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Date April 23, 1968

Mr. JERRY RAYNES, Route 2, Center, Missouri, was contacted at his residence. Both interviewing agents identified themselves to him by exhibition of their credentials and he was advised by SA DUFFEY that they desired to interview him concerning JAMES EARL RAY, who was believed to be his son. He was told of the seriousness of the investigation and of the provisions of the harboring statute by SA DUFFEY.

Mr. RAYNES stated he would willingly cooperate and conducted the agents through the bedroom and into the kitchen in order that they might see no one else was at the home.

Mr. RAYNES stated he is 69 years of age having been born [redacted] He was married to one LUCILLE MAKER, now deceased. Eight children were born to this marriage. Mr. RAYNES stated that his memory was somewhat fuzzy and that he experienced difficulty in recalling specific events. He stated that he doubted that all the children were his but was of the opinion that JAMES EARL, who had been born in Alton, Illinois, in 1928, was his own child. He stated he knew nothing whatever of JOHN. One son, FRANKLIN, also known as "BUZZY" or "BULL", was killed in an accident at Quincy, Illinois, in about 1958. He has another son, JERRY, who is currently living in Chicago, Illinois. He has a daughter, CAROL PEPPER, who lives on Belleview Avenue in Maplewood, Missouri, and another daughter, MELBA RAY, whom he believed currently resides in Quincy, Illinois. He stated that MELBA was a mental case who had received treatment in the Illinois State Hospital at Jacksonville, Illinois. He recalled that

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Mr. RAYNES stated he had little contact with his children during the past 17 years, except for CAROL. To the best of his recollection he last saw JAMES EARL RAY, 17 years ago and has had no direct contact with him since. He was aware that subject had been in the penitentiary from news items and from information he had received from the children's mother, LUCILLE. He stated that she had become an alcoholic

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by SA WILLIAM R. DUNCAN SA HAROLD R. DOBSON
SA JAMES A. DUFFEY HRD/leh Date dictated 4/20/68

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

He stated that he does no approve of subject's actions, is afraid of him, and what the publicity is doing to his daughter, CAROL, and her family. He stated that if he should hear anything about the subject's whereabouts he will advise the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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JERRY RAYNES

AT CENTER, MISSOURI

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

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

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

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

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

RAY RELATIVES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Relative: JERRY RAYNES, Father

AT CLARENCE, MISSOURI

Mr. LLOYD SMITH, owner of the Smith Clothing Company, and Mr. FLOYD SCHOONOVER, President of the Clarence State Bank, advised SA JAMES A. DUFFEY on April 25, 1968, that they were not acquainted with anyone named JAMES GERALD RAY or JERRY RAYNES, and that to the extent of their knowledge, no person by those names had resided in the Clarence, Missouri, area for approximately the past twenty years.

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RE: RAY RELATIVE -
JERRY RAYNES, aka
Jerry Rayns

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

Personnel, Military Personnel Records Center, advised IC GEORGE T. JENKINS, May 1, 1968, that they were unable to locate or identify a military service record for JERRY RAYNES or JERRY RAYNS, born [redacted] Selma, California, and reportedly a veteran of World War I.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent HOWARD G. SLACK based on a communication from the Springfield Office of the FBI concerning relatives of JAMES EARL RAY:

JACK RANDOLPH, owner of J & R Auto Sales, 5901 South Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri, advised on April 23, 1968, that JERRY RAYNES was an employee of his approximately eight years ago as a salesman. RANDOLPH stated that RAYNES was employed by his firm for approximately one year. He stated that RAYNES was a peculiar individual who came to work and left when he pleased and was engaged in selling cars. RANDOLPH stated that he was not aware that RAYNES had a son but did know that RAYNES had a young daughter who he sometimes brought to work and left in the car. RANDOLPH viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated he had never seen this individual.

RANDOLPH stated he did not know RAYNES' address while he worked for him and had no idea where RAYNES was now although he had mentioned that he wanted to go to Acapulco, Mexico.

The following neighborhood investigation was conducted at 1915 Hickory:

The Reverend PATRICIA ANN JONES, Apartment #8, advised that she has been living at that address for three months and stated that she did not know any of the previous occupants. She further advised that this address was a rooming house and people frequently moved in and out and no one in the building had been there longer than a year.

HELEN CREAMER, 1915 Hickory Street, stated that she had resided at this address for sometime but had never heard of LUCILLE RAY, LUCILLE RYAN, or LUCILLE BERNES. She stated this is a transient neighborhood and no one residing in that neighborhood would have knowledge of previous occupants at 1913 Hickory.

A neighborhood investigation conducted at 1133 South Tenth Street revealed that the only building in this block was

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Federhofer Truck Renting and Leasing Company, 1135 South Tenth Street. Inquiries in the neighborhood revealed previous buildings had been demolished.

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AT HANNIBAL, MISSOURI

RELATIVES

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

Mrs. LILLIAN HERMAN, Bureau of Vital Statistics, on April 24, 1968, checked the death records for the years 1940 to 1958 for the name of JAMES GERALD RAY.

Mrs. HERMAN stated that there was no person by the last name of RAY who died within the period mentioned above.

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LUCILLE MARY RYAN - MOTHER

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

JAMES EARL RAY - RELATIVES

On April 22, 1968, Miss VERNA REEVES, Clerk, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Room 10, Municipal Building, St. Louis, Missouri, advised Special Agent LOUIS F. CAPUTO records of her Office revealed the following information concerning the death certificate of LUCILLE MARY RYAN:

Name	LUCILLE MARY RYAN
Address	1913 Hickory, St. Louis, Missouri
Date of Death	January 25, 1961
Place of Death	St. Louis City Hospital #1, St. Louis, Missouri
Sex	Female
Race	White
Marital Status	Married
Date of Birth	April 27, 1909
Place of Birth	Alton, Illinois
Nationality	USA
Occupation	Houseworker
Father's Name	JOHN MAHER
Mother's Maiden Name	MARY FITZSIMMONS
Name of Husband	GERALD RYAN
Cause of Death	Hepatic coma; Laenner's cirrhosis
Informant	CAROL RYAN, 1031 Rutger
Physician	HILARY LINDER, M. D., 1515 Lafayette Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri
Date Death Certificate Signed	January 25, 1961
Burial	St. Patrick's Cemetery, Godfrey Township, Illinois
Funeral Director	THOMAS J. BURKE, JR., Alton, Illinois.

