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SUBJECT
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*Martin Luther King Jr.
Murder*

WORK SHEET - XEROX REQUEST

ANALYST - *Harp*
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REFERENCE: Buairtel, 5/7/68.

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Since the inception of this investigation, all investigative leads developed by Houston have been set forth upon receipt. The leads are not being restated in this report.

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Copy to:

Report of: SA JAMES S. WEIR
Date: May 17, 1968

Office: Houston, Texas

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Title: JAMES EARL RAY,
TOP TEN FUGITIVE;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
(DECEASED) - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION -
ROBBERY

Synopsis:

Two white males using names W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLAW departed Memphis 1:47 AM, 4/5/68 via Delta Flight 157 non-stop to Houston. Prior to flight departure two white males taken to Memphis Municipal Airport by taxi from William Len Hotel, Memphis and subsequently identified from hotel records as VINCENT WALKER, San Francisco and LAWRENCE RAND (or REND), Kansas City, Kansas. Delta Airlines hostesses, limousine driver and logical hotel inquiries unable to identify DAVIS or CHIDLAW. Elimination of look-alikes set forth. Name of JOHN WILLARD located in records for Itaska Dance Studio, League City, Texas. Manager recalls WILLARD at studio in April, 1967 taking four weekly lessons. Telephone company records reflect 969 telephone calls from pay phones along I.S. 10, Houston Division, 12/15-17/67. NEAL AEBY, former inmate Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) with subject stated subject worked in Bread Room, MSP, as slicer; subject because of stomach trouble quit smoking and partial to egg diet. Houston Bartending School, labor unions, ship departures, credit, criminal, street and telephone directories negative for subject. SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

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They departed Memphis at 1:30 AM, April 5, 1968 and arrived at 2:50 AM, April 5, 1968. Their names were added to the manifest and no addresses were listed.

On April 5, 1968 Miss SUSAN KRAUSE, one of two stewardesses aboard Delta Flight No. 157, Memphis to Houston, referred to above, advised as follows. She stated that her flight was late in arriving at Memphis. She had gone to the operations division to pick up forms and upon her return to the plane she went about her normal business. Miss KRAUSE advised that the names of passengers aboard the plane are not taken and the only thing she looks for is the envelope of the passenger that contains the ticket showing the passenger's class of travel. Because of the late hour of the departure of the flight from Memphis, the lights inside the cabin were turned down for the convenience of the majority of the passengers and she was not able to get a close look at anyone and was unable to recall the passengers W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLAW.

On April 5, 1968, VICKIE MC LUCAS, Delta stewardess for Delta Flight 157, Memphis to Houston, Texas, referred to above, advised as follows: While Flight 157 was at the Memphis Airport several passengers came aboard and the lights were turned down low for the convenience of other passengers; consequently, she did not pay any specific attention to any of the passengers coming aboard. Miss LUCAS advised that she was unable to recall passengers named W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLAW as members of the passenger list, Flight 157, Memphis to Houston, April 5, 1968.

On April 8, 1968 JIM HAYDEN, Limousine Service, which service handles the Houston Municipal Airport, advised that his records disclose LUPY DELAO who is currently working for Delta Airlines at the Houston Municipal Airport was on duty at the airport when the Delta Flight arrived at 2:50 AM and his records disclosed that DELAO had six persons whom he transported in his limousine to downtown Houston, which persons presumably were from the Delta flight mentioned above.

LUPY DELAO, 1815 Louis, telephone CA 8-6119 advised that he did in fact transport passengers from the Delta flight which arrived at 2:50 AM and he recalled that there were six adult white males who requested transportation in his limousine. He stated he dropped three of the men at the Sheraton Lincoln Hotel in downtown Houston, two of the men were dropped at

the Rice Hotel in downtown Houston and one man was dropped at the Downtowner Motel in Houston, Texas. DELAO advised that the two men he dropped at the Rice Hotel indicated at first that they intended to be dropped at the Downtowner Motel however when getting in the vicinity of the Rice Hotel changed their minds and asked to be dropped off at the Rice Hotel. DELAO stated that these two men had very little luggage and each one carried only a small handbag. DELAO stated he could not furnish any descriptive data regarding the two men he dropped off at the Rice Hotel and did not in fact know if they actually stayed at the Rice Hotel or one of the other hotels in the area. DELAO stated that he would have arrived at the Rice Hotel at approximately 3:30 AM as this is the amount of time it normally takes to drive to the Rice Hotel from the airport via the route he took.

