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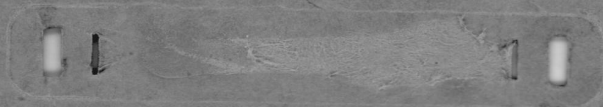
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| TITLE OF CASE<br>JAMES EARL RAY aka -<br>FUGITIVE,<br>IO #4182, WF #442-A<br>TOP TEN FUGITIVE;<br>DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.<br>(Deceased) - VICTIM |                             | REPORT MADE BY<br>STEPHEN M. CALLENDER                  | TYPED BY<br>-epk                       |
|                                                                                                                                                      |                             | CHARACTER OF CASE<br>CR - CONSPIRACY;<br>UFAC - ROBBERY |                                        |

REFERENCE: Report of SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER dated 4/29/68  
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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 if 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 at 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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## Copy to:

Report of: SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER Office: NEW ORLEANS  
Date: 5/17/68  
Field Office File #: 157-10673 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. Investigation 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, Arizona; 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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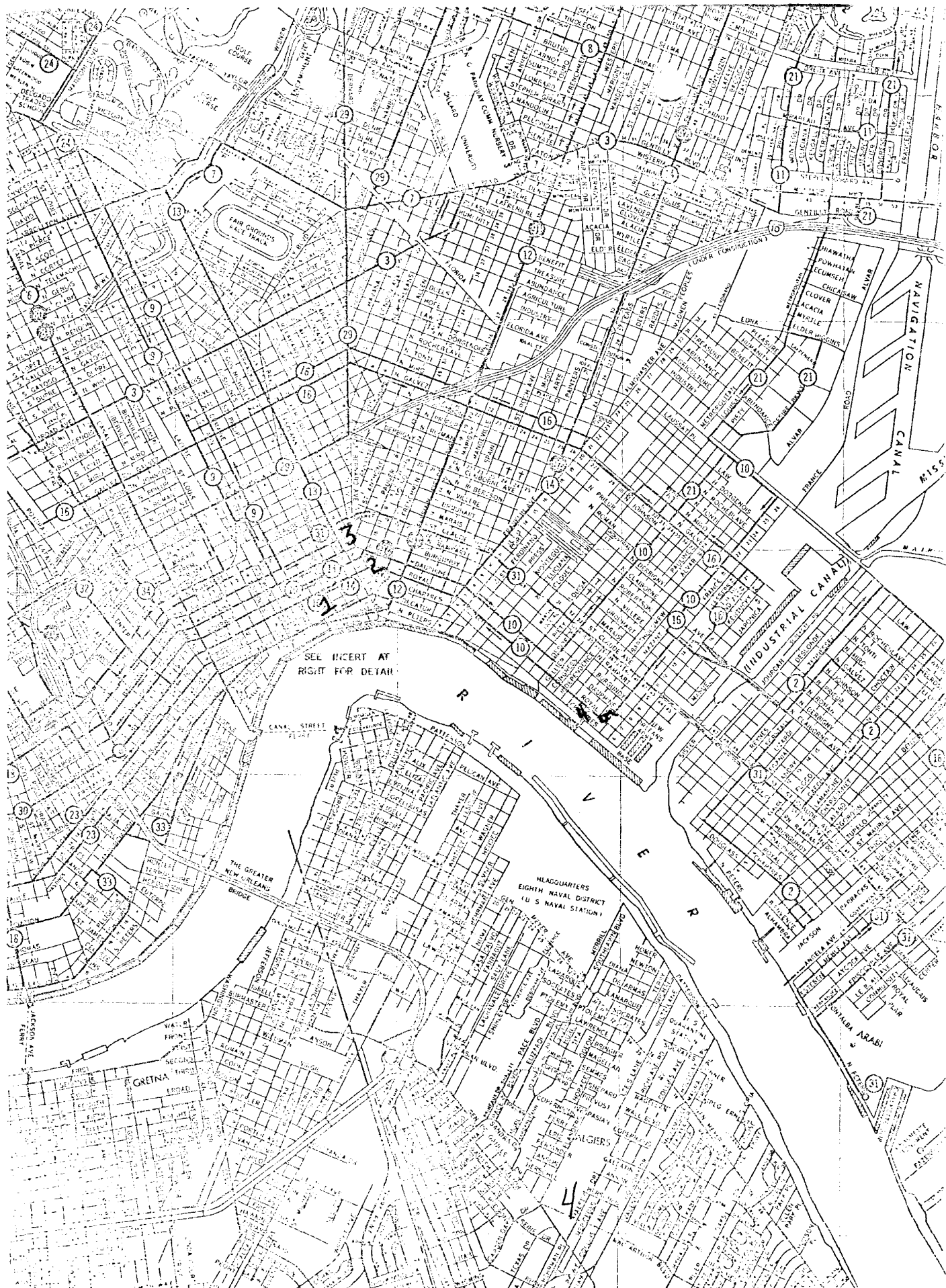
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CITY MAP OF NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, AREA  
showing alleged points of contact by  
JAMES EARL RAY

- 1) Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street
- 2) OLONZO Residence, 1907½ 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



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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. HERRIGAN  
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.

