. DOWDA stated he has no idea who this person could be. DOWDA stated the resident manager of these apartments must have been mistaken. He stated the manager had not approached his wife concerning any person visiting their apartment at 2:00 A.M. in the morning.

DOWDA advised that during the period he worked at the Lane Liggett Drug Store, located on the corner of Peachtree and 10th Streets, he met many persons he felt were ex-cons, but denied ever being approached commerning source of drugs in this area. DOWDA stated he has no knowledge as to the persons who might be supplying drugs in that area.

He stated he is certain the druggist at the Lane Liggett Druge Store was not supplying these individuals. He recalled having talked to a man in his late 40s, approximately 5' 10", 150 - 155 pounds, having dark curly hair, with gray streaks, who had visited the restaurant in the drug store and had mentioned owning several rooming houses in the area. He advised he does not recall this person's name and had only the one contact with this individual. DOWDA advised the name JAMES GARNER sounded familiar to him and feels he has heard this name mentioned sometime in the past, possibly when he was employed at the restaurant in the Lane Liggett Drug Store. He advised he does not personally know JAMES GARNER and could furnish no information concerning him.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JACK T. BEVERSTEIN:

On April 25, 1968, EDITH BUSBY, Manager, Soda Fountain, Lane-Liggett Drugstore, 10th and Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia, advised LEWIE DOWDA had been employed as Manager of the Soda Fountain from December 23, 1967, to January 23, 1968, at which time DOWDA left, claiming he was going to move to Florida. She stated it is her understanding DOWDA is now employed at the Bonanza Steak House, Marietta, Georgia. BUSBY viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated she had never seen this individual. She advised no one has contacted her concerning the whereabouts of DOWDA.

On April 25, 1968, Dr. TOW CHOTOS, Hanager, Lane-Liggett Drugstore, 10th and Peachtree Street, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia, advised photograph of JAMES EARL RAY is unfamiliar to him. He stated no one has ever contacted him for instructions how to contact LEWIE DOWDA.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA RALPH E. WILLIAMS:

#### AT GREENSBORO, GEORGIA

On May 14, 1968, Greene County Sheriff L. L. WYATT, Greensboro, Georgia, advised that a Mrs. VANDIVER, who works at the Dollar Store, Greensboro, Georgia, had recently mentioned to him that she had seen an individual who appeared similar in appearance to the individual who has been publicized as being the person who assassinated Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

On May 14, 1968, Mrs. MARY JIM VANDIVER, who operates the Dollar Store, Greensboro, Georgia, advised that about one week after the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, an individual stopped at this store and purchased two white sweatshirts. During the time he was in the store, she was engaged in conversation with this individual, and he stated that he was from New York. She stated that his accent did not sound like a New York accent, and as a result she became suspicious of this person.

She stated that after he made his purchases, he left the store and drove away in a green Volkswagen, which had a license plate with the Fulton County, Georgia designation. She stated that when he left the store, he turned onto the highway going in the direction of Augusta, Georgia.

Mrs. VANDIVER stated that she later had the occasion to see a picture of the individual who reportedly assassinated Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, and she thought that the person who had bought the white sweat shirts at her store appeared similar to that person in description.

A recent photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was shown to on Mrs. VANDIVER, and after looking at this photograph carefully, she stated that she did not now feel that the person appeared as similar as she previously had thought. She stated that the hair-line on the individual who had stopped at her store was quite different from that in the photograph.

She stated that she had no more information regarding the individual who had stopped in the store. ////

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER dated 4/29/68 at New Orleans

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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.

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#### 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.

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.

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A review of unsolved Bank Robbery and Bank Burglary matters in the New Orleans Division revealed no unsolved cases in these categories since 4/23/67, in which latent fingerprints are suitable for comparison with the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY.

Law enforcement agencies in La. have been contacted to determine the possibility that RAY may have been involved in a burglary or robbery not within FBI jurisdiction and may be of interest to local police departments. Law enforcement agencies within the New Orleans Division have been contacted and some advise they maintain no unknown latent fingerprint file; however, others do maintain such a record. However, the unknown latent fingerprints of these agencies, when compared with the known fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, were determined not to be identical. The identities of the individuals and law enforcement agencies contacted are not being set forth in this report, but are being made a matter of record and kept on file in the New Orleans Office.

Investigation has also been conducted by the New Orleans Office at all known "hippie" rooming houses in residential areas in Louisiana, as well as similar establishments, in an effort to obtain any information concerning RAY. This investigation has been unproductive and the identities of the persons contacted, as well as the location, is not being set forth in this report, but is being kept in the New Orleans file in this matter.