On April 8, 1968, Mr. JOHNNY RAGLEY, Credit Manager, Rice Hotel, personally checked all available logical records in an effort to identify two individuals who may have checked in the Rice Hotel approximately 3:30 AM on April 5, 1968. Further all available records were checked for the following names:

JOHN WILLIARD
VINCENT WALKER
LAWRENCE RAND or REND
W. DAVIS
B. CHIDLAW

No records were located which could possibly be identified with the two individuals possibly identical with the suspects who reportedly flew from Memphis to Houston, Texas on the morning of April 5, 1968.

Similar record checks were made at the Milby Hotel which is located across the street from the Rice Hotel and at the Downtowner Motel also in the vicinity of the Rice Hotel and the results of the checks were negative.

Records of the Houston Police Department, Harris County Sheriff's Office, Houston Credit Bureau and Houston street and telephone directories checked for any information for the above listed individuals were negative.

I. INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY LAUNDRY TAG MARK 02B-6

On April 10, 1968 HORACE F. KUHLEMAN, owner, Kuhleman Machinery Company, 2210 Taft, advised that the following laundry and cleaning concerns utilized the thermo seal marking machine which is manufactured by the Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York. KUHLEMAN has the exclusive franchise for the thermo seal marking machine for the territory of southeast and south Texas. It has been determined through KUHLEMAN that his distributorship area is inclusive of the Houston Division. Companies are:

Pilgrim Cleaning and Laundry, Galveston, Texas
Hi-hat Cleaners, Houston, Texas
Pilgrim Cleaners, Homestead Road, Houston
Pilgrim Cleaners, Baytown, Texas
Fame Cleaners, Pasadena, Texas
Wilkins Laundry, Conroe, Texas
Monarch Laundry, Houston

Mr. KUHLEMAN telephoned each of the above concerns and determined from the owner the type of laundry tag used.

KUHLEMAN's inquiry resolved the pertinent fact that none of the above cleaning or laundry establishments utilized the "dash" preceding the last digit six.

II. PERSONS CONSIDERED AS POSSIBLE SUSPECTS BUT ELIMINATED THROUGH INVESTIGATION

1. WILLIAM LEO BEIER Beaumont, Texas Police Department No. 23655

Inspector SNELL, Beaumont Police Department, on April 9, 1968 advised that BEIER was arrested on April 8, 1968 for investigation. BEIER had no identification and claimed he was an ex-convict from the State of Washington.

The Identification Division, FBI, advised that fingerprints of WILLIAM LEO BEIER, FBI No. 271131D are not identical with latent fingerprints developed in this investigation.

2. JAMES HERMAN SILVER

Information was received by the FBI, Houston, Texas that SILVER had been imprisoned at Leavenworth Penitentiary and that he has a strong dislike for Negroes and had visited Memphis in the past several times. He was described as an expert shot. On April 10, 1968 his whereabouts were unknown.

On April 10, 1968 a comparison of SILVER's fingerprints by the Identification Division, FBI, determined that his prints were not identical with those developed in this investigation and was eliminated as a suspect.

3. DONNIE LEON HARDEN

Information furnished by the Dallas Division, FBI, made DONNIE LEON HARDEN a possible suspect in this investigation.

Investigation by the FBI at Jackson, Mississippi determined that DONNIE LEON HARDEN, an employee of the Ingalls Ship Yard, Pascagoula, Mississippi, was at work on his job at that ship yard on April 4, 1968. He worked an hourly shift from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

4. CLAUDE CHESTER MC CLAREN, JR.

Mexican Police, Mexico City, Mexico, furnished the following information: CLAUDE CHESTER MC CLAREN, JR., US Passport Z155489 arrived in Mexico City from Tegucigalpa, Honduras April 8, 1968. He was enroute Houston, Texas. Airport police noticed a close resemblance of MC CLAREN to sketches of the suspect killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

On April 19, 1968 CLAUDE C. MC CLAREN, JR. was interviewed at Commodore Cove, Shreveport, Texas, where he was employed as a heavy equipment operator. He furnished the following information:

He is working with his brother, CARL MC CLAREN on a construction job at Commodore Cove, Freeport building beach type homes. Their employer is the Drexel Industry located at 1500 Bank of the Southwest Building, Houston, Texas, and JAKE CLEGG is associated with this company. He presently resides at 119 Jolley Boat Lane, Commodore Cove, Freeport, Texas and his permanent address is 5405 Wichita Street, Ft. Worth, Texas which is the home of his sister, JUSTINE PRESTON. For the past two years, he has worked in Honduras returning to the U.S. in December, 1967 and lived in Ft. Worth for awhile. He began his employment at Freeport sometime around March 27, 1968. He went to Honduras on March 30, 1968 leaving Houston, Texas via National Airlines and from New Orleans, Louisiana flew to Honduras via Sahsa

Airlines. He remained at the Hotel Bolivar, San Pedro Sula, Honduras from March 30, 1968 to April 7, 1968 at which time he flew from Honduras to Mexico City, Mexico via Tan Airlines and from Mexico City to Houston, Texas via Pan American arriving in Houston April 7, 1968 thus was in Honduras from March 30, 1968 to April 7, 1968.

The following description of CLAUDE CHESTINE MC CLAREN, JR. was obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	
Place of birth	Ft. Worth, Texas
Height	5'9"
Weight	145 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Marital status	Single
Complexion	Tanned
Military service	U.S. Navy, August, 1954 - September, 1958
Serial No.	451-57-24

It was noted from observation that MC CLAREN does not resemble the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT.

5. JOHN A. GAULT

On April 12, 1968 the Miami Office of the FBI after reviewing records of Eastern Airlines determined that a JOHN A. GAULT employed by Associated Pipeline Contractors, Houston, Texas, had departed Greensboro, North Carolina on Eastern Flight 621 on April 9, 1968 destined for Atlanta, Georgia. He departed Atlanta, Georgia on Flight 341 on April 9, 1968 and traveled to Houston, Texas. GAULT was interviewed at Houston, Texas and it was determined that he is 24 years old and is in fact employed by Associated Pipeline Contractors and he in no way resembles JAMES EARL RAY, also known as.

6. DON TURNER

Information furnished by the Conroe Police Department, Conroe, Texas was the basis for investigation of DON TURNER. Mr. KEN ANDREWS, Springville, New York, advised the Conroe Police Department that on April 13, 1968 while driving from Conroe to California, he picked up a person furnishing the name DON TANNER at Benson, Arizona. TANNER was dressed in an Army uniform. Because of TANNER's statements ANDREWS became suspicious of him. - 7 -

Information furnished by the Los Angeles Office determined that TANNER was eliminated on the basis of information furnished by SHIRLEY KAHN who stated that DONALD TANNER was a friend and associate of her son and that TANNER was not identical with JAMES EARL RAY, also known as.

7. HENRY RICHARD GILES

Information furnished to the FBI determined that GILES had been under observation at Vera Cruz, Mexico in mid-April, 1968. He had been seeking information concerning travel to Cuba and had come to Mexico by the coast having entered Mexico at Tampico. He represented himself as being an employee of Braselton Construction Company, Corpus Christi, Texas.

On April 20, 1968, BILLY BRASELTON, Braselton Construction Company, Corpus Christi, Texas confirmed that HENRY ROBERT GILES is an employee of that company. He was not aware of GILES' visit to Mexico or Cuba. GILES upon interview April 20, 1968 advised he left Corpus Christi on April 16, 1968 by Trans-Texas Airways and traveled to Vera Cruz, Mexico. He departed Vera Cruz on April 17, 1968 by bus traveling to Mexico City. He returned to Corpus Christi, April 18, 1968 via Braniff Airlines. He denied making any inquiries while in Mexico regarding travel to Cuba. He was born [redacted] at Corpus Christi.

8. G.L. GALLAGHER

5505 Briar Drive, Houston, Texas

Information received by the FBI at Miami, Florida alleged that G.L. GALLAGHER, a visitor at the C Ranch Hotel, Miami, April 23, 1968 resembled a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as.

On April 23, 1968 SHIRLEY MAYON, Domestic, residence of G.L. GALLAGHER, 5505 Briar Drive, Houston, advised that Mr. and Mrs. GALLAGHER are presently in Florida on a vacation. GALLAGHER is an executive with an oil company at Houston, Texas.