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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 MARIE MARTIN sometime in early February, 1968, advising her that she was sending, with a friend, 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 OLONZO, 1907 $\frac{1}{2}$  Royal Street (sister); OLONZO is the mother of CHARLES STEIN.

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

CALLOWAY 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 Fountain 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 Best cigarettes, contained some of her phonograph records, skirts, blouses, shoes, coats, 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  
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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 husband, 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 residence that evening or even if they could 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 she 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 bartender 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 one-half 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. She 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, home from 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 December, 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 occurring 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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~~THERESA~~ 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, MARIAN 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, MARIE 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 individual approached them and was introduced to her by CHARLIE STEIN. She recalled that she immediately left for her 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, MARIE LEE, was still at the residence when she, STONE, left.

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Mrs. LORRAINE CALLOWAY, 609 Bartholomew, advised upon recollection that sometime approximately a month ago she brought DENISE STONE, THERESA STONE's daughter, to the STONE residence and at this time picked up a box which was for MARIAN DEGRASSE and took it back to her house on Burgundy Street. Approximately two days later she gave it to MARIAN.

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*X Nee Stein*  
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 ERIC 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 Bartholomew 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. *New Orleans, La.*

*C* 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 GALT 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 far 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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*Charles*  
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 note 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 great 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, and drove off the road, and almost ran off a cliff. STEIN advised DE CARVELHO there was

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no damage to the car, and unknown individuals pulled the car back onto the road, and they proceeded with their trip.

DE CARVELHO advised that STEIN remained in New Orleans only two days, and that he spent most of his time in the company of STEIN, as they were very close friends. He stated that GALT never came into MARIE LEE's house, where STEIN was staying, and STEIN advised that GALT had gone somewhere about his business. DE CARVELHO stated this statement was STEIN's way of saying that he was not interested in talking about GALT, and possibly did not know where GALT was located.

DE CARVELHO advised the day that STEIN left New Orleans, he was at MARIE LEE's house. When he arrived, an unknown individual was standing on the porch and as he approached the porch, STEIN stated to him, "This is GALT". He stated that this was very strange to him, as STEIN never referred to an individual by his last name. DE CARVELHO advised he held no conversation with GALT, and helped STEIN pack the trunk of the car. He advised that STEIN carried luggage for RITA STEIN's two children to the car, but they did not fit in the trunk of the car, due to some personal property of GALT's being located in the trunk. He advised this personal property of GALT's appeared to be a surveillance transit, wrapped in a leather case, with a zipper that appeared to be somewhat similar to a golf bag. He stated that he advised GALT of the problem, and GALT walked to the trunk of the car, and rearranged it so that the luggage would fit.

He advised that he gave STEIN and GALT a map giving them directions as to how to get out of New Orleans, and they left New Orleans at approximately 2:30 p.m. He stated that while he was in the company of GALT, GALT did not say anything, and merely stood around with his head down.

He stated that the photograph of GALT that was taken in Los Angeles at the bartender school, did not resemble him, as he had a very shallow face, and the photograph that appeared on the IO and wanted flier that was taken in 1960, were an excellent likeness of GALT, with the exception of the hair.

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He described GALT as a white male, late twenties to early thirties, 5'10", 160 pounds, slim build, dark brown hair, light brown eyes, no distinguishing marks or characteristics, shallow face, and was dressed in a brown suit, with a sport shirt, and further described him as a "neat dresser".

He stated that STEIN mentioned to him, that GALT was a man of wealth or means, and either had a good job, or had inherited some money, but he did elaborate on this. He also stated that STEIN informed him that he and GALT stopped several time at unknown locations, between Los Angeles and New Orleans.

He stated by STEIN's very nature, STEIN would be reluctant to furnish the exact details of his trip and association with GALT to any law enforcement agency. He stated STEIN has a knack of associating with "characters". He also advised that STEIN was formerly married to MICKIE MEDINA, who was called the queen of vice in the New Orleans French Quarter in 1962 and 1963. He advised STEIN was arrested on a vice charge, but this charge was later dismissed. This arrest took place in New Orleans, exact date unrecalled.

DE CARVELHO advised the following individuals were present at MARIE LEE's residence when CHARLES STEIN departed from New Orleans to Los Angeles:

MARIE LEE  
CHARLES STEIN  
GALT  
Mrs. CLOVINA OLONZO  
RICKY TAMASO  
CHARLES STEIN, JR.  
ANTHONY CHARLES DE CARVELHO

He stated all of these individuals should have seen GALT, but that Mrs. CLOVINA OLONZO and RICKY TAMASO would possibly not admit they saw GALT, due to ignorance, and a desire not to become involved in the investigation. He advised that he had no additional information concerning GALT and STEIN, and he knows of no other trips of GALT and STEIN to New Orleans since December.