All Agents of the New Orleans Office, including Resident Agents, have been instructed to alert all local and state law enforcement agencies to be on the alert for any stolen or abandoned vehicle found in Louisiana bearing Georgia license plate. A review has also been conducted of new ITSMV cases since 3/23/68 wherein the subject was not identified and the car was stolen in Georgia, in an effort to determine it there was any connection with the theft of this car and JAMES EARL RAY. To date, this review has been unproductive.

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For the information of the Bureau, the names and addresses of persons appearing on the registration cards of the Provincial Motel, New Orleans, La., for the period of December 17-19, 1967, were obtained. A communication has been sent to Offices covering the residences of these individuals with leads to locate and interview these individuals for any information and exhibit a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.

In an attempt to locate and identify JOE PARISH, who registered at the Provincial Motel during the pertinent period, Mrs. DOROTHY ARENDT, Postal Clerk, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, Post Office (protect) advised on May 10, 1968, that a review of the records of her agency revealed that no individual by the name of JOE PARISH was receiving mail in Belle Chasse, Louisiana, area.

As indicated in the details of this report it is apparent that JAMES EARL RAY was in New Orleans, Louisiana, on the evening of March 21, 1968. In an effort to determine if RAY may have stayed in New Orleans on this evening, the following investigation was conducted:

Registration cards for motels and hotels located in the New Orleans French Quarter as well as motels located on Tulane Avenue, which is located adjacent to the downtown area and motels located along U. S. Highway 90 East, also known as Chef Menteur Highway, were checked for the period 3/17-24/68. No registration card for RAY under his true name or known aliases could be located. The identities of the persons contacted or motels or hotels, are not being set forth, but are being made a matter of record in the New Orleans file in this matter.

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### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date:

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Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title:

JAMES EARL RAY

IO #4182, WF #442-A;

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

(Deceased) - VICTIM

Character

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;

UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

#### Synopsis:

Employees of Provincial Motel Cafe, New Orleans, contacted and exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY with negative results. Relatives and acquaintances of CHARLES STEIN and MARIE MARTIN interviewed. Some recall STEIN appearing in New Orleans in December, 1967, as well as observing an individual with STEIN who was introduced to them by STEIN variously as ERIC or GALT. STEIN indicated this person had driven him from Los Angeles to New Orleans. These persons state that GALT was uncommunicative and they had little contact with him. tion has determined that a cardboard box for daughter of MARIE STEIN was delivered to relative of STEINS in New Orleans sometime between 3/17 and 24/68, probably on 3/21/68. Relative who accepted box could not identify photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as person delivering box. Relatives and acquaintances of CHARLES STEIN and MARIE MARTIN provided no information which could assist in location of JAMES EARL RAY. Motels and hotels in New Orleans French Quarter as well as other areas of New Orleans for the period of 3/17-24/68 were checked; however, no registration card for RAY under true name or known aliases were located. Investigation at rooming houses New Orleans negative. Manifests of passengers on Delta Airlines flight 106 for 4/5,6/68 examined; however, there was no record of RAY under his true name or known aliases. Members of crews of these flights exhibited photographs of RAY with negative results. Telephone calls to Lake Charles, La., on 12/17/67; to Shreveport, La., on 12/15/67 from Yuma, Airzona; to Greenwood, La., from Alpine, Texas, apparently have no relationship to subject. RAYMOND HENRY