9. Driver of Auto Bearing Louisiana License
25E930

An anonymous call received by the Dallas Division claimed that the driver of the above described automobile bore a strong resemblance to ERIC STARVO GALT. A check of Louisiana license records, Baton Rouge, Louisiana reflected that the above mentioned Louisiana license checked out to a car leased to Texas Services, Inc., Alexandria, Louisiana. Inquiry at Alexandria, Louisiana, determined that Texas -8 -

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Services is a licensee of Hertz Rent-A-Car, Alexandria, Louisiana. Inquiry at Hertz Rent-A-Car determined that the aforementioned automobile had been turned back to the Hertz Main Office at Brian, Texas, approximately three months ago.

Inquiry at Hertz Rent-A-Car, Brian, Texas on April 24, 1968 revealed that the aforementioned automobile bearing 1968 Louisiana license 25E930 is maintained by Capps Car Rental, 3717 Inwood Road, Dallas, Texas.

10. TOM ROSELL

Information furnished by the FBI, San Francisco Office, made TOM ROSELL a possible suspect. A Miss TRUDIE WALMARK, San Francisco, California stated she had attended a study group at the First Baptist Church, Market and Octavia Streets on April 22, 1968. While at that meeting she met a man named TOM ROSELL who stated he came from Beaumont, Texas. It was her opinion that ROSELL closely resembled photographs of JAMES EARL RAY.

On April 24, 1968 inquiry made at 405 Threadneedle Street, Beaumont, Texas determined that TOM ROSELL is a resident at that address. ROSELL's mother stated that her son was enroute to San Francisco and was probably in that city by now. She stated that her son is employed as a barber at Beaumont, Texas. Beaumont street and telephone directories confirm that ROSELL is a barber with residence at 405 Threadneedle Street, Beaumont.

11. GRAHAM ROBERT SMITH

Information furnished the San Francisco Office of the FBI was as follows:

Deputy Sheriff ANGEL STICKE GAULT regarding passengers who left Nuevo Laredo on April 6, 1968 enroute to Monterrey, Mexico made SMITH a possible suspect. SMITH was described as age 22, a British subject studying at Rice University, Houston, Texas.

On April 29, 1968 Mrs. ATKINSON, Secretary, Office of the Dean of Men, Rice University, advised GRAHAM ROBERT SMITH is an Abraham scholar and a British exchange student studying economics at Rice University. Rice University

RAY JOHNSON as an employee with that show. They advised that Heart of America has no other branch shows on the road. They further advised that they had been operating in the State of Texas for the past month. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY displayed to them were not identified as being similar with any show personnel.

14. JAMES W. HAMMONS

Information received by the FBI, Pittsburgh, is as follows. A Mr. KELVIN PLYER, Gulf Service Station, operator, Bartow, West Virginia, stated that on April 22, 1968 two white males driving a 1961 or 1962 white Chevrolet Impala, Louisiana license unknown, purchased gas and tires at PLYER's service station using Gulf Credit Card No. 1312681552. The purchaser signed the purchase slip in the name JAMES HAMMONS. On May 2, 1968 PLYER concluded after reading in the newspaper descriptive data concerning JAMES EARL RAY that HAMMONS might possibly have been RAY.

On May 8, 1968 JIM ABSHIER, Agent in Charge, Security Division, Gulf Oil Corporation, Houston, Texas advised as follows: Gulf Credit Card No. 1312681552 is issued to a JAMES W. HAMMONS, Route 1, Antler, Oklahoma. On April 22, 1968 HAMMONS made a purchase at Bartow, West Virginia for an automobile, Louisiana license 9H067.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

1. JAMES STEDMAN

On April 11, 1968, NORVIL WILSON, construction superintendent, Houston, advised that the previous day he had overheard JAMES STEDMAN stated that he, STEDMAN, had an idea who killed MARTIN LUTHER KING but he hoped he was wrong.

STEDMAN is employed by the T.R.Waldrop Company, air conditioning contractors who are sub-contracting on an apartment project, Houston. Waldrop records reflect STEDMAN was born [redacted] and was employed by Waldrop since February 27, 1968. He came to Houston from Memphis, driving a 1962 Chevrolet station wagon, Tennessee license KN 3666, Shelby County with wife listed as BETTY. STEDMAN is a diabetic.