Miss REEVES made available a photostatic copy of above death certificate and advised it need not be returned.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

RE: RAY RELATIVES

On April 21, 1968, HOMER TOWNSLEY advised SAs ROBERT L. BENDER and EARL E. BROWN, a man named SMITH operates a confectionary on Hickory Street about four houses west of 18th Street, north side, in a basement. This should be about the address where RAY's mother lived on Hickory, and TOWNSLEY felt SMITH should know the mother, whether or not she is dead, and might possibly know RAY.

On April 22, 1968, SA EARL E. BROWN determined that SMITH is AUBREY SMITH, 1811 Hickory. SMITH said he is familiar with newspaper publicity concerning this matter, and while RAY may have been a customer, he does not remember him nor his mother. He stated that the two best sources of information in the neighborhood would be COLLEEN TURNBOUGH, 1902 Hickory, and SOPHIE MARTIN, 1917 Hickory.

Mrs. TURNBOUGH was interviewed and it was determined she had previously been contacted on this matter by SA GEORGE M. PEET. It was also determined SA PEET has contacted SOPHIE MARTIN. During the contact with Mrs. TURNBOUGH, however, she stated she knew LUCILLE RYAN was dead through Mrs. LLOYD BIRDSONG, who now lives at 2929 Lafayette. Mrs. TURNBOUGH said that she talked to LUCILLE only once, but that Mrs. BIRDSONG was a frequent visitor with LUCILLE.

On April 25, 1968, LLOYD BIRDSONG, 2929 Lafayette Street, phone PR 3-4894, advised that his wife is out oftown, but was expected to return during the day of April 25, 1968. He stated that since the publicity on RAY has appeared he has discussed this matter with his wife. He stated he had no independent recollection of RAY or his mother, as during that time he worked nights and slept during the day, and thus had little contact with his neighbors. He stated that his wife was not well acquainted with LUCILLE RYAN, as RYAN had a very bad reputation as a drunk and was simply not the type anyone would befriend. Mrs. BIRDSONG told her husband that RYAN was living with an older women believed to be RYAN's mother. She was known as "Old Mary." BIRDSONG believes that RYAN and her mother occupied the entire house and had no

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roomers, although he understands that numerous men came and went there.

BIRDSONG was recontacted later in the day and said that his wife's return had been delayed because of illness in the family. She is visiting with Mrs. FLOYD HEADY, Fredericktown, Missouri, phone STate 3-3104. BIRDSONG stated he had discussed RAY with his wife when she called to tell him she would not be returning on April 25, 1968, and she had no information he had not already furnished. She told her husband that she was not on friendly terms with RAY's mother because of her drinking.

BIRDSONG stated that the only persons still around who lived in the neighborhood who might be able to furnish information is a Mrs. TURNBOUGH, a Mrs. MARTIN, both of whom still live on Hickory, and SMITH, the proprietor of a basement confectionary on Hickory.

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FRANKLIN RAY - BROTHER

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JAMES EARL RAY
DEATH OF FRANKLIN RAY, BROTHER

AT HANNIBAL, MISSOURI

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

The Hannibal Courier-Post, according to B. B. WATSON, employee, on April 22, 1968, reported the death of FRANKLIN RAY in an accident when his car ran off the west approach of the Quincy Memorial Bridge and was drowned, October 1, 1963.

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CAROL PEPPER - SISTER

(and husband ALBERT PEPPER)

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Date April 29, 1968

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Mrs. HAROLD P. TOOMBS, 2027 Bellevue, advised upon interview that the ALBERT PEPPER family had resided next door at 2025 Bellevue since around September, 1967. It was her understanding that the PEPPER family had probably purchased the property from the HOLTZ family who live on Almeda Street near above addresses. She stated the WAGNERs had rented the property next door for approximately 20 years prior to the time the PEPPER family moved in.

Mrs. TOOMBS stated she had not observed any automobiles parked in front of the PEPPER home or in the drive leading to the garage other than the white fairly late model Ford automobile driven to and from work by Mr. PEPPER. She stated she had visited with Mrs. PEPPER briefly on one occasion but had not been invited inside the home. She stated the two PEPPER children, [redacted] had been overheard on one occasion talking about going fishing with their grandfather on a farm believed to be somewhere in out-state Missouri. She also recalled having heard Mrs. PEPPER remark on one occasion that either her brother or a brother of her husband had been helping Mr. PEPPER in fixing up the house.

A photograph of subject JAMES EARL RAY was exhibited to Mrs. TOOMBS and she advised she had not observed anyone resembling such a person visiting the PEPPER family.

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SA HARRY C. JUNG

by SA CLETIS B. BIDEWELL CBB:bam Date dictated 4/25/68

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents ROBERT A. HESS and HARRY C. JUNG, at St. Louis, Missouri, on April 22, 1968:

Mrs. FLOYD J. (ROSEMARY) SHIRLEY, JR., 2115 Edmond Avenue, Wellston, Missouri, advised that she formerly resided at 718 Shenandoah Street, St. Louis, Missouri, where she became acquainted with CAROL and AL PEPPER, as neighbors. This was approximately three years ago. She stated that she is not related to either CAROL or AL.

Mrs. SHIRLEY stated that she visits telephonically with CAROL on occasion but has not seen her since Christmas, 1967. She said that she had met CAROL's father, who now lives somewhere in the vicinity of Troy, Missouri, and also met her brother, JACK, who operates a bar on Arsenal at Indiana or Illinois Streets, St. Louis, Missouri. She said she had never heard CAROL mention any other relatives other than a brother who was killed in an accident several years ago.

Mrs. SHIRLEY was exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY but stated that she had never seen this individual.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

RE: RAY RELATIVES

The following inquiries were conducted by SA ALBERT J. RUSHING in the vicinity of 712A Shenandoah, the former residence of ALBERT and CAROL PEPPER.

On April 26, 1968, Mrs. ERNEST (JEAN) COOK, 712 Shenandoah, advised that ALBERT and CAROL PEPPER were neighbors of hers, having lived upstairs at that address for about three years until they moved away in approximately September 1967. Mrs. COOK recalled that the PEPPERS had two young sons - a boy called HUGHIE, about five years of age, and a boy called JIMMY, about four years of age.