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STARNS stated he is unaware of any alleged assassination plot in Baton Rouge, La., area where businessmen had allegedly taken up a collection of money. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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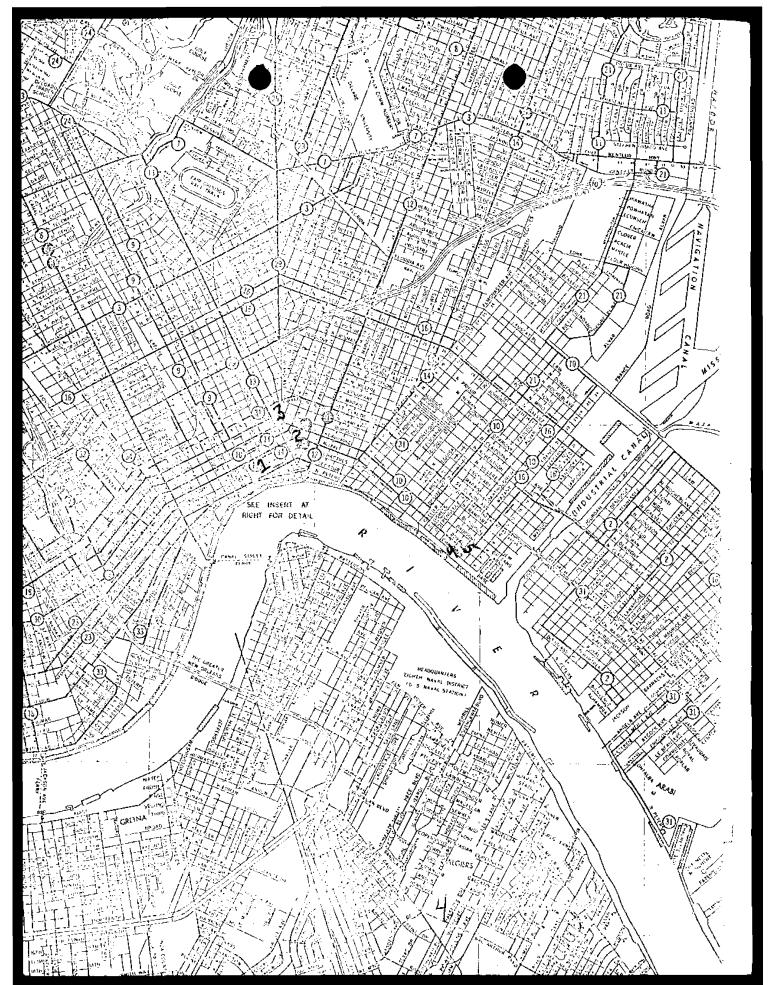
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DETAILS:

## CITY MAP OF NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, AREA showing alleged points of contact by JAMES EARL RAY

- 1) Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street
- 2) OLONZO Residence, 1907 Royal Street
- 3) Former Residence of MARIE LEE, 1429 Burgundy Street, in December, 1967
- 4) CALLOWAY Residence, 609 Bartholemew Street
- 5) RODRIGUEZ Residence, 4019 Royal Street



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

Previous investigation has determined that the individuals whose identities are set forth in the following pages of this report were either working at the motel or a guest at the motel during the pertinent period.

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GLORIA YOUNG, waitress, Provincial Motel Cafe, 1024 Chartres Street, was contacted concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

She advised that she was working at the cafe during the period December 17 to 19, 1967 but that she could not recall anyone using the name ERIC GALT.

She was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY at which time she advised that she did not recognize this individual as anyone she had seen at the cafe or anywhere else other than in the newspapers.

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BEVERLY WILLIAMS, waitress, Provincial Motel Cafe, 1024 Chartres Street, was contacted concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

She advised that she was working at the cafe during the period December 17 to 19; 1967 but that she could not recall anyone using the name ERIC GALT.

She was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY at which time she advised that she did not recognize this individual as anyone she had seen at the cafe or anywhere else other than in the newspapers.

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YVONNE RILEY, waitress, Provincial Motel Cafe, 1024 Chartres Street, was contacted concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

She advised that she was working at the cafe during the period December 17 to 19, 1967 but that she could not recall anyone using the name ERIC GALT.

She was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY at which time she advised that she did not recognize this individual as anyone she had seen at the cafe or anywhere else other than in the newspapers.

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EVELYN REVERTIGA, owner, Provincial Motel Cafe, 1024 Chartres Street, was contacted concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

She advised that she was working at the cafe during the period December 17 to 19, 1967 but that she could not recall any guests named ERIC GALT. She advised that she does not generally get to know the guests personally.

She was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY at which time she advised that she did not recognize the photograph as resembling anyone she had seen in person or served in the cafe.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA PATRICK J. DENTE at New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 10, 1968:

Mr. ROLAND CHIARA, apartment house owner, 716 Governor Nichols, advised that Mr. ARCHIE A. CASBARIAN no longer resides at this address but can be located at the Royal Orleans Hotel where he is employed as Assistant General Manager.

Mr. ARCHIE A. CASBARIAN, Assistant General Manager, Royal Orleans Hotel, advised that he recalls spending the night of December 19, 1967, at the Provincial Motel on Chartres Street. Mr. CASBARIAN advised that he checked into the motel late at night, spent a few hours, and checked out early the next morning and does not recall talking to anyone during his stay. He advised that he does not recollect observing JAMES EARL RAY at the motel during the night of December 19, 1967. Mr. CASBARIAN further stated that he could furnish no information whatsoever regarding the subject at the Provincial Motel.

