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Illinois. KAUFFMAN advised that he has not had any further communication or correspondence with OWENS since August 15, 1965.

KAUFFMAN stated that any additional information needed concerning OWENS could be obtained from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, or the State Penitentiary of Menard, Illinois, and this information at the penitentiaries would be more current than the information that he has, especially information concerning description and background information.

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L. ANDREW WILSON "BLACKIE" DE CORE

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Menard Prison records reflect on May 17, 1968, ANDREW WILSON DE CORE, also known as De Cora and Blackie De Core, Menard #23415 received Menard Prison, June 15, 1953, on a transfer from Joliet, Illinois prison to serve a sentence of 1 to 20 years for robbery.

DE CORE was paroled June 15, 1959 to Rev. JAMES WINENEGAR, St. Louis Rescue Mission, St. Louis, Missouri, and was returned as a parole violator to Menard, July 19, 1960. He was paroled January 15, 1965 to Baptist Rescue Mission, Collinsville, Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois. He was returned to Menard as parole violator, May 28, 1965. He was discharged upon expiration of sentence, December 20, 1966. Upon discharge, he expressed intention of going to his sister's residence, Mrs. YALANDA DI CASOLA and her husband, VINCENT, 37555 Glenmore Drive, Freemont, California. Other friends and relatives contained in prison records are as follows:

Brother

ANTHONY DE CORE
713 South Claremont,
Chicago, Illinois or
1938 North 70th
Melrose Park, Illinois ;

Sister

Mrs. MARTHA BUTTITTO,
husband - BENNIE
9241 North Maple Court,
Morton Grove, Illinois;

Sister

NANCY COSENTINO
502 East Memorial
Bensonville, Illinois;

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Niece

Mrs. GEORGE ROGERS
2020 North Le Clare
Chicago, Illinois;

Cousin

PAT COLLESE
1641 North Latrobe,
Chicago, Illinois

Fiance

Miss HELEN HARE
2020 West Madison,
Chicago, Illinois;

Brothers

HARRY DE CORE and NICK DE CORE
addresses unknown

Friend

Miss MARY SAWYER
City Hospital Number 1
1515 Lafayette Street
St. Louis, Missouri.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
EDWARD A. CARPENTER:

At East St. Louis, Illinois

On May 22, 1968, Reverend DAVID BLISS, Pastor of the Baptist Rescue Mission, located in East St. Louis, Illinois, was contacted and advised that ANDREW WILSON DE CORE is unknown to him, and according to his records, he could not identify him in the East St. Louis, Illinois area and could not identify him as having given any service at the Rescue Mission.

Reverend BLISS advised that in the event that DE CORE should contact the mission, that he would make this fact known to the FBI.

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V. INVESTIGATION AT ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY
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A. RECORDS RE JAMES EARL RAY

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STOW E. SYMON, Supervising Sociologist, Illinois State Penitentiary, Pontiac, Illinois on April 25, 1968, advised his file contains little information concerning RAY who was a model prisoner while incarcerated Pontiac, July 7, 1952 until discharged March 12, 1954. He stated RAY was confined on a charge of robbery under Criminal Court, Cook County, Illinois case 52-1155 which sets forth in statement of facts subject at time of arrest, in Chicago, Illinois was wounded in both arms by police bullets. No information was located at Pontiac describing wounds or location of scars. Subject RAY at Pontiac assigned Honor Farm, August 12, 1952 until discharge. This is dormitory type housing rather than cell type. Subject was assigned to the kitchen as a cook and also on officers quarters detail.

The following inmates were identified and are set forth with their last known addresses furnished the prison at their time of release:

LEE MILLER
Pontiac Number 19200
6538 North Talman Street and
3542 SouthPort
Chicago, Illinois;

EDWARD PAUL RIVERA,
Pontiac Number 19294
515 West 68rd Street,
Chicago, Illinois;

GUS MARZAHN
Pontiac Number 19095
1620 West Nelson Street,
Chicago, Illinois;

CHARLES REED
Pontiac Number 18492
2286 Street
Madison, Illinois

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FRED M. PETRAKIS
Pontiac Number 18516
Route 1
Peoria, Illinois
518 Sanford Street,
Peoria, Illinois;

KENNETH D. FOSHYCK,
Pontiac Number 19218
Route 1
Bushnell, Illinois;

DWIGHT ROWE
Pontiac Number 19086
432½ South Vine,
Kewanee, Illinois.