Mrs. COOK viewed photographs of subject JAMES EARL RAY stating that she did not recall ever having seen this individual and she believed he had not visited the PEPPERS at any time to her knowledge. She recalled that CAROL PEPPER's brother, who she believed was named JOHN RAY, visited the PEPPER residence occasionally and Mrs. COOK had an impression he lived somewhere in St. Louis. She had an impression that JOHN RAY was married but she could not recall having seen his wife and could not advise how she gained this impression. Mrs. COOK also recalled that CAROL PEPPER's father, who apparently lived somewhere in St. Louis, was also an occasional visitor at the PEPPER residence and not long before the PEPPERS moved away CAROL PEPPER mentioned that her father had bought a farm somewhere in Missouri and Mrs. COOK believed that CAROL PEPPER mentioned this farm was located near Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Mrs. COOK recalled that CAROL PEPPER spoke of her mother as being dead. While the PEPPERS lived there CAROL PEPPER worked at a nearby school on 12th Street near Russell Avenue where she was apparently assisting in the "Headstart" school which her older boy attended. Mrs. COOK believed this work by CAROL PEPPER was probably volunteer work. Mrs. COOK understood that when the PEPPERS moved away they moved to a new address in Maplewood, Missouri.

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On April 29, 1968, Mrs. MARY JEAN GOLLUBSKE, 714 Shenandoah, advised that she recalled ALBERT and CAROL PEPPER who formerly resided at 712A Shenandoah for two or three years and in approximately September 1967 when they moved to Maplewood, Missouri. Mrs. GOLLUBSKE furnished information corresponding to that previously furnished by Mrs. ERNEST COOK. She did not recognize photographs of subject JAMES EARL RAY stating she had no knowledge that this person was ever a visitor of Mr. and Mrs. PEPPER. Mrs. GOLLUBSKE also recalled that the older son of the PEPPERS was actually named [redacted], which was apparently a nickname. Mrs. GOLLUBSKE also recalled that the school at which Mrs. PEPPER was apparently a volunteer worker in the "Headstart" program was a Catholic school located at 12th Street and Russell Avenue.

Both Mrs. COOK and Mrs. GOLLUBSKE stated they did not recall Mr. and Mrs. PEPPER ever having made mention of CAROL PEPPER's brother JAMES EARL RAY.

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Mrs. ALBERT B. (CAROL) PEPPER, age 27, of 2025 Bellevue, advised interviewing Agents that she had been married to ALBERT S. PEPPER for approximately six years. She stated she had not seen JAMES EARL RAY since some time prior to her marriage and that her husband had never met her brother JAMES EARL RAY.

With reference to her brothers JOHN "JACK" RAY and JERRY RAY she stated she had not seen either of these individuals since they were visiting in St. Louis around Christmas, 1967. She advised JERRY RAY resides in the vicinity of Chicago, Illinois, and it is her understanding that JACK RAY is residing there also.

When questioned concerning her father she stated that her father, JERRY RAY, age about 59 years, is presently residing on a farm he owns which is located in the vicinity of Hannibal, Missouri. She denied knowing the exact location of this farm stating she had never visited it. However, she had visited in the general area near Hannibal some months ago at the time her father was looking for a farm to purchase in that area. According to Mrs. PEPPER she is normally in contact with her father approximately once a week at which time he calls her by telephone, usually on Saturday morning. She denied having ever made a telephone call to her father, JERRY RAY, stating that she did not know his telephone number. When questioned specifically in this respect she stated she had not misplaced his number but had never been in possession of his telephone number. She advised that her father was retired, and that his only source of income was what he received from Social Security.

With respect to other members of the family Mrs. PEPPER furnished the following information:

SUSIE RAY, age 20, was raised by some unknown well-to-do family residing in the vicinity of Quincy, Illinois. Within the past several months SUSIE was married to some uknown band leader who works out of the vicinity of the Quincy, Illinois, area.

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by SA HARRY C. JUNG
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A sister, MELBA RAY, age 30 and single, resides somewhere in Quincy, Illinois, and has on occasion been confined in a hospital due to a mentally retarded condition. She volunteered the information that the last time she heard from MELBA was at Christmas last year at which time she was in jail in Quincy, Illinois.

According to Mrs. PEPPER another brother, FRANKLIN "BUZZY" RAY was killed in an automobile accident which occurred approximately four years ago on a bridge west of Quincy, Illinois. She stated when she last saw JAMES EARL RAY he was with this brother "BUZZY" in St. Louis approximately two or three years prior to the death of "BUZZY" RAY.

With respect to her mother LUCILLE RYAN, Mrs. PEPPER advised that she had died in the City Hospital at St. Louis approximately seven years ago of complications resulting from sclerosis of the liver and heart trouble.

Mrs. PEPPER emphatically denied having any knowledge or information whatever concerning the whereabouts of her brother, JAMES EARL RAY. She was specifically advised of the provisions of the harboring statute during the course of the interview.

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CAROL PEPPER advised that she was visiting her father, JERRY RAYNES, at Center, Missouri. She stated she hadbeen born at Ewing, Missouri, on [redacted], and that she had no additional information.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

RE: RAY RELATIVES

On the morning of April 22, 1963, SAs V. JACK WILLIAMS and [redacted] attempted to interview subject's sister, [redacted] PEPPER, at her residence, 2025 Bellvue, Maplewood. She appeared at the door with two young children and refused to admit agents to the house. She stated that she and her husband are disgusted with the matter, that they are not sure they are related to the subject, and that she will not discuss the matter without her husband's consent and in his presence.

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Information was received that subject's sister, CAROL PEPPER, was employed on "Operation Head Start" while residing on Shenandoah Avenue, probably as a teacher at St. Joseph's Church.

On April 29, 1968, Father SPIRO ANDREJANIC, St. Joseph's Croatian Catholic Church, 2112 South Twelfth Street, after checking his records, advised SA ALBERT J. RUSHING and SA EARL E. BROWN that ALBERT and CAROL PEPPER were not members of his parish and had not been, and that he maintained no record of teachers or other employees of a summer school session he knew as "Operation Head Start". He stated that if CAROL PEPPER was so employed a record might be maintained at the Catholic Archdioscean Board of Education Office on Lindell Boulevard.