On the same date the following individuals advised that a search of the files of their respective agencies revealed no record identifiable with one JOE PARISH:

B. T. KAYLOR New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau

Cadet PATRICK J. HORRIGAN Record Section New Orleans Police Department

Mrs. ALICE DORAN Bureau of Identification New Orleans Police Department

The following investigation was conducted at Belle Chasse, Louisiana, on May 10, 1968:

Deputy P. AULO, Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office, advised that he knows of no individual residing in the Belle Chasse area with the name of JOE PARISH.

A review of the Southern Bell Telephone Directory for New Orleans, Louisiana, and the 1968 Polks Directory for New Orleans Suburb revealed no listing for a JOE PARISH.

INTERVIEWS WITH
RELATIVES AND ACQUAINTANCES OF
CHARLES J. STEIN AND MARIE MARTIN
AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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. Mrs. LORRAINE ERNESTINA CALLOWAY, 609 Bartholomew Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that she is the wife of LLOYD CALLOWAY, who resides with her at the Bartholomew Street address. Mrs. CALLOWAY stated that she is the mother of MARIE MARTIN, who currently resides in Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. CALLOWAY stated that she is aware that during recent months her daughter, MARIE MARTIN, has sent to New Orleans, on two different occasions, two boxes of clothing belonging to MARIAN de GRASSE, eighteen year old daughter of MARIE MARTIN, and who resides part time with friends - 2529 Cambronne Street, New Orleans, as well as with Mrs. CALLOWAY at the Bartholomew Street residence.

In connection with the delivery of the two boxes of clothing, Mrs. CALLOWAY advised as follows:

Mrs. CALLOWAY received a telephone call from MARIF MARTIN sometime in earl, February, 1968, advising her that she was sending, with a fraction, a box of clothing belonging to MARIAN de GRASSE. On a Sunday afternoon, at approximately 2:00 P.M., about a week or two prior to St. Patrick's Day, Mrs. CALLOWAY was sitting on her front porch when she observed a small white vehicle go past her residence the wrong way on a one-way street. She stated that this car, after it had passed her residence, turned around in a driveway and then parked directly in front of her residence. CALLOWAY recognized the driver of this car to be her nephew. CHARLES STEIN, whom she had not seen for approximately three years, and who, for the past several years, has been a resident of Los Angeles, California. CHARLES STEIN alighted from the car and obtained a cardboard box from either inside the car or the trunk of the car, this point not specifically recalled by CALLOWAY. STEIN carried the box up to the front porch and placed it along side CALLOWAY. CALLOWAY invited STEIN and an individual, whom she observed to have remained in the right front side of the vehicle, into the house for a cup of coffee. STEIN thereupon called to his companion if he cared to come in for a cup of coffee and this individual stated he did not care to come in.

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CALLOWAY is unable to furnish a description of the individual who remained in the car, other than his being a white male with dark hair. CALLOWAY recalled that this individual was sort of hunched up in the seat and looked as though he were somewhat cramped from a long drive. CALLOWAY did not observe this individual to turn his face in her direction.

STEIN advised that his companion was tired after a long trip and wanted to take a bath and that therefore he and his friend would go on, but that he, STEIN, would drop back. CALLOWAY stated that STEIN did not return and she has not seen him since that occasion. CALLOWAY stated that she subsequently made telephonic contact with MARIAN de GRASSE within a day or two after delivery of the box and advised her that the box of clothing which her mother had sent from Los Angeles, had arrived at the CALLOWAY residence.

In connection with the second box of clothing, CALLOWAY remembers that MARIE MARTIN telephonically contacted MARIAN de GRASSE and told her that she was sending a second box of clothing with a friend and that it would arrive in New Orleans, in a few days. CALLOWAY stated that she subsequently learned from her daughter-in-law, DELIA RODRIGUEZ, who resides at 4019 Royal Street, New Orleans, and which residence is just around the corner from the CALLOWAY residence, that the second box of clothing had been delivered to 4019 Royal Street. CALLOWAY was unable to recall any date that this second box arrived, but thinks that it was probably sometime around the middle of March, 1968. The second box was delivered to the CALLOWAY residence by DELIA RODRIGUEZ.

DELIA RODRIGUEZ and her husband, HERBERT RODRIGUEZ, son of CALLOWAY, reside at 4019 Royal Street, New Orleans, which is the residence of THERESA STONE, daughter of Mrs. CALLOWAY, CALLOWAY understands from DELIA RODRIGUEZ that THERESA STONE was not at home when the second box was delivered.