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**B. INTERVIEWS WITH POSSIBLE INMATES
OF JAMES EARL RAY**

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On 4/28/67, FRED PETRAKIS, 2904 North Avalon Place, Peoria, Illinois, a former inmate at Pontiac Penitentiary, was shown a 1955 photograph of JAMES EARL RAY without effecting an identification.

PETRAKIS advised that for about one and one-half months in late 1953, he served as a barber at the Pontiac Honor Farm in the penitentiary, however, he does not recall RAY. Prior to this, he cut inmates' hair at the main prison and served thirty-three months at Pontiac from 1950 to early 1953 before being paroled. PETRAKIS advised that he took inmate NORMAN DEAN's place as a barber and that DEAN may recall RAY.

On 5/1/68, NORMAN DEAN, barber, 927 Court Street, Pekin, Illinois, a former inmate at Pontiac Penitentiary, was shown a 1955 photograph of JAMES EARL RAY without effecting an identification. DEAN advised that he was discharged from Pontiac during the winter of 1952 and never cut hair on the Honor Farm. He possessed no information regarding RAY and was not aware that RAY was confined at Pontiac during the time of his incarceration.

On 4/28/68, CHARLES E. REED, was interviewed by SA LARRY W. GREEN concerning his knowledge of the present location of JAMES EARL RAY.

It is noted that the referenced teletype contains the address of REED, as 223 - 6th Street, Madison, Illinois. This address should be corrected to show REED's address as 2623 - 6th Street, Madison, Illinois.

REED stated that he was at the Pontiac State Farm, Pontiac, Illinois, in 1952. He stated that he entered Edward State Penitentiary at Chester, Illinois, in late 1949 and was subsequently transported to Pontiac Prison, Pontiac, Illinois, in late 1950. He stated he remained there on a farm until he was released August 29, 1952. REED stated at the time he was on the prison farm, there were about 150 persons working there. He stated that his job was to deliver the mail to each dormitory daily and that he was familiar generally with every person located on the farm at that time.

When questioned about the subject, REED stated that he does not recall the name nor does he remember associating with a person named JAMES EARL RAY. He stated that he was familiar with the name since it had been in the news frequently in recent days, but it had never come to his attention until now that RAY may have been at Pontiac State Farm while he was there. He further stated that he does not recall any particular person who may have been friends with the subject. It is noted from the referenced teletype that subject entered the farm at Pontiac August 12, 1952. REED recalls that he was dismissed from Pontiac, August 29, 1952. He stated that he was 19 years old at the time he was on the farm. He further

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related that he has not kept in contact with anyone he met while at the farm and knows nothing of the whereabouts of any of the inmates who were incarcerated at the farm while he was there.

REED is described as:

Age	Approximately 38
Height	5' 6"
Weight	140
Hair	Blonde, crew cut
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddish
	Limps due to a crippled right leg
Marital	
status	Single, lives with his mother at the above noted address
Employer	Sanitation worker riding on sanitation trucks in the Madison-Granite City, Illinois area

REED has 5 brothers living in the Madison-Granite City area and 1 sister. It is noted from a criminal check at the Madison city PD that CHARLES E. REED has had some credit problems as well as being arrested for speeding and disorderly conduct since his release from Pontiac. (also from Granite City PD records)

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
ELYON H. DAVIS:

On May 2, 1968, Deputy Sheriff, JOHN BLIVEN, Mc Donough County, Macomb, Illinois, advised that KENNETH D. FOSDYCK no longer resides in Bushnell, Illinois, but resides in Macomb, Illinois. He stated that FOSDYCK has a criminal record and is holder of FBI #442 181 A. He advised that FOSDYCK is presently employed by Burell Florists in Macomb, Illinois, and resides at 321 College Street, Macomb, Illinois. He advised that the record of FOSDYCK shows he was first arrested on October 14, 1948, for tampering with a motor vehicle and has later arrests for robbery, petty larceny, auto larceny, probation violation; however, Deputy BLIVEN advised that the last known arrest for FOSDYCK was on December 3, 1954 when he was returned to the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois, for parole violation.