On April 12, 1968 STEDMAN was interviewed on his job. when tactfully approached for any information or observation about the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING he replied he,

his family and friends in Memphis were capable of committing the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING but he had no idea or information regarding the murder. When confronted with the alleged statements he made he stated he may have been shooting off his mouth but still contended he had no information. When pressed for identities of possible suspects he became antagonistic and stated he wanted to talk to an attorney if agents persisted in questioning him.

At the outset when agents identified themselves STEDMAN thought the inquiry regarding him was due to arrears on car payments to a finance company. With this in mind, STEDMAN was advised of the reward for information identifying the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING. STEDMAN quickly advised he was not a stoolie.

STEDMAN denied Klan affiliation.

As a result of interview. STEDMAN became extremely upset and belligerent and indicated that he now had reason to get a permit to buy a gun in order to kill anyone who might give him trouble.

2. Investigation at Dancing Schools,
Houston Division

On April 18, 1968 Mrs. ITASKA WEINSTEIN, 5503 Yacht Club Drive, Dickinson, Texas, operator of the Itaska Dance Studio, Highway 3, League City, Texas, furnished the following information. Mrs. ITASKA WEINSTEIN had been contacted on April 16, 1967 regarding any information she might have in her records indicating that ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as, might have been a student at her dance studio.

On April 18, 1968 Mrs. WEINSTEIN stated that she had researched her records and located a 3 x 5 card bearing the name of JOHN WILLARD, no address or description. She stated that the card had been completed by herself and merely shows that a man named JOHN WILLARD appeared for four dancing lessons, three lessons being on a Wednesday and one on a Friday, month and date not indicated. Mrs. WEINSTEIN does recall that these lessons for JOHN WILLARD were given before her annual recital which is held in May, and to the best of her recollection this person took the dancing lessons during April, 1967. She stated she has no other record pertaining to a JOHN WILLARD and was unable to locate any record which could contain his signature or handwriting.

Her overall impression of JOHN WILLARD as best

she can recall was that he was not neat, lacking in personality and was an extremely poor dancer. She recalls him as being quiet and difficult to teach because he had poor balance. No one else at her studio at the present time would know him. She stated that it was possible that SHIRLEY CARROLL formerly a bookkeeper for Mrs. WEINSTEIN at the studio might have had contacts with JOHN WILLARD when he came for lessons and may have conversed with him. She stated that SHIRLEY CARROLL resides at an address in care of J.L. HOECK, Patton Road, Box 81A, Forest Hill, Maryland. Mrs. WEINSTEIN was shown photographs of ERIC GALT, also known as James Earl Ray, and she commented that the photograph of GALT with his eyes closed most closely resembled the JOHN WILLARD that she vaguely recalls. She stated the eyes drawn into the photograph do not resemble those of the man who took lessons from her. In addition the hair of the JOHN WILLARD that she knew was not as dark as that in the photograph and his complexion was olive, not fair.

During their very limited conversations WILLARD stated he worked "at NASA" and did not get off from work until 5:30 PM. He also stated that he was called back to work on overtime on occasion. She stated that he did not appear to be a highly educated man, definitely not the "engineering type". WILLARD had remarked to Mrs. WEINSTEIN that he went from work to his apartment or room, took a shower, changed clothes and then came for his dancing lesson. She recalled that he usually wore a white shirt and dark pants but on one or two occasions wore a suit. At no time did Mrs. WEINSTEIN observe a badge or identification tag with WILLARD's photograph on it as do all employees working at NASA possess. WILLARD had stated to Mrs. WEINSTEIN that he owned a record player and he once borrowed one of her records. He had mentioned that he had bought a record of Fred Astaire Dance Instructions which he said he purchased at the NASA Bay Shopping Center, Webster, Texas. Mrs. WEINSTEIN recalled that she told JOHN WILLARD that she would not dance with him while teaching him ballroom dancing as it was against her policy. On at least two occasions JOHN WILLARD brought with him a woman who acted as his partner while he took lessons. This woman was described as name "LOU", age in her 40s and definitely older than JOHN WILLARD, height 5'4", average build, dressed in ordinary cotton dresses, not slacks, with hair being dark with a reddish cast and had a poor personality. To the recollection of Mrs. WEINSTEIN, WILLARD's dancing partner supposedly worked as a waitress, cafe or establishment unknown.