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LLOYD CALLOWAY is a seaman who is currently employed by the Strachen Steamship Lines in New Orleans, and who is currently aboard the "Overseas Rose" vessel which is on a trip to Hawaii, and Viet Nam.

LLOYD CALLOWAY had been on an ocean trip from November, 1967, to March 2, 1968, and then departed on the current trip on March 5, 1968, from which he has not yet returned.

CALLOWAY, by her own admission, possesses a poor recall as to dates.

CALLOWAY advised that she has the following relatives living in the New Orleans area:

HERBERT RODRIGUEZ, 4019 Royal Street, New Orleans, who is currently unemployed, but is a former boxer and ex-bartender in the French Quarter (son);

DELIA (DALE) RODRIGUEZ, wife of HERBERT RODRIGUEZ, and who lives with her husband at the Royal Street address (daughter-in-law);

Mrs. THERESA STONE, 4019 Royal Street (daughter), who is reportedly employed as a barmaid at the Backstage 500 Lounge in the French Quarter;

KENNETH STONE (son-in-law), currently incarcerated at Angola State Prison on a robbery charge, where he has been confined for approximately the past five months; and

Mrs. CLOVINA QLONZO,  $1907^1_2$  Royal Street (sister); QLONZO is the mother of CHARLES STEIN.

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CALLOWAY advised after a review of photographs of JAMES FABL RAY that to the best of her knowledge she had never seen this individual.

CALLYWAY said she is unable to furnish the names of any friends of CHARLES STEIN who currently reside in New Orleans.

CALLOWAY furnished her telephone number as 949-5150.

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MARIAN de GRASSE, eighteen year old daughter of MARIE MARTIN, and granddaughter of LORRAINE CALLOWAY, was interviewed at the residence and in the presence of LORRAINE CALLOWAY, 609 Bartholomew Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. de GRASSE advised as follows:

de GRASSE lived with her mother on Delongpre Street, Los Angeles, California, from a period of July, 1966, to August, 1966, and again from a period of February 16, 1967, to late April, 1967. During this last period of residence in Los Angeles, she lived with her mother on Fargo Street, Los Angeles. de GRASSE has no recollection of exact addresses, but does recall that she and her mother lived in the first floor of an apartment house on Delongpre Street, located near Fontain Avenue, and that they occupied a house on Fargo Street during the last visit.

de GRASSE, who had intended to attend high school in Los Angeles, and did attend Marshall High School in Los Angeles, for one or two days, discovered that she did not like the high school or Los Angeles as a city, and thus the reason for her return to New Orleans.

de GRASSE has, since her last return from Los Angeles received two boxes of clothing and personal effects from her mother and which clothing and personal effects she had left behind when she departed for New Orleans. The first box was received by de GRASSE about two weeks after December 11, 1967, which date MARIAN reentered high school in New Orleans, and thus the reason why she remembers the approximate time that she received the first box of clothing.

On March 16, 1968, de GRASSE received a telephone call from her mother in Los Angeles, at which time her mother advised her that she was sending, with a friend, a second box of clothing and that the name of this friend is ERIC. The mother stated that the box probably would arrive in a couple of days. de GRASSE remembers the exact date of this

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phone call because she recalls mentioning to her mother that her grandmother, LORRAINE CALLOWAY, would be coming to dinner on St. Patrick's Day. de GRASSE, at this time, and also at the present time, is residing with friends at 2529 Cambronne Street, New Orleans, and this is the location where she received the telephone call from her mother.

de GRASSE actually received the second box on March 24, 1968, and further that she received this box from LORRAINE CALLOWAY, and that LORRAINE CALLOWAY had indicated that the box had been delivered to the residence of THERESA STONE and then subsequently brought to the CALLOWAY residence by DALE RODRIGUEZ. de GRASSE remembers the date March 24, 1968, because she made a note in her diary under this date that she had received a box of clothing from her grandmother.

de GRASSE recalls that both boxes had been wrapped in brown wrapping paper which she says has now been thrown away and that she seems to recall that the second box had been open, with the brown wrapping paper torn when she received it. The boxes were both cardboard and have since been disposed of.

de GRASSE recalls that the first box contained a picture album of photographs that she had taken of scenic views and of friends in the Los Angeles area, as well as dresses, shoes, and perfumes.

de GRASSE recalls that the second box, which she thinks was perhaps a box originally utilized for cartons of Kent cigarettes, contained some of her phonograph records, skirts, blouses, shoes, boots, and some old hair dressing which she said she threw away because it was not sufficiently fresh.

de GRASSE, while residing with her mother in Los Angeles, never heard the name ERIC GALT mentioned and upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY stated that she had never before seen this individual.