He furnished the following physical description of
FOSDYCK:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	
Height	5'10"
Weight	155 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Build	Slender
Education	8th Grade

On May 2, 1968, ELMER BURELL, Owner, Burell's Florists, Macomb, Illinois, advised that KENNETH D. FOSDYCK is employed by him and has been for a number of years. He stated that FOSDYCK resides at the Florist at 321 College Street, Macomb, Illinois, and that during the past several years FOSDYCK has been working regularly. He advised that FOSDYCK was working during the period of March 27, 1968, through April 4, 1968.

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A number of photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to ELMER BURELL. He advised that he has never seen anyone with FOSDYCK remotely resembling RAY. He also advised that he had never heard FOSDYCK mention RAY and felt certain that this individual had not been in Macomb in the recent past.

On May 2, 1968, KENNETH D. FOSDYCK was interviewed at 321 College Street, Macomb, Illinois. A number of photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to FOSDYCK. FOSDYCK furnished the following information:

The photographs of JAMES EARL RAY are vaguely familiar to him as someone he has seen in the past.

FOSDYCK advised that he (FOSDYCK) was assigned to the Illinois State Penitentiary Honor Farm at Pontiac, Illinois, from September 15, 1952 until February 5, 1954. He advised that there was not a large number of individuals residing at this Honor Farm and it is quiet possible that he knew JAMES EARL RAY vaguely during this period of time. FOSDYCK advised that he certainly has not seen RAY since February, 1954, and has had no information concerning RAY's whereabouts.

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On 5/7/68 Chief of Police DEAN WATSON, Kewanee, advised that he knew of a DWIGHT ROWE having formerly lived in Kewanee, but advised that he had not seen him in years. He further advised that both of ROWE's parents were deceased, but that he believed ROSE V. JACABSON, 111 Hollis Street, Kewanee, was related in some way to ROWE.

On 5/7/68 Mrs. ROSE V. JACABSON, 111 Hollis, Kewanee, advised that DWIGHT ROWE was her first husband's brother. She further advised that ROWE quite often visits her children, but has not done so since the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. She has never heard him mention JAMES EARL RAY. Mrs. JACABSON advised that ROWE presently resides at 905 Third Street, Green Rock, Illinois.

On 5/7/68 attempts were made to contact ROWE, 905 Third Street, Green Rock, Illinois, but were unsuccessful.

On 5/8/68 DWIGHT PIERSON ROWE, 905 Third Street, Green Rock, Illinois, advised that he had served time at Pontiac, Illinois, but stated he did not remember JAMES EARL RAY. He stated that to the best of his knowledge the first he had ever heard of RAY was when his picture appeared in the newspapers in regard to KING. ROWE advised that he met so many other men while in Pontiac using so many different names that he could have met RAY and not realized it.

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VI. PRIOR THREATS AGAINST MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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DAVID V. LANSDEN, Attorney, Cairo, Illinois, advised on April 27, 1968, that he has had BENNY K. PINKSTON, FBI #314 7431 as a client on 2 or 3 occasions. LANSDEN states that PINKSTON is a heartless individual who professes to be a separationist and usually acquires small amounts of money from businessmen in the white community by soliciting donations in \$1 and \$2 amounts to promote his separation of the races program.

LANSDEN stated that PINKSTON usually carries a quantity of JOHN BIRCH literature and distributes same and generally operates in the Sikeston, Missouri, or Forrest City, Arkansas area.

LANSDEN was unable to recall any conversation wherein PINKSTON threatened the life of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. nor does he recall PINKSTON ever consulting him as to what might happen if he killed KING. LANSDEN states to the best of his knowledge, PINKSTON is probably in Forrest City, Arkansas where he has a mother and other relatives. LANSDEN stated to the best of his recollection, he last saw PINKSTON 3 or 4 years ago.