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Records of the Manufacturers Bank and Trust Company, 1731 South Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri, reflect there is a current checking account in the name of ALBERT or CAROL PEPPER. The balance as of April 29, 1968, was $186.09.

This account was opened April 3, 1967, with a deposit of $209.08.

Prior to August 21, 1967, the balance was two figures and low three figures with no deposit larger than the opening deposit and the largest withdrawal being $164.75. On August 21, 1967, there was a deposit in the amount of $4628.78 and on August 23, 1967, a check was written in the amount of $500.00. On September 5, 1967, there was a deposit of $837.94 and on September 6, 1967, a check was written in the amount of $3656.98. On September 12, 1967, there was a deposit of $756.00 and on September 14, 1967, a check was written in the amount of $1900.00. On October 9, 1967, there was a deposit of $1056.71.

Since October 9, 1967, no deposit was made larger than a deposit of $460.35 made November 6, 1967. Since January 22, 1968, no check was written on this account larger than the $195.00 check written January 22, 1968.

With respect to the largest deposits as reflected below in a check of the savings account of ALBERT and CAROL PEPPER, the deposit on August 21, 1967, to the checking account in the amount of $4628.78 coincides with a withdrawal in their savings account of $4500.00. Deposit tickets for the checking account for August 21, 1967, reflect that the $4628.78 deposit was made up of $4500.00 transferred from a savings account, a check in the amount of $105.37 and a check in the amount of $23.41.

With respect to the deposit of $837.94 on September 5, 1967, this deposit consisted of $513.29 in cash, $200.00 in cash, and a check in the amount of $124.60.

With respect to the deposit of $756.00 on September 12, 1967, this consisted of a check in that amount.

Regarding the deposit of October 9, 1967, in the amount of $1056.71, this consisted of a cash deposit of $1000.00 and a check in the amount of $56.71.

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SA ALBERT J. RUSSING EEB:pdp Date dictated 5/6/68

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The other deposit of size noted above, November 6, 1967, in the amount of $460.35, is supported by deposit tickets reflecting $100.00 in cash and checks in the amount of $125.00, $87.07, $93.95, $6.67, $43.40, and $4.26.

Since January 1, 1968, the only checks written on this checking account were six in January, one in February, and two in March. Checks drawn on the account in April 1968, (six in all) consisted of the following:

April 12, 1968, in the amount of $2.50 payable to R. J. DEVEREUX;

April 16, 1968, $5.46 payable to Sealtest;

April 16, 1968, $3.00 payable to Cardinal Glennon Hospital;

April 14, 1968, $6.50 (this check could not be located to determine payee);

April 14, 1968, $13.88 to Katz Drugs and

March 29, 1968, $105.20 to Manufacturers Bank.

An official of Manufacturers Bank stated that the $105.20 check dated March 29, 1968, payable to Manufacturers Bank is for a payment on the PEPPER residence they are purchasing.

One of the large withdrawals from this checking account listed above was a $500.00 check on August 23, 1967. This was the date of posting and the check was actually drawn on August 18, 1967. It was payable to Mercantile Trust Company and contained a stamp indicating it had been processed by the Real Estate Department.

With respect to the check in the amount of $1900.00 noted above, which was posted on September 14, 1967, this check was dated September 9, 1967, and payable to JERRY RAYNS and contains a tation "purchase of 42 acres". Itwas endorsed

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JERRY RAYNS followed by an endorsement which appears to be HAROLD WALKER, Trustee. This check was deposited at the Center State Bank and is the only check found wherein the body of the check was apparently not written by CAROL PEPPER, although she signed all checks mentioned herein.

ALBERT or CAROL PEPPER also maintain at the Manufacturers Bank a savings account number [redacted]. Bank records reflect that this account was opened September 7, 1965. The PEPPERS gave an address of 712A Shenandoah, St. Louis, Missouri, and the only other address reflected in the savings account is 2025 Bellevue, Maplewood, Missouri. At the time the account was opened ALBERT PEPPER, Social Security Number [redacted] stated he was born [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois, and is employed by Ace Service. CAROL PEPPER stated she was born [redacted] n Missouri. It was noted that an inquiry had been made concerning this account by Missouri Liquor Control on November 27, 1967. The account was opened with a deposit of $2570.15. The largest deposits thereafter were $1900.00 on April 3, 1967, and $344.00 on February 6, 1967. Numerous other deposits were made in smaller amounts. Withdrawals were as follows:

November 10, 1965	$200.00
June 27, 1966	$100.00
July 11, 1966	$ 0
September 12, 1966	$500.00
September 15, 1966	$500.00
October 24, 1966	$175.00
August 21, 1967	$4500.00
September 12, 1967	$756.00

The balance as of April 30, 1968, was $2175.43.

Records of the Manufacturers Bank also reflect that ALBERT and CAROL PEPPER have a real estate loan, number M-1625, on the property at 2025 Bellevue, Maplewood, Missouri, in the amount of $6500.00. It is payable in monthly installments of $75.00 which payment includes escrow fee, taxes, insurance, and interest. A number of payments in addition to the regular payments have been made and the balance due on the princi l

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as of April 1, 1968, is $6080.77. This property is recorded in Book 1052, Page 167, Daily number 132, St. Louis County Court House. It is a first deed of trust. Seller to the PEPPERS was Mercantile Trust Company, Real Estate Department. Closing on this property was September 6, 1967, with a payment in the amount of $3656.98.

The application for this loan was dated August 14, 1967, and signed by ALBERT PEPPER. The application reflects that this is a five room house, the total selling price being $10,500. At the time of the application ALBERT PEPPER resided at 712A Shenandoah and was employed by Ace Construction Company - New Market Hardware at $100.00 per week plus overtime. His wife was employed by "Arch. Dietries" (Project Headstart) at $50.00 a week. On the application no liabilities were listed and assets were a $5000.00 life insurance policy on the life of ALBERT PEPPER with his wife beneficiary; cash in a savings account of $7256.43; a 1963 Plymouth valued at $800.00; and furniture valued at $800.00 or total assets of $8856.43.

Two checking accounts were located in the name of JOHN RAY both of which were closed as of April 30, 196[illegible].

The [illegible] account was opened November 3, 1966, with a deposit of $339.12. At the time the account was opened JOHN RAY listed his address as 1812 Lafayette. This was changed to [illegible]2A Shenandoah and there was also a notation of an address at 1822 North 21st Street.