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de GRASSE recalls seeing CHARLES STEIN on occasion in Los Angeles, but has not seen him since her last departure from California.

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DELIA RODRIGUEZ, 4019 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that she is the wife of HERBERT RODRIGUEZ and that she is normally called DALE RODRIGUEZ. RODRIGUEZ further stated that she resides at 4019 Royal Street, with her busband, but that this residence is the home of her sister-in-law, THERESA STONE.

At the time of interview, RODRIGUEZ stated that she was home alone with her seven months old daughter and that her husband and THERESA STONE had gone out for the evening.

RODRIGUEZ acknowledged that just before the arrival of the interviewing Agents, she had received a telephone call from her mother-in-law, LORRAINE CALLOWAY, advising her that the interviewing Agents would contact her within a few moments.

Mrs. RODRIGUEZ advised as follows:

Some time in February, or March, 1968, during the early evening hours, her husband accepted a telephone call from a male individual who stated that he would deliver that evening a box of clothing from MARIE MARTIN in Los Angeles, California. RODRIGUEZ and her husband waited until about 10:00 P.M., and when the clothing did not arrive they went to bed. At approximately 10:30 P.M., a knock was heard at the front door and DALE RODRIGUEZ answered the door. A white male, small in stature and "shaggy looking" was standing in front of the door with a box which he handed to RODRIGUEZ with the comment that "Here is the box of clothing." RODRIGUEZ accepted the box, expressed her thanks, and closed the front door.

RODRIGUEZ recalled that at the time this individual appeared it was raining and quite windy out. She did not see anyone with the individual at the door and did not observe any vehicle. She had not ever seen this individual before. RODRIGUEZ subsequently recalled that the individual was not very tall, that he possessed "springy dark hair" and was possibly wearing a dark colored coat. She does not recall a hat.

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RODRIGUEZ viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that the individual who appeared at the door was older, possibly in his late forties or early fifties, and that she did not recognize the photographs of RAY at all as any person she had ever seen previously.

RODRIGUEZ denied that she possessed any information concerning the telephone call that her husband had taken earlier in the evening concerning the delivery of the box of clothing.

RODRIGUEZ stated her husband, HERBERT, is currently unemployed, but had previously been a carnival worker. She denied that she had any idea where her husband or THERESA STONE could be located and stated she did not know if they would return to the racidence that evening or even if they would return the following day. RODRIGUEZ steadfastly maintained that she did not possess any specific recall as to the month or date that the box of clothing was delivered by the male individual.

RODRIGUEZ further maintained that she does not recall who picked the box of clothing up from the residence for delivery to MARIAN de GRASSE, daughter of MARIE MARTIN. RODRIGUEZ advised that THERESA STONE is currently employed as a barmaid at the Backstage 500 Bar in the French Quarter.

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Mr. HERBERT RODRIGUEZ, 4019 Royal Street, stated that he recalls receiving a telephone call sometime in the evening within the last two months from an unknown male. In explanation RODRIGUEZ stated he had just recently returned to New Orleans that day from a two-day hard driving road trip and that normally it took him a day or two to relax from such a trip and stated he was at the time of the phone call still "punchy." It is noted that RODRIGUEZ is a former professional boxer.

In further recollection concerning the telephone call RODRIGUEZ stated he could only recall the individual asking him for his address and that he was bringing a box. RODRIGUEZ was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated he could not recall ever seeing such an individual.

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Mrs. DALE RODRIGUEZ, wife of HERBERT RODRIGUEZ, 4019 Royal Street, stated that upon further recollection from her previous interview the night before, stated that both she and her husband, after receiving a telephone call from an unknown male, who advised he was bringing a box, stayed up until approximately 10:00 or 10:30 p.m. that evening and thereafter went to bed. Approximately onehalf hour later she recalls someone knocking at the door and that her husband stated he did not wish to be bothered by any visitors and that thereafter she answered the door. accepted the box, which she described as an opened box similar to a canned goods box one would receive from a grocery store to carry home purchases. She stated she recalled asking the individual how MIMI was and could recall no further conversation. She stated she did not let him in the house or turn on any lights. She further recalled that at this time it was raining and windy. stated that she felt the individual was approximately 5°7" to 5°8" tall and could not identify any photographs of RAY.