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VII. "INTEROFFICE" LOOKALIKES AND POSSIBLE SUSPECTS

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A. VINCENT DE PALMA

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On April 6, 1968, RONALD LORENZEN, Managing Editor, Times Democrat, Davenport, Iowa, advised he received a telephone call from EDWARD BUMGARDNER of 917 - 6th Avenue, Erie, Illinois on April 5, 1968. BUMGARDNER advised him that the photograph displayed on television of the assassination suspect appears to be that of one VINCENT DE PALMA. BUMGARDNER also advised that he is a former Minuteman and the assassination may have been committed by a member of the Minutemen.

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B. CARL RICE

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JUDITH LOTT, 1103 West North Crest, Peoria, Illinois, telephonically advised on April 5, 1968, she viewed a composite drawing of suspect in slaying of captioned individual on Channel 25 WEEK television, Peoria, Illinois, which individual resembles CARL RICE, Minneapolis, Minnesota. LOTT was described as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5' 11"
Age	32
Hair	Blonde
Eyes	Blue
Weight	155 pounds

LOTT continued by saying RICE was previously involved in narcotics and racial matters. He attended Blake School, Minneapolis, resided with father, Doctor CARL RICE, suburb of Edina, Minneapolis, approximately 10 years ago. HARLEN BARRD, WEEK TV, Peoria, Illinois, advised the composite drawing of suspected slayer of captioned individual was shown on television April 5, 1968, which drawing was from UPI Wire Photo Service.

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C. WILLIAM RAY KING

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On April 7, 1968, Detective Sergeants JOHN COLEMAN and ROY WEST, Rock Island Police Department, advised an anonymous telephone call was received at the Police Department that a white male wearing gold colored clothing was at the Ft. Armstrong Hotel in Rock Island, Illinois, either had a gun or guns or made statements that he had killed someone or that he had been in Memphis, Tennessee, when MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was killed. The voice was very muffled and the exact comments could not be distinguished.

Both proceeded to the Hotel where they immediately located BILLY RAY KING whom they checked for a gun. In subsequent conversation, they determined that KING came from Louisiana and spoke very bitterly of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He stated he got what he deserved and when asked if he had killed him, this person responded that even if he had he wouldn't tell them. They decided to take him to the Police Department for further investigation.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 11, 1968

BILLY RAY KING was interviewed at the Rock Island, Illinois, Police Department, by ROBERT A. WICKWIRE and CHARLES E. SMITH who identified themselves as Special Agents of the FBI. KING was warned of his rights and he waived them as shown on an executed warning and waiver form.

BILLY RAY KING advised he has resided for ten years at 102 Arlington Street, Lake Providence, Louisiana. He has been employed as a deck hand on different boats in the Mississippi River since he was 18 years of age. He stated for the last three months he has been employed as a deck hand on a towboat for the K.G.W. Towing Company out of Greenville, Mississippi.

He added that he had been injured on his boat approximately twenty days ago and had been treated at the Greenville, Mississippi, General Hospital, but had been recuperating at his home in Lake Providence, Louisiana. He had recovered and arranged to catch his boat, which is the George Weathers, at Quincy, Illinois. His Personnel Director, JERRY WILSON, with the K.G.W. Towing Company in Greenville, Mississippi, had given him an airplane ticket from Greenville, Mississippi, to St. Louis, Missouri, to Quincy, Illinois, for April 5, 1968; however, he determined that all planes were full and was instructed to take a bus to Memphis, Tennessee, to catch a plane to St. Louis. He left his home by Trailway Bus around noon on April 4, 1968 and proceeded to Memphis, Tennessee, which is about 175 miles. He arrived in Memphis sometime in the afternoon, probably around 4:00 p.m. While at the Trailway Bus Depot, the riots broke out due to the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He advised that the bus depot was closed. There was no busses allowed to leave or enter and the people in the bus depot were forced to remain in the depot all night long. He advised that the depot was only two or three blocks from the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee, where KING was shot. He advised that he knows where this motel is located as he had stayed there on previous occasions. He added that it was general knowledge in all the papers that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was in Memphis and staying at the Lorraine Motel.

On 4-7-68 at Rock Island Illinois File # SI 44-561
 by SA CHARLES E. SMITH
SA ROBERT A. WICKWIRE /ras Date dictated 4-9-68

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KING stated that he did not shoot MARTIN LUTHER KING but hastily added even if he had done so, he would not tell. He also stated that MARTIN LUTHER KING got just what he deserved and that the people in the North are getting just what they deserved on this racial problem as they caused the whole thing. When asked if he was a member of the KKK, KING stated that he was not a member but also added even if he was, he would not tell.