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Re: Telephone Call From Coin Booth  
Located at St. Francis Hotel,  
Los Angeles, California, on  
December 22, 1967, to New Orleans,  
Louisiana, Telephone Number 523-0930

On April 27, 1968, information was received from the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that it had been determined that on December 22, 1967, at 7:48 p.m., a telephone call from a coin booth located in the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, had been made to telephone number 523-0930, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Re: Telephone Calls From New Orleans  
or To New Orleans by RITA and CHARLES STEIN

On April 27, 1968, information was received from the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that it had been determined that during the past ninety days the following telephone calls from New Orleans, or to New Orleans were made by RITA and CHARLES STEIN:

March 12, 1968 - a collect call from New Orleans telephone 947-0930

March 21 and 23, 1968, collect calls from New Orleans telephone number 945-7312

April 4, 1968, a call from Los Angeles, California, to New Orleans telephone number 945-7312

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Records, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, Central District Office, which are available only upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to J. T. PFANNKUCHE, District Accounting Manager (Toll), reflect the following information:

Telephone number 523-0930 is subscribed to by the Ivanhoe Piano Bar, 601 Bourbon Street.

Telephone number 522-1212 is a private number subscribed to by LOUIS RUBIO, 1530 St. Mary. This number was connected on October 12, 1967. RUBIO formerly had this number at 1202 Pleasant Street.

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Telephone number 947-0930 is subscribed to by OZAMA BOVIA, 3707 Abundance, Apartment D. BOVIA is employed as a porter at W. T. Grant, Canal Street.

Telephone number 945-7312 is a private number subscribed to by MARIE STEIN, 1907 1/2 Royal Street. This number was connected on November 29, 1967. Telephone records reflect that STEIN is employed at the Burger Drive In, Fourth Street, Westwego, Louisiana. This number was moved from 1429 Burgundy Street to the present address on March 20, 1968.

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Mrs. MARIE LEE, 2001 Clara Street, Gretna, Louisiana, advised she recalls receiving a phone call from RITA STEIN at the Ivanhoe Lounge, New Orleans, Louisiana, where she was employed at that time.

Mrs. LEE stated that RITA called her to advise that her children and CHARLIE STEIN arrived back in California safely. She stated this was in relation to the trip taken by CHARLIE STEIN and JAMES EARL RAY in December, 1967.

Mrs. LEE also advised that when she moved from her residence on Burgundy Street, which she thought was some time in March, 1968, she gave her mother her telephone number to have moved from the Burgundy Street address to her mother's address at 1907½ Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. She stated that the phone is still in her name and not her mother's.

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Mrs. CLOVINA OLONZO, 1907½ Royal Street, telephone number 945-7312, advised that her current telephone number was formerly the telephone of her daughter, MARIE LEE, nee Stein, and was formerly located at LEE's apartment at an unrecalled address on Burgundy Street. She advised that when LEE moved from her apartment on Burgundy Street to Gretna, Louisiana, she had the telephone moved to her address, 1907½ Royal Street, but the telephone is still listed in the name MARIE STEIN. She advised that she cannot recall the exact date this telephone was moved into her residence but estimated that it was about one month ago.

Mrs. OLONZO advised that she recalls telephoning her daughter, RITA ROSAS, nee STEIN, in Los Angeles, California, several times during the month of March, but she cannot recall the exact dates of these calls or the purpose of these calls. She stated that she thought both of the calls she placed to California were collect, and she added the only individual she would call collect in California would be her daughter, RITA ROSAS, nee Stein.

Mrs. OLONZO advised she also recalled receiving a telephone call from RITA ROSAS sometime in the first part of April, exact date unrecalled. She also stated that she could not recall the purpose of this call or the previous calls. She stated she could not recall any part of the conversations she had with her daughter. She stated she is in poor physical health, suffering from heart trouble and diabetes and has been in a coma on two occasions in the past. She advised she is sure that the name GALT was not a part of her conversations with her daughter as she had never heard of this individual prior to reading about him in the newspaper.

She advised her son, CHARLES STEIN, is "crazy but harmless." She stated she bases this opinion on the fact her son holds conversations with "space people" and on several occasions has asked her to look into the sky to observe a flying saucer that he was observing, but on each instance she could see nothing in the sky. Mrs. OLONZO further advised that her son, CHARLES STEIN, talks to trees and holds conversations with trees stating that they are on this earth for a purpose.

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Mrs. OLONZO advised that her son, CHARLES STEIN, has no dislike for Negroes and to her knowledge has never been a member of any hate group; and she is sure that he would do nothing to harm anyone including Negroes.

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WILLIE OLONZO, 1907 $\frac{1}{2}$  Royal Street, telephone number 945-7312, advised that he could not recall the exact date that this telephone was installed in his residence but estimated that it was approximately one month ago. He stated that he and his wife obtained this telephone from MARIE LEE, nee Stein, and the telephone is still listed in the name of MARIE STEIN.

Mr. OLONZO advised that he recalls that his wife called her daughter, RITA ROSAS, nee Stein, in Los Angeles, California, several times during the month of March and also recalls RITA ROSAS telephoning her mother from Los Angeles sometime in the early part of April. He advised that he could not recall the purpose of these calls or any of the conversations but assumed they were strictly personal calls and family matters were discussed.

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On 4/27/68 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673  
by SA THOMAS E. DUHADWAY and  
SA WILLIAM F. KUSCH:TED:med Date dictated 4/29/68

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