Three deposits were made after the account was opened ranging in amount from $48.00 to $68.18.

Eleven checks were drawn on this account ranging in amount from $5.88 to $152.00. Reference shown at the time the account was opened was JERRY RAYNS. This account was closed on July 18, 1967.

JOHN RAY had a second checking account opened August 30, 1967, with a deposit of $1300.00. He gave his address as 1807 South 11th Street. There was the initial deposit only. Fifteen checks were drawn on this account ranging from

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$5.04 to $550.00. The $550.00 check was posted on February 2, 1968. The next largest check drawn on the account was posted January 26, 1968, in the amount of $126.85. At the time the account was opened RAY stated he was unemployed. There was no activity in the account from February 9, 1968, until it was closed April 8, 1968, with a check in the amount of $5.04.

The Manufacturers Bank also contains a closed checking account in the name of JERRY RAYNS, 1434 Menard Street, which was opened May 11, 1964, and closed May 29, 1967. At the time the account was opened JERRY RAYNS indicated he was self-employed at a second hand store. From January 5, 1966, until January 16, 1967, 10 deposits were made ranging in amounts from $46.40 to $500.00. The largest balance was on October 17, 1966, amounting to $1076.28. The largest check drawn on the account was $500.00 on November 25, 1966. After January 16, 1967, there was only one transaction, check number 344, which closed the account.

Records of the Manufacturers Bank also reflect a closed savings account in the name of JERRY RAYNS or CAROL PEPPER (daughter) savings account number [redacted]. This account was opened September 7, 1965, with a deposit of $300.00. At that time JERRY RAYNS listed his address as 1819 Park Avenue. He stated he was born [redacted], in California and is retired. No address was listed for CAROL PEPPER, who was said to be a housewife born [redacted], in Missouri. On October 6, 1965, there was a deposit of $100.00 and on August 30, 1966, a deposit of $200.00. This account was closed on September 5, 1967, with a withdrawal of $513.29.

In the event these records are needed, a subpoena duces tecum should be directed to Mr. HARLEY E. SCHWERING, Senior Vice President, Manufacturers Bank and Trust Company, 1731 South Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri.

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RE: RAY RELATIVES

On April 26, 1968, inquiry was made by SA ALBERT J. RUSHING at the Liberty Loan Company, 4 Crestwood Executive Center, Crestwood, Missouri, which was based on information appearing in the files of a credit agency in St. Louis, Missouri, reflecting that an inquiry had been received by that credit agency on September 5, 1963, from Liberty Loan Company (telephone VI 2-2100) concerning ALBERT B. PEPPER.

Mr. GENE GRIFFIN, Manager, advised that the above is the correct telephone number for the branch office of Liberty Loan Company at the address set out above. After checking all pertinent records Mr. GRIFFIN advised he could locate no record of an active or closed account for ALBERT B. PEPPER or CAROL PEPPER. He explained that if they had applied for a loan in 1963 and their application had been rejected no record would have been retained by the company after a few months.

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Date April 29, 1968

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ALBERT B. PEPPER, 2025 Bellevue, Maplewood, Missouri, advised upon interview that although he has been married to his wife, CAROL PEPPER, for a period of approximately six years he has never met JAMES EARL RAY. He did admit knowing his wife's brother JOHN "JACK" RAY, present whereabouts unknown, and a brother JERRY RAY who resides in the vicinity of Chicago, Illinois. He stated that the last time he had heard of these individual was at Christmas time 1967 at which time they visited briefly in the PEPPER home in Maplewood, Missouri.

PEPPER was advised of the provisions of the harboring statute and emphatically denied any information whatever which might be of value in trying to locate JAMES EARL RAY.

PEPPER advised that he and his wife were in the process of purchasing their home at that address. He further stated he was employed at the New Market Hardware in St. Louis and the salary that he makes barely meets living expenses and the amount necessary to make the payments on the home.

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RAY RELATIVES

The following investigation was conducted by SA KENNETH N. DELANOY on April 20, 1968:

On April 20, 1968, HARRY SCHNEIDER, President, New Market Hardware, 4064 Laclede, St. Louis, Missouri, and his son, MURRAY SCHNEIDER, President, Ace Construction and Engineering, 4060 Laclede, combined companies, were contacted at which time HARRY SCHNEIDER made available a xerox copy of an application for employment dated June 11, 1966, for JOHN LARRY RAY, 2012 Mississippi, St. Louis, Missouri, Social Security Number [redacted] telephone PR 1-2191; Born [redacted], Ewing, Missouri; former address 1817 Park, St. Louis, Missouri; single, mother's birthplace Alton, Illinois; father's birthplace St. Louis, Missouri; high school -"I.C.S.", employment history - "Rays", Bloomingdale, Illinois, four-five months.

SCHNEIDER stated JOHN RAY was not hired; he has not seen him since June 1966, and believes RAY was recommended to apply by his brother-in-law, ALBERT BENNY PEPPER, a current employee of New Market Hardware. HARRY SCHNEIDER also made available a copy of Application for Employment for ALBERT BENNY PEPPER, dated September 17, 1964, which sets forth the following information:

Present Address (1964)	712 Shanedan, St. Louis, PR 6-1055
Social Security No.	[redacted]
Last Previous Address (1964)	1324 Lami, St. Louis, Missouri
Place of Birth	Chicago, Illinois
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Height	5'7"
Weight	135
Sex	Male
U. S. Citizen	Yes
Marital Status	Married, two children
Real Estate	None
Mother's Birthplace	Tennessee
Father's Birthplace	Portageville, Missouri

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Wife's Maiden Name	RYAN
Wife's Birthplace	Quincy, Illinois
Education	2 years high school McKinley High School, Missouri and Russell, St. Louis, Missouri
Employment History	May 1957 - May 1959, CAL JANSEN Waterproofing, terminated by reason of being laid off; June 1959 - July 1962, SMOOTS Heating, installing furnaces; Company went out of business; August 1962 - August 1964, WHITE Supply, 4343 Duncan, shipping receiving and packing; work got slack.

Regarding information that PEPPER had allegedly seen subject JAMES RAY since his escape from prison, MURRAY and HARRY SCHNEIDER stated they had no evidence to support this, and it was merely an "impression" since PEPPER is very close-mouthed about RAY.

Regarding information that PEPPER made a comment to an employee named "FRED" that "his brother-in-law was arrested the same day he (PEPPER) was arrested", FRED NEY, employee, New Market Hardware, stated he knows nothing further regarding the statement made by PEPPER, and PEPPER did not identify the brother-in-law. NEY stated it was his impression that the arrest of PEPPER was made by the Ninth District, St. Louis Police Department, and Sergeant HACKETT may know more of that.

Above individuals were shown photographs from WF-442, but each stated that person is unknown to them. Each stated that any information regarding subject RAY or JOHN LARRY RAY which comes to their attention, will be immediately relayed to the FBI.

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RAY RELATIVES

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ALBERT PEPPER was contacted on the morning of April 22, 1968, by Special Agent ALBERT J. RUSHING and Special Agent HARRY C. JUNG at the New Market Hardware Company, 4064 Laclede, St. Louis, Missouri.

PEPPER said he did not want to talk with the agents. He said he had tried to be cooperative when he was interviewed by FBI Agents at his home on the preceding Friday. He said he had nothing more which he could tell the agents and that he did not intend to cooperate any further. He said that he was at this time about to begin his daily work and that he wanted to go on about his work and not be bothered any further. He said if he continued to be bothered in connection with this investigation, he might see a lawyer and see if something could be done about it.

Inquiry was made by Special Agent RUSHING of PEPPER as to whether he was aware of the importance and significance of the investigation to locate JAMES EARL RAY, a Federal fugitive, and PEPPER replied that he was aware of this. Special Agent RUSHING advised PEPPER that there was a Federal Harboring Statute which might be applicable if PEPPER should harbor this fugitive or should withhold information concerning him. He replied he was not concerned about this because he had already supplied all the information he had at the time of a previous interview and that he was not harboring a fugitive.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

RE: ALBERT PEPPER

The following investigation was conducted by SA GEORGE M. PEET on April 22, 1968:

Records of the Ninth District, St. Louis Police Department, under complaint number 142436, reflect that ALBERT PEPPER, 2025 Bellevue, Maplewood, a white male, born [redacted], was arrested at approximately 10:00 p.m., April 16, 1968, charged with individual peace disturbance, and was released after issuance of a summons, instructing him to appear at 9:00 a.m., May 31, 1968, in Division #1, Municipal Court Building, 14th and Market Streets.

A review of the police report reflects that at about 10:00 p.m., April 16, 1968, WILMA SHIRLEY, 4318 Forest Park, a white female, 27, housewife, walked out of the liquor store at 4304 Laclede and while in front of the liquor store observed PEPPER and "JOE", whom she recognized as a tenant in the same house she had lived in. As she came out, both men put an arm around her and started hugging and kissing her. She tried to get away and walked north on Boyle Street but the men hung on and when in front of 13 North Boyle, she cried out for help. JOE ran but a witness held PEPPER until the police arrived. This report reflects PEPPER has a prior record, so he was booked as indicated above.

On April 22, 1968, Mrs. WILMA SHIRLEY, 4318 Forest Park, advised that at about 10:00 p.m., she and her six-year-old daughter LINDA went to the store, according to Mrs. SHIRLEY, for Kotex. As she came out of the liquor store, JOE, later determined by Mrs. SHIRLEY, to be JOE PRESLEY (phonetic), and another fellow (PEPPER) started kissing and hugging her and pulling at her clothes. Both were drunk and one said something to the effect, "I can give you what you've been looking for." They pulled her a short distance into the alley and when she started hollering and told her six-year-old daughter to get help, Mrs. SHIRLEY said that she was scared to death and that in a few minutes the men ran. One of them was caught and was held until the police arrived. She exhibited a brown skirt on which the side seam was torn about eight inches down from the zipper and stated this was the skirt

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she was wearing at the time. Mrs. SHIRLEY indicated that she had four children, the youngest being not quite a month old, and that it was difficult for her to get downtown to the address given her by the police officer so that she could prosecute. (It is to be noted that Mrs. SHIRLEY did not know what prosecute meant and stated she did not know where to go nor whether she would go down and sign any papers. She indicated she had learned the identity of PRESLEY from his brother-in-law who resides in the same building she is currently in).

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Date May 2, 1968

ALBERT B. PEPPER was interviewed at his place of employment, the New Market Hardware, 4064 Laclede. PEPPER stated he had never seen subject RAY inasmuch as RAY was serving time in the Missouri State Penitentiary at the time he married CAROL RAY, subject's sister. He denied having any information whatsoever concerning the present whereabouts of subject or having been contacted either directly or indirectly by subject since his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri.

With respect to subject's brother, JERRY RAY, presently residing in Chicago, Illinois, he stated he had not seen JERRY in a couple of months. When questioned concerning the subject's brother, JACK RAY, he stated he had not seen him in approximately one month. He further stated he did not mix with his wife's relatives and her contact with them was her own business.

When questioned specifically concerning any communication from the Missouri State Penitentiary addressed to the Albert J. Pepper Stationery Company, 712a Shenandoah, St. Louis, Missouri, PEPPER stated he and his family formerly resided at that address but he was not aware of any mail addressed to such a stationery company. In discussing this matter, he admitted that his wife might have received such a communication but denied having any information concerning this. He mentioned the possibility that if such a letter had been sent it very well could have been stolen from the mailbox and never received as they have had in the past checks stolen from the mailbox.

PEPPER was asked if he would discuss this matter with his wife CAROL and endeavor to determine whether or not she had ever received any mail or any money mailed to her addressed to the Albert J. Pepper Stationery Company, 712a Shenandoah, and he agreed to do so. During the entire course of the interview, PEPPER appeared friendly, but obviously volunteered no information whatsoever.

It was pointed out to PEPPER that this matter would undoubtedly be discussed with him again at some future date and he was apparently agreeable to this suggestion.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

RE: RAY RELATIVES

On April 29, 1968, IC JOHN D. DYER, JR. checked records of the St. Louis Police Department which disclosed the following record under date of October 22, 1963, pertaining to ALBERT BENNIE PEPPER, also known as ALBERT BENNY PEPPER, FBI Number 581 723 D, St. Louis Police Department Number 78932-3:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

The following FBI record, NUMBER 581 723 D, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD St Louis Mo	Albert Benny Pepper #78932-3	8-30-58	inv sus steal	
PD St Louis Mo	Albert Bennie Pepper #78932-3	8-25-60	susp steal & no St veh lic	
PD St Louis Mo	Albert Benny Pepper #78932-3	1-10-61	Susp Steal	
St Hwy Pat Kirkwood Mo	Albert Benny Pepper #C-10670 A	11-8-61	Inv of Burg & L	Rel 11-9-61
PD St Louis Mo	Albert Bennie Pepper #93598	10-20-63	numerous traffic offenses burg	rel

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The following identifying information was obtained from the police records:

Name	ALBERT BENNIE PEPPER
Sex	Male
Race	White
Born	[redacted], at Chicago, Illinois
Height	5'6½"
Weight	117
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Build	Slender
Complexion	Ruddy
Occupation	Laborer
Marital status	Married
Addresses	1713 Lafayette (October 1963); 3731 North Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois
Wife	CAROL PEPPER
Parents	CHARLES and ERNIE MAE PEPPER, 1713 Lafayette, St. Louis
Sister	ALICE PEPPER, 12th and Russell Streets, St. Louis, Missouri
Brothers	ROBERT PEPPER, Armand Place, St. Louis, Missouri; JOHN PEPPER, with parents; WILLIS PEPPER, Waverly Place, St. Louis, Missouri
St. Louis Police Department Number	93598
FBI Number	581 723

No record of arrests pertaining to CAROL PEPPER was found in records of the St. Louis Police Department by IC DYER.

IC DYER located in the records of the St. Louis Police Department the record of a theft which occurred on February 20, 1968, at the Grapevine Tavern, 1982 Arsenal, as follows:

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METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT—CITY OF ST. LOUIS

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

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COMPLAINT NO. 63658

CONCERNING Stealing 0.$50.00 (TYPE OF ORIGINAL REPORT)	2. ORIGINAL C.N.	3. DISTRICT REPORTING	4. DATE OF THIS REPORT
	63-261	3rd	2-21-63

5. DATE AND TIME OF OCCURRENCE	6. PLACE OF OCCURRENCE	7. DISTRICT	8. LOCATION CODE
2-20-63 9:05 P.M.	1982 Arsenal	3rd	

VICTIM (IF FIRM, NAME AND TYPE OF BUSINESS)	10. HOME ADDRESS / 11. BUSINESS ADDRESS
Haynes, Clarence	1822 North 21st

12. ADDITIONAL DETAILS

PRISONER: VanHorn, James Edward A.R.#3-840
CHARGES: ISS/REF ATTORNEY
A. STEALING O/$50 Ref
B. Common Assault
C. Destruction of Property Refused
D. Discharging Firearms in City Refused
E. Public Disturbance of the Peace Issued
F. Resisting Arrest Issued
REASON IF REFUSED:
C & D insuf evid

PRISONER: VanHorn, Mimmy Doil A.R.#3-841
CHARGES: ISS/REF ATTORNEY
A. Stealing O/$50 Ref
B. Common Assault
C. Destruction of Property Refused
D. Discharging Firearms in City Refused
E. Public Disturbance of the Peace Issued
REASON IF REFUSED:
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PRISONER: Vaughn, Eugene Dufford A.R.#3-842
CHARGES: ISS/REF ATTORNEY
A. Stealing O/$50 Ref
B. Common Assault
C. Destruction of Property Refused
D. Discharging Firearms in City Refused
E. Public Disturbance of the Peace Issued
REASON IF REFUSED:
Insufficient Evid

PRISONER PROCESSING DIVISION
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DATE 2-21-63 TIME 11:00pm
OFFICER DAUGHERTY
DSN 5353 ASSIGN. 303
PRISONER PROCESSING

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Added 5577

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1. TYPE OF INCIDENT: Stealing 0/$50.00

2. HOW COMPLAINT RECEIVED: Phone

3. TIME CODE: 2

4. CODE: 11277 CA 221

6. CLASSIFIED AS: 163-261

7. DATE AND HOUR OF OCCURRENCE: 2-20-68 9:05 P.M.

8. DATE AND TIME REPORTED TO POLICE: 2-20-68 9:09 P.M.

9. DISPOSITION CODE: 19821 / 11

RECORDS SECTION File 2-20-68 Do not Remove

10. LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE: 1982 Arsenal

11. DIST.: 5

12. TYPE OF PREMISE (DRUG STORE, GAS STA., ETC.): Tavern

13. VICTIM (LEGAL NAME AND TYPE OF BUSINESS): PEPPER, Carol

14. RESIDENCE ADDRESS: 1982a Arsenal

15. RES. PHONE:

16. BUSINESS ADDRESS:

17. BUS. PHONE - EXT.:

VICTIM'S PHYSICAL DESC.	18. RACE	19. SEX	20. AGE	21. OCCUPATION
	W	F	32	Merchant

22. PERSON REPORTING INCIDENT	24. RESIDENCE ADDRESS	24. RES. PHONE	25. BUS. PHONE - EXT.
Regazzi, NEOMA	2231 Lynch	PR2-3159	PR6-9417

	26. WITNESSES' NAMES	27. RESIDENCE ADDRESS	28. RES. PHONE	29. BUS. PHONE - EXT.
A.	Regazzi, NEOMA	2231 Lynch	PR2-3159	PR6-9417
B.	Young, Leonard	1925 Virginda	PR-8345	

	30. PERSON WANTED OR ARRESTED	RESIDENCE ADDRESS	ARREST REGISTER NO.
A.	VanHorn, James E	1903A Arsenal	3-840&840A

EST. ( ) ACTUAL (X)	RACE	SEX	AGE	HGT.	WGT.	HAIR	EYES	COMPLEXION	BUILD	CLOTHING
	W	M	20							

	PERSON WANTED OR ARRESTED	RESIDENCE ADDRESS	ARREST REGISTER NO.
B.	VanHorn, Jimmy Doil	2705 Eads	3-841&841A

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EST. ( ) ACTUAL (X)	RACE	SEX	AGE	HGT.	WGT.	HAIR	EYES	COMPLEXION	BUILD	CLOTHING
	W	M	22							

31. VEHICLE ( ) OF VICTIM ( ) USED — LIC: YEAR / STATE / LICENSE NO. — SERIAL OR MOTOR NUMBER

MAKE: YEAR / MAKE / MODEL (FAIRLANE, 88, ETC.) — COLOR: TOP / BOTTOM (OR ONE COLOR) — BODY STYLE (CONV., SEDAN, ETC.)