KING then stated during the early hours before daybreak, the busses started to move and he was able to take a taxi to the airport. He recalled that the fare was somewhere around \$4.65. When he arrived at the airport, he determined that there was only one plane that he could catch to Quincy, Illinois; however, this plane was full and he was placed on stand by. When the plane left and he could not get on, he then made a long distance telephone call to his boss JERRY WILSON who then told him to catch a bus to St. Louis and a bus to Quincy where he could catch the boat. He advised that he took a cab back to the bus depot where he boarded a Trailway Bus for St. Louis, Missouri. He advised this was early in the morning and arrived in St. Louis sometime around noon. He then caught a bus from St. Louis to Quincy; however, this bus made many different stops and he arrived too late in Quincy to catch the boat. He then took another bus to Rock Island, Illinois, where he now waiting for the boat which is due to arrive at 12:00 midnight.

KING stated that he owns a 1967 bright blue Mustang which is at his home at Lake Providence, Louisiana. He explained that the papers for this car are in the name of his friend TRAVIS SHEFFIELD, who lives approximately three blocks away on Foster Street. He stated he bought this car from SHEFFIELD and is making the payments but he has not had the papers changed over to his name. The car is at his home. KING also admitted that he owned a .38 pistol and a shotgun which are both at his home.

The following description was obtained from observation and interview:

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Name
Sex
Race
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Complexion
Address

Occupation
Education
Marital Status
Employment

Mother
Arrests

ILL
1/15
BILLY RAY KING
Male
White
[REDACTED]
St. Joseph, Louisiana
6'1"
185 pounds
Dark Brown, Curly
Blue
Medium to ruddy
102 Arlington
Lake Providence, Louisiana
Deck Hand, Towboat
Seventh Grade
Single
K.G.W. Towing Company
Greenville, Mississippi
GERTRUDE FRITH
Admits juvenile arrest
before the age of 18 for
assaulting a Negro police
officer in Lake Providence,
Louisiana, explaining he beat
this officer with a pipe, served
nine months in a reform school
at Monroe, Louisiana;
Admits arrest at the age of 18
for carrying a pistol at Lake
Providence, Louisiana, fined
\$200.00 and \$37.00 costs and
two years probation.

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D. UNKNOWN SUSPECT

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TOM MOSS, Chief of Police, Kankakee, Illinois, advised on April 5, 1968, he received an anonymous telephone call stating that a young white man staying at the West Lane Motel, Marion, Arkansas, had told a female employee of this motel that he was a Chicago police officer and that he was on his way to assassinate MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. No further information was obtained from the anonymous telephone call.

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E. ALLEN RICHARD THAYER

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The Springfield, Illinois Police Department, on April 8, 1968, advised ALLEN RICHARD THAYER was in custody and that he fits the general description of the individual who shot MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THAYER interviewed this date by Bureau Agents and he advised he could not account for his whereabouts on the pertinent dates as pertained to this case. He did advise, however, that he had been traveling across the United States for several weeks and that to the best of his knowledge he was in Denver, Colorado on the day that he heard that KING had been assassinated. THAYER advised at no time was in in Alabama or Tennessee this year. THAYER and companion were traveling in a 1959 gold Chevrolet.

THAYER is described as:

Height	5' 11"
Weight	155 pounds
Hair	Dark brown combed straight back
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Dark
Tattoo	Skull and crossbones left forearm
Previous arrests	Armed robbery Ontario Canda breaking and entering Hartford, Connecticut
DOB	[REDACTED] Bristol, Connecticut

THAYER advised he knows nothing concerning the murder of KING nor has he any animosities toward KING. The Springfield Police Department filed charges against THAYER for defrauding an innkeeper.

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F. WILLIAM LOHMEYER

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On April 9, 1968, discreet investigation was conducted re WILLIAM LOHMEYER, Route 1, Strawn, Illinois. Information was developed LOHMEYER has been in the Strawn Illinois area, during the pertinent period re captioned matter.