According to Mrs. WEINSTEIN, WILLARD told her that he, after having taken this woman to a lesson or two, would not be able to bring her back with him because she worked too late and she wanted him to pick her up after work. Mrs. WEINSTEIN although not ever seeing WILLARD drive a car was confident that he had one but she was unable to describe it other than to say it must have been an older car. Although she is not certain she thinks that perhaps on the last time that she gave him a lesson WILLARD told her he was going to "visit his mother". She can recall no further information regarding JOHN WILLARD. Mrs. WEINSTEIN further furnished the following descriptive data concerning JOHN WILLARD:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	Approximately 5'9" - 10"
Age	In his 30s
Hair	Brown, ordinary cut, combed straight back
Eyes	Gray or brown, definitely not blue, and did not wear glasses
Build	Stocky, but not fat or heavy
Complexion	Olive
Teeth	Cannot recall
Carriage	Posture not good, slouched and not that of a well groomed man
Speech	Average, no accent
Jewelry	May have worn ring and wrist-watch
Shoes	Black, round toed, not alligator; feet of average size
Habits	Cannot remember if he smoked; does not remember habit of pulling ear
Dress	When wearing slacks, wore belt and slacks much too long, dragging on floor, belt worn low
Miscellaneous	Did not seem clean or well educated

On April 19, 1968 Special Agents LEON F. BROWN and HENRY L. WILLIAMS contacted the following employees and proprietors of restaurants and bars on Old Galveston Road north from Webster to South Houston:

CECIL RAMSEY, Goliad Bar
7722 Old Galveston Road

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Mrs. W. MULDER, Mulder's Courts,
7806 Old Galveston Road

Mrs. BEATRICE PAIGE, Ellington Motel
7822 Old Galveston Road

RICHARD GALIMBO, WW Rance Bar,
9002 Old Galveston Road

BARBARA FRENCH, Eunice's
9136 Old Galveston Road

NELSON BLAND, Singing Wheel,
603 N. Commerce (Webster)

JEAN BRADFORD, Five B's Cafe,
16516 Old Galveston Road

JIMMY STUBBS, Lone Star Beer Salesman,
Pasadena

NELL KAMPER, Coconut Grove Lounge
9322 Old Galveston Road

Shangri-La Inn, NINA ESPEANSE
9410 Old Galveston Road

S.L. HARLOW, Hollywood Inn
10638 Old Galveston Road

FAYE ETZEL, Roy's Tune-Up,
10010 Old Galveston Road

The following investigation was conducted by SAs
TIMOTHY DONOVAN and KENNETH B. JACKSON on April 19, 1968:

Mr. M.L. CASSIDY, Proprietor, League City Bar,
Old Galveston Road, League City, Texas, advised he had not
known of a female named "LOU" working at this bar in recent
years and that photographs of ERIC GALT was unfamiliar to
him.

MARGARET MOORE, Manager, Diamond Apartments, 628
Highway 3; Mariner Apartments, 1100 E. Main; Todd-Diamond
Duplexes, 7th and Danna Streets, all League City, Texas,
advised after viewing photograph and description of ERIC
GALT that GALT was unknown to her.

Mrs. JULIUS LOOSIER, Hacienda Cafe, 3817 Highway 3, Dickinson, Texas, advised one LUCILLE G. MERKA who was more commonly referred to as "LU" worked as a waitress at this cafe for about two months, terminating about September 4, 1965. LU was a white female, age about 40-43, 5'6", dark hair, slender build. She was married to one LUM HOLLAN or HALLAN of Dickinson for awhile prior to her death from cancer in a hospital about one and one half to two years ago in Beaumont, Texas. Mrs. LOOSIER was unable to identify photograph of ERIC GALT as anyone she had known or seen before.

The following persons were contacted in efforts to locate and/or identify the unknown waitress described only as first name "LOU". Each of these persons reviewed subject's Wanted Flyer and each advised they could offer no information concerning "LOU" or subject.