32. UNITS NOTIFIED (GIVE NAME AND EXTENSION NUMBER)

ID. LAB. OTHER Photographer 3 Sta. 225-

QUANTITY	33. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY (INCLUDE BRAND & SERIAL NO.)	VALUE: MONEY	JEWELRY	FURS	CLOTHING	AUTO	MISC.	TOTAL	REC'D
$80.00	in coins and currency $80.00 2 $20.00 bills, 2 $10.00 bills 2 $5.00 bills & $10.00 in $1.00 bill and coins	$80.00						$80.00	

34. NARRATIVE: GIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OF INCIDENT; USE CONTINUATION SHEET IF NECESSARY.

ITEM #13 Continued:

Victim #2 Haynes, Clarence, W-M-52 1822 North 21st Street

Victim #3 Wright, Ruby 1953 N. Market

-F-25-Single

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35. CLEARANCE CODE	36. RECLEARANCE NO.	37. SUBMITTED BY: OFFICER, ISN, ASSIGNMENT	38. DATE OF REPORT	39. PAGE 1 OF 2
		[signature] 334	2-20-68	

40. SUPERVISOR'S APPROVALS	41. REVIEWING OFFICER: SIGNATURE, ISN	
	[signature] 2116	303

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COMPLAINT NO. 63-261

Item #30 Continued: Person Arrested

C. Vaughn, Eugene W-M-43 902 N. Wingshighway A.R.#3-842&842A

At approximately 9:09 this P.M. Patn. Douglas Daugherty, DSN 5531 and Patn. Gary Pratt, DSN 5934, in charge of car Adam-3 received a call to Illinois and Arsenal, at the tavern, for a report of a "Disturbance"

Upon arrival at that location the officers were met by the barmaid of the Grapevine Tavern at 1982 Arsenal, one Neoma Regazzi, who stated that three subjects had just ran out of the tavern after coming in and starting a fight, beating one man, firing a shot in the tavern and then taking approximately Eighty Dollars ($80.00) from the cash register. Regazzi further stated the subjects, one known to her as James VanHorn, entered a residence at 1963A Arsenal and were at that location at this time.

Investigation at 1963A Arsenal was conducted by the above officers and upon entering the building, same being an apartment building, heard the sound of persons yelling and cursing coming from the third floor apartment. Proceeding there the officers knocked on the door and informed the occupants they were Police Officers at which time one of the occupants told the officers to get lost. After repeated attempts to gain entrance to the apartment the officers were finally admitted.

Upon being admitted to the apartment the officers observed the three arrested subjects who were arguing with each other and appeared to be intoxicated. The officers also observed abrasions and blood on the subject's faces and clothing.

Upon viewing the subjects the officers then informed the subjects they were under arrest for Receiving Over $50.00 Will at which time all three subjects were immediately advised of their rights per MPD Form 200-19.

At the time the subjects were placed under arrest Patn. Daugherty observed subject #1, James E. VanHorn, walk out of the kitched toward the front of the apartment at which time Patn. Daugherty again informed the subject he was under arrest and James VanHorn stated "Fuck you, I'm not going anywhere". At this time Patn. Daugherty attempted to take hold of James VanHorn's left arm and VanHorn then jerked free backing away from the officer stating "You keep you hands off me". VanHorn was again taken by the arm and again attempted to break away from the officer by flailing his arms around. At that time the officers grabbed both arms of the subject and pushed him against the kitchen wall to handcuff him. As the officers were attempting to handcuff the subject

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he again began pulling away from the officer to keep from being handcuffed. The officer then forced the subject, face first, against the wall and handcuffed the subject, at which time the subject's face struck the wall causing injury to his lower lip.

All of the arrested subjects were then conveyed to City Hospital #1 where they were treated by Dr. Goldman who pronounced James E. VanHorn suffering from a Laceration of the right index finger" and Laceration of the lower lip, treated and released. Jimmy D VanHorn was given a diagnosis of "No apparent injuries". Eugene Vaughn was treated as a Laceration of the right hand.

Above arrested subjects were then conveyed to the District Station via car 39A where James E. VanHorn was again advised of his rights per MPD Form 200-19 at which time he stated he was aware of his rights and signed Waiver MPD Form 200-18. James E VanHorn was then questioned relative to the above incident and stated he and his brother Jimmy VanHorn along with arrested subject Eugene Vaughn went to the above tavern for a beer and after arriving there he and the other two subjects got into a family argument. Vanhorn stated they did get boisterous and the barmaid told them to be quiet or leave. After a few minutes VanHorn stated his wife Tina entered the tavern and the barmaid refused to serve his wife as she had no identification. VanHorn continued by stating they then decided to leave and the barmaid began cursing him and another man in the bar, later identified as victim Clarence Haynes, began arguing with him at which time they got into a fight. Vanhorn stated as they were fighting he heard a shot and thought Haynes did the shooting at which time they then got out of the tavern. Vanhorn was then questioned relative to the money taken from the cash register and stated he knew of no money taken during the fight.

Subject Jimmy D. Vanhorn was again advised of his rights per MPD Form 200-19 and stated he was aware of his rights and signed Waiver MPD Form 200-18. When questioned as to the above incident Jimmy VanHorn stated he and his brother James Vanhorn and Eugene Vaughn went to the above tavern and were having a family argument when the barmaid began cursing them. VanHorn stated another man in the bar (Haynes) also began arguing with them at which time they began fighting with Haynes and while fighting he heard a shot fired at which time they then ran out of the tavern. Jimmy Vanhorn was also questioned relative to the money taken and refused to make any statement concerning the money.

Subject Eugene Vaughn was advised of his rights per MPD Form 200-19 and stated he was aware of his right and signed Waiver MPD Form 200-18. Vaughn was then questioned relative to the incident and stated they had gone to the above tavern and while there had gotten into an argument among themselves and after a while the barmaid told them she could not serve them any more and began cursing them. At that time another person in the bar (Haynes) also began arguing with them and they got into a fight. While fighting Vaughn stated he heard a [illegible] 268

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