LOHMEYER is described as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	43
Height	5' 9"
Weight	165
Complexion	Ruddy
Hair	Brown
	Burr cut
Build	Medium - stocky
	round facial features
Occupation	Farmer
	Well respected in community

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G. J. J. TRARES

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JEROME J. TRARES, is described as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	
Height	6'1½"
Weight	230 pounds
Hair	Brown, graying bald, front and top
	4 Sheryl Drive, East St. Louis (Caseyville) Illinois
Employer	U.S. Gypsum salesman of building materials to wholesalers

Was in Memphis, April 2-4, 1968
to contact BILL WOOD at
lumber yard owned by
JOHNSONS, owners,
Holiday Inn Motel Chain
Driving 1968 Green Ford
4 door registered to
U.S. Gypsum

TRARES departed Memphis at 4:00 P.M. April 4, 1968,
arriving at residence 10:30 P.M. the same date after
stop at Cairo, Illinois.

Due to variance in physical and car description and
departure time, he does not appear identical to the
unknown subject.

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H. UNKNOWN SUSPECT

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On April 6, 1968, Mrs. DON SMITH, 705 West Maple, Champaign, Illinois, telephone 352-3534, telephonically advised that on Thursday, April 4, 1967, while watching the news on channel 15 in Champaign, Illinois, which immediately followed the MIKE DOUGLAS Show, she observed an individual in the crowd at the time MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was making a speech who did not applaud when the others did and looked as though he were a trouble maker.

She commented to her family concerning this person's reactions at that time. Subsequently, on April 6, 1968, she observed an artist drawing of the slayer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. on television, whose description is similar to that of an individual she observed in the news concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING. She said if she could see the news tape re-run of this, she is sure that she could identify the person to whom she is referring. She said she could be contacted at any time for any assistance she might be able to offer in this regard.

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I. ROBERT L. PLUNK

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ROBERT L. PLUNK, white male, age 34, born [redacted] 5' 10" tall, 160 pounds, dark brown hair, receding, brown eyes, was a passenger on train number 6 IC Railroad to St. Louis, Missouri, at 5:00 A.M. this date, April 11, 1968. PLUNK briefly interviewed at Carbondale, Illinois, in view of information furnished by train personnel indicating PLUNK resembled artist's sketch of assassin of Dr. KING. PLUNK boarded IC passenger train #10 out of Jacksonville, Florida, at Corinth Mississippi with a round trip ticket to St. Louis. He was with his mother, EULIA PLUNK and resides at RR 2, Michie, Tennessee. PLUNK produced a letter from Veteran's Administration Hospital (Vah) St. Louis, Missouri, addressed to ROBERT L. PLUNK, RR 2, Michie, Tennessee, requesting him to report for physical re disability claim. PLUNK has TB was a Korean war veteran and had prior chest operation for TB at Murphreesboro, Tennessee, VAH. The letter directed PLUNK to report VAH A 139, out patient service, 915 North Grand, St. Louis, Missouri, April 11, 1968. PLUNK claims he does not work due to physical condition. PLUNK obviously in poor physical condition and had difficulty in moving and breathing.

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J. A. J. CONSOLINO

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On April 13, 1968, LEONARD KORMORNY, Manager, Lipsett Steel Products Company, 2520 East 23rd Street, Granite City, Illinois, advised that D. L. PETERSON is actually a D. L. Peterson Leasing Company, Baltimore, Maryland, and the automobiles for Lipsett Steel Products Company are leased through the D. L. Peterson Leasing Company.

He advised that the Lipsett Steel Products Company and the Luria Brothers and Company are the same company, operating out of 2520 East 23rd Street, Granite City, Illinois.

He said A. J. CONSTANTINO was an employee of the Lipsett Steel Products Company and that CONSTANTINO was residing at the Executive Apartments at 10038 Executive Drive North, St. Louis, Missouri, and would not be returning back to the company until April 15, 1968. He further advised that CONSTANTINO was the only employee of the company who took travelling assignments. He advised that he did not have any information concerning the 1968 Illinois license 411809 at the present time.