L.B. WRIGHT, owner, Flintlock Inn,
810 Nasa Boulevard

ELIANE HUDSON, Manager, Monterrey House,
914 NASA Boulevard

D.W. ROBINSON, Manager
BETTY COPELAND, Berger Town Restaurant
No. 2, 918 NASA Boulevard

RAYMOND E. HANKAMER, JR., Manager,
Holiday Inn Motel, 1300 NASA Boulevard

LESLEY C. BARCLAY, Manager, Sveden House
Restaurant, Nassau Bay Shopping Village

BARRY FLEISHCHMANN, Manager, Nassau Bay
Hotel, 1622 NASA Boulevard

On April 19, 1968, Mrs. LOUISE CASEY, Waitress, Nassau Bay Hotel, 1622 NASA Boulevard was interviewed at the hotel. Mrs. CASEY furnished the following information concerning herself:

Mrs. CASEY advised that she was born LOUISE ANETTE BOLEENO, [redacted] at Buffalo, New York. The following physical description was noted:

Height	4'11"
Weight	100 lbs.
Eyes	Green
Hair	Blond with reddish tint

Mrs. CASEY advised that she has been employed by the Nassau Bay Hotel as a waitress since May, 1965 and at no time has she dated anyone. Mrs. CASEY advised she has been married to RICHARD CASEY for 19 years and has a 17 year old son. She advised that subject's name and photograph were completely unfamiliar to her, with the exception of recent press coverage and that at no time has she ever taken dancing lessons. Mrs. CASEY advised she currently resides at 98 Bayou Lane, Kamah, Texas, and that her husband RICHARD is employed as an engineer by Link, Temple and Vault, contractors at the Manned Spacecraft Center. Mrs. CASEY advised that during the spring and summer of 1967 she was employed full-time working evenings in the Club Seville at the Nassau Bay Hotel. Mrs. CASEY advised she has never been arrested and that the only time she has ever been fingerprinted was in 1951 or 1952 when she was employed as a part-time clerk at the Post Office in Buffalo, New York, during the Christmas season. She advised subsequently she and her husband have resided at Columbus, Ohio; Baltimore, Maryland; Granada Hills, California; and League City, Texas, prior to her present residence. She advised she and her husband moved to League City in February, 1965 and while at League City lived at the Diamond Apartments, 613 Texas Highway No. 3. Mrs. CASEY advised the only other waitress in the area that she knows whose first name could be LOU is Mrs. LOUISE WALLACE who is also employed as a waitress at the Nassau Bay Hotel.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs FRANK M. IVEY and DAVID W. HEDGECOCK:

On April 19, 1968 BARRY FLEISCHMANN, Manager, Nassau Bay Hotel, 1622 NASA Boulevard, advised that he employs two waitresses whose first name is "LOU". He advised that Mrs. LOUISE CASEY is employed as a waitress in the hotel restaurant and Mrs. LOUISE WALLACE is employed in the hotel coffee shop.

Mrs. LOUISE CASEY was interviewed on April 19, 1968 and it was determined she is not identical with the (LOU) (Last Name Unknown) previously determined in this case. Mrs. LOUISE WALLACE was on a day off on April 19, 1968 and efforts to locate her at her home, 1410 Farm-Market Road 518, Kemah, Texas met with negative results.

the following investigation was conducted in this case at Dickinson, Texas by SA HOLLIS Q. BOONE and SA M. CLAY BLACKMAN on April 19, 1968:

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Attempts to locate a waitress by the name of LOU (Last Name Unknown) were negative and photograph of subject was shown to all persons interviewed also with negative results. In the course of this investigation the following persons were contacted:

FRED GRIEGER, Deputy Sheriff,
Galveston County Sheriff's Office

ROBERT BRUCE, Galveston County Sheriff's
Office

MARY WILD, Mary's Cafe

CARLO EMMETT, T&C Night Club and Motel

LAVON BOOTH, Colonial Rooms
All 1967 room receipts were reviewed

E.R. COOK, owner, rooming house,
4401 Gore

Mrs. PRESTON G. NORTHRUP, Northup Trailer
Park, Highway 517

LUCILLE GRAHAM, Railroad Cafe

Mrs. JACKIE ROSS, Railroad Cafe

Four Seasons Beauty Salon, TINA VAN HOY

FRANK BOSTICK, Bostick Restaurant,
Texas City, Texas

LINDA SKEPTEK, Pete's Cafe
LaMarque, Texas

Closed accounts, Security Savings and Loan and Miss VIRGINIA WEIGELT, Citizens State Bank, were checked for possible accounts of subject with negative results.

On April 23, 1968 BARRY FLEISHMAN, Resident Manager, Nassau Bay Hotel advised as follows:

Mrs. WALLACE has been employed by that hotel as a waitress for an extended period. She was not at work April 23, 1968. He described her as being in her middle or late 40s, married and has seven children. Her husband is an invalid. Mrs. WALLACE is definitely not a "swinger" but on the contrary, is a quiet, stable and refined person

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who is a dedicated housewife and mother with outside employment to support her family. She is not the type who would be interested in or have the time for extra marital affairs in view of her heavy responsibilities as housewife to an invalid and mother of seven children.

On April 19, 1968 the following individuals were interviewed by SA PHILIP W. SWISHER and SA OTTO VAN RY, and were exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as. All individuals interviewed advised after viewing photographs of RAY they had never seen him.

LOU KENNEDY, 1805 Wesley, Houston, Texas, employed as a waitress at Denny's Restaurant, 3137 Southwest Freeway. White female, 5'2", medium build, hair brown with reddish tint, date of birth [redacted] place of birth Dickens County, Texas.

LOU RAWZA, 5209 Clay, employed as a secretary for E.O. Henson Company, 5209 Clay, Houston, Texas. Previous employment at Astoria Lounge, 1106 St. Emanuel, Houston. White female, 5'5", complexion medium, build medium, eyes brown, hair brown, date of birth [redacted] place of birth Silorn Springs, Arkansas.

Mrs. ADA CAMARON, Manager, Larabee Apartments,
1914 Larabee Road

ALICE ENTEGERMEIR, Assistant Manager
King Kastle Restaurant, 5114 Nasa Road

R.L. FARMER, Manager, Ebb Tide Apartments,
4521 Nasa Road

J.F. PASCHALL, Manager, Dobbs House
Restaurant, 1311 Nasa Road

The following investigation was conducted by SAs JOHN LEONARD RYAN and GEORGE T. SULLIVAN on April 19, 1968 on Nasa Highway 1. All bars, restaurants, and cafeterias on Nasa No. 1 were contacted to determine if the proprietors or employees of these establishments knew a waitress by the name of LOU, who is described as a white female, age 40, 5'4", brown hair with red tint. The following individuals were also contacted to determine if they had ever seen the individual known as ERIC STARVO GALT or JOHN WILLARD or LOWMYER. These individuals were unable to furnish any positive information.

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LEON DYER
JAMES H. ROSSER, proprietor
1705 Second Street
Seabrook, Texas

Paul's Cafeteria
1913 NASA #1
ELLEN PERRY, Waitress
PAUL HAYES, Manager

Lake Side Seafood
6031 NASA #1
P.C. LARRYBEE, Proprietor

The Lake House
5500 NASA #1
Mrs. HAROLD LEHMAN, Assistant Manager

Clear Lake Motel
5222 Nasa #1
H.W. WHITE, Manager

Eric Restaurant
5014 NASA #1
ERIC WILLIAMS and JAMES BOLDS, proprietors

Pier 7 Diner
4525 NASA #1
EVELYN SMITH, Manager

The Landing Apartments
4420 NASA Road #1
ED RAY, Manager

Port of Call Apartments
#1 Porifito Strip
MARION PETERS, Manager

Ramada Inn Restaurant
NASA Road #1
V.LITTLE, Manager
DIANA HANDS, Bookkeeper

On April 19, 1968 the following persons were contacted at their respective establishments by SAs WILLIAM G. MORRISSEY and JOHN MICHAEL MC CABE in Seabrook, Texas with negative results. Wanted Flyer 442 dated April 17, 1968 was exhibited to these individuals and they were

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questioned regarding subject's possible whereabouts in Seabrook during April, 1967 and their knowledge of a waitress named "LOU" who allegedly is from the Texas Gulf Coast area.

C.J. ESHLEMAN
1309 Todville Road

B.A. HEIMANN
1618 Todville Road

R.A. MILLER
1705 Todville Road

HARRY FRIEDMAN
1901 Todville Road
Spaceway Apartments

B.L. GUNDERSON
1921 Todville Road

ALICE JACKSON
Bayview Apartments, Incorporated.
1822 Todville Road

Todville Apartments
905 Todville Road
RICHARD E. PEACOCK

Wes Nuecke's Bar
618 Todville Road

J.S. FOVILE
519 Todville Road

RACHEL MC DOWELL's Restaurant
Box 342-906 Todville Road

LEON DYER's Bar
313 Todville Road

JOSEPH HACK's Beer Lounge
~~112-11th Street~~

LEO MASTERS
Pier 8 Market
104 Houston Street

Regatta Inn
Highway 146
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OSCAR SCHWARTZ
Crossroads Coffee House