She further recalled that Mrs. LORRAINE CALLOWAY, mother of her husband, HERBERT RODRIGUEZ, came by their residence approximately two days later when she was bringing THERESA STONE's daughter, DENISE, homefrom school; and, at this time, picked up the box and took it back to her, MRS. CALLOWAY's residence. Mrs. RODRIGUEZ stated she had no knowledge of RAY's previous trip to New Orleans with STEIN in Pecember, 1967. She stated she did not see STEIN and if she knew of the trip it would have been by word of mouth from her sister-in-law, THERESA STONE.

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HAROLD MONROE, Meteorologist, United States Weather Bureau, Federal Building, 701 Loyola Avenue, furnished a local climatological data sheet which reflects weather conditions for the month of March, 1968.

This sheet reflected that the only measurable rain fall occuring during the period from March 17, 1968, through March 24, 1968, occurred between 10:00 AM, March 21, 1968, and 12:00 noon, March 22, 1968.

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TRERESA STONE, residing 4019 Royal Street, and employed at the 500 Back Stage in the French Quarter, advised that she recalls approximately one month ago seeing a box sitting in the living room of her residence with some clothes and other items which she could not recall. She stated that she subsequently learned from her brother or sister-in-law that these were items of clothes for MIMI's daughter, MARTAN DEGRASSE.

Mrs. STONE stated that this is the only box of clothing she saw or knew about. However, she recalls that in the middle or latter part of December, 1967, and places the date as December 18 because she does not work on Sundays or Tuesdays, which would be December 17 and 19 respectively, being at her cousin, MARTE LEE's residence in the 1400 block of Burgundy Street. She stated at this time she was there to see her other cousin. CHARLIE STEIN and recalls STEIN receiving a phone call from an unnamed individual which resulted in STEIN asking her the direction for this person to reach the Burgundy Street address. She does not recall now where STEIN stated this individual was located at the time of the call. She further recalls that this was in the vicinity of 9:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter, and that she was anxious to leave for work. She stated she left the residence and while standing by the street in front of the residence a white male and vadual approached them and was introduced to her by (BARLLE STEIN. She recalled that she immediately left for ner place of employment and did not take notice of the name of the individual or any particular descriptive data concerning him. Mrs. STONE was unable to recognize any of the photographs of RAY as the individual to whom she was introduced by STEIN. She further recalled that her cousin, MaRiff iEE, was still at the residence when she, STONE, left.

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Mrs. LORRATNE CALLOWAY, 609 Bartholomer, advised upon recollection that sometime approximately a month ago she brought DENTSE STONE, THERESA STONE'S daughter, to the STONE residence and at this time picked up a box which was for MARTAN LECRASSE and took it back to her house on Burgondy Street. Approximately two days later she gave it to MARTAN.

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MARIE LEE, 2001 Claire Avenue, Gretna, Louisiana, telephone 367-0971, advised she is a sister of CHARLES STEIN, and she formerly resided at 1429 Burgundy Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

LEE stated that in December, 1967, the exact date unrecalled, her brother, CHARLES STEIN, came to stay with her. She advised STEIN stayed for three days and two nights. She advised STEIN came into New Orleans late one evening, and was to leave the following day, but his plans were changed, and he stayed one additional day.

She advised that STEIN came to New Orleans to pick up RITA STEIN's two children, and transport them back to Los Angeles, California. She advised that while in New Orleans, STEIN stayed at her residence on Burgundy Street.

She advised that she did not see the individual that brought STEIN to her residence, but she was later introduced to this individual, who was identified by STEIN, as ERIC GALT.

She advised she questioned STEIN about his travel to New Orleans, and was advised by STEIN that MARIE MARTIN had overheard an individual in California, state that he was going to New Orleans for a day on business, and MARIE approached this individual and arranged for STEIN to ride with him to New Orleans. STEIN advised LEE that he did not know this individual before this time.

LEE advised on the second day of STEIN's visit, he became worried that the individual who transported him to New Orleans, might leave him or forget where to pick him up, so STEIN called the Provincial Motel, and asked this individual to come to his sister's home, so he would be sure and know exactly where to pick him up. She stated about five minutes after this call, an individual driving a white Mustang pulled up in front of her residence. She stated that when this car pulled up, she and her brother, CHARLES STEIN, were standing on the porch. The driver of the white Mustang

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walked up to the front porch, and STEIN said "ERIC say hello to MARIE". LEE advised that she acknowledged the introduction, but ERIC did not say anything. ERIC merely leaned against the post on the porch, and kept looking at the ground. She stated she talked to her brother for several moments, and then her brother asked if he was going to leave and RRIC replied "Well I don't know". She advised that she had to go shopping, so she left, and when she returned, in about an hour, ERIC had departed, and CHARLES was in her home watching television.