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K. UNKNOWN SUSPECT, AKA RICHARD GALT

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On this date, April 12, 1968, KENNETH NEWBLE, 100 North North Street, Peoria, Illinois, telephone number 682-1577, telephonically contacted the Peoria Resident Agency to advise that he had heard a radio broadcast from a Springfield station, Springfield, Illinois, not identified, while driving from Springfield to Peoria on this date. He recalled the commentator said the FBI was trying to locate an individual (FNU) GALT who was a seaman working out of Birmingham, Alabama. He advised that he is a former seaman, and he immediately recalled an individual known to him as RICHARD GALT (phonetic) whom he had sailed with on the SS Hudson of the Victory Transportation Line, New York City in December of 1961 to February of 1962, on a voyage to Spain and return to Port Arthur, Texas. He advised he and this individual known to him as RICHARD GALT were both members of the Seafarers International Union, Mobile, Alabama, whose national office is Brooklyn, New York.

He advised he and another seaman named TOBY DANCY of Mobile Alabama, and also a member of the said union, discussed racial matters and religious matters and politics at length, during the above voyage. He stated there were four Negroes in the crew of approximately 40 men and that he, NEWBLE and DANCY were the only two who associated with GALT (PHONETIC).

He described this individual as follows:

Age	Approximately 40-42 years of age at this time
Height	6'
Weight	165
Build	Thin
	Casual dresser, had excellent knowledge of hand guns and had excellent knowledge of European countries.

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NEWBLE advised that this individual had related that he had studied for the priesthood in Chicago, Ill., during his early years. He also advised that he was an experienced veteran seaman.

NEWBLE was contacted in person by SAs ELIAS WILLIAMS, Jr., and the writer, and he could add no additional information to the above.

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KENNETH NEWBLE, 1817 North North Street, Peoria, Illinois, viewed on April 18, 1968, a composite photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT. He advised this individual is definitely not the crewman which he had reference to aboard the SS Hudson in December, 1961, to February, 1962. He advised there is distinct differences in the hair and facial features. NEWBLE is of the opinion he knew the crewman as RICHARD GALT and cannot offer explanations or suggestions as to which crewman he may have made reference to. He advised he recalls RICHARD SANTAMOUR, also a crewman, who is definitely not identical with the individual he had reference to. Based on NEWBLE's statements, after viewing a composite photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT and in the absence of any recorded crewman named GALT, no further investigation to locate this individual will be conducted.

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L. CLOYD DRAKE

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Investigation by SA ROBERT BLUM RASCOE at Winchester, Illinois, revealed on 4-15-68 that both license plates, CG 6668, are on 1962 white Chevrolet Bel-Aire hardtop. Such is in accordance with records of DMV at Springfield, checked 4-14-68. Car duly registered to CLOYD DRAKE, Winchester, Illinois.

Mrs. DRAKE interviewed. She advised her husband recently passed away and that only she and her husband ever used the auto. She further advised that the car definitely has not been to Chicago and that the plates have not been removed or used on any other auto.

No further investigation being conducted in view of discrepancy in description of auto seen in Chicago and that of DRAKE's auto.

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Information was received from the Jackson Division, on April 19, 1968, that Pascagoula, Mississippi Police Department stopped an individual driving a white Corvair bearing 1968 Illinois license DG 3109. The driver identified himself as JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE. MONTAGNE was accompanied by another white male whose identity was not determined. MONTAGNE indicated he was a musician and the other person indicated he was a seaman and they were both heading for New Orleans.

The officer who stopped the above individuals said that MONTAGNE resembled the photo of GALT and that after hearing a description of JAMES EARL RAY having a scar in the middle of his forehead he believed that MONTAGNE might be RAY as he recalled MONTAGNE having such a scar. No further description was available on MONTAGNE or the other person.

Auto Registration Section records, Springfield, Illinois, revealed 1968 Illinois license DG 3109 is registered to RAYMOND HILLBURN, 6039 North Ridge, Chicago, Illinois for a 1956 Dodge, Four door, VIN 32233139. Auto registration and drivers license checks re MONTAGNE negative.

Drivers License Section records re HILLBURN describe him as:

Name	RAYMOND MITCHEL HILLBURN
Address	1254 Leland,
Chicago, Illinois	
DOB	
Height	5' 10"
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Drivers license #	H41673340187
	Suspended since 3/10/68