LEE advised the white Mustang, driven by ERIC GALT, bore a white license plate, state and number unknown. She described GALT as an extremely quiet individual, with no distinguishing characteristics, with the exception of a long skinny nose. She described GALT as a white male, 30 to 33, 5'10", medium build, light hair, and having a long skinny nose.

She stated that STEIN informed her that GALT did not permit him to spend any money on the trip, and GALT paid for everything, but his method of payment was not known to her. LEE advised that she has not heard from or seen STEIN or GALT since that time, and does not know of any additional trips that GALT may have made to New Orleans since that time.

She advised that she did not see Galt, with the exception of the one encounter on the porch of her residence. She stated that when GALT came to pick up STEIN and the two children, he did not get out of the car, but merely pulled up in front of her residence, and honked the horn, and she told her brother, "CHARLIE, ERIC is here." She stated she did not leave the residence, and that CHARLES STEIN and the two children entered GALT's car, and they departed.

She advised that MARIE MARTIN has several relatives that live in the New Orleans area, one of which is her sister, THERESA STONE, who lives on Bartholonew Street, and also MARTIN has a daughter in New Orleans, named MARIAN deGRASSE, whose residence she did not know.

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RAY CHARLES STEIN, Jr. and his mother Mrs. MARIE STEIN MC LEOD, 3426 Peoples Avenue, were interviewed in the New Orleans Office, on April 26. 1968, by SA PHILLIP M. KING.

STEIN advised that he recalls last seeing his father on the Sunday, approximately one week before Christmas, 1967. He stated at this time he went to his aunt's residence, MARIE STEIN LEE, in the 1400 block of Burgundy Street. The only conversation he can recall having with his father concerning his trip from California, was that he asked his father how he arrived here and he was informed that he "got a ride." He further recalls at this time his father stating that he would be here for one or two days at most. STEIN stated that the name of ERIC or CALT was never mentioned by his father to him. nor any other information concerning the individual who drove his father to New Orleans. He stated he next saw his father at the same address on the afternoon of the following day. On this occasion STEIN stated there was no conversation by his father concerning the identity or any comments about the individual who brought his father to New Orleans. He does recall his father stating that he thought he would return to Los Angeles the following day.

STEIN resides with his mother and has so resided since he was seven months old.

Mrs. MARIE STEIN MC LEOD stated that she and her former husband, CHARLES STEIN, SR., have been separated since CHARLES STEIN, JR. was seven months old, and that the son does not see the father normally more than once a year at most.

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ANTHONY CHARLES DE CARVELHO, 2006 Iowa Street, Kenner, Louisiana, telephone number 729-4479, advised that CHARLES STEIN, came to New Orleans the week before December 24, 1967. He advised sometime during this week, the exact date unrecalled, he found a mote in his doorway from STEIN, which read, "Didn't find you at home, call me at'MARIE's". He stated he immediately called MARIE LEE, STEIN's sister, and then travelled to her home on Burgundy Street, to see CHARLES STEIN, who he has known for twenty years, and is a very close friend.

He stated when he arrived at MARIE LEE's house, to see STEIN, STEIN was wearing a beard, and immediately began talking to him about his new philosophy, "Cosmic Philosophy", which involves believing in space ships, space people on earth, and attempts to get closer to the Creator. He stated they held several long discussions about this philosophy, and due to his curiosity, he kept interrupting and asked STEIN how STEIN got to New Orleans. STEIN stated "The Creator provided for him ", and by this comment STEIN meant that he had travelled from Los Angeles to New Orleans with a man he identified as GALT. STEIN advised DE CARVELHO that GALT was travelling through New Orleans to go to Mississippi or Alabama on business, and dropped him off, and would pick him up on his way back to Los Angeles. DE CARVELHO advised that STEIN did not mention anything else about GALT's background, other than the fact that GALT paid for almost everything on the trip with the exception of several motel bills, that were paid for by STEIN. DE CARVELHO advised that STEIN had only about \$30.00 in his possession, and he offered to give STEIN a loan, but STEIN declined, stating that he was no longer interested in material wealth, only in the "Cosmic Philosophy".

STEIN advised DE CARVELHO that he was on the threshold of converting GALT to the "Cosmic Philosophy", but he had to overcome a mental block that GALT possessed, and he hoped to complete the conversion on the return trip to Los Angeles.

STEIN advised him that GALT was a poor driver, and on one occasion he fell asleep at the wheel, ran off the road, and almost ran off a cliff. STEIN advised DE CARVELHO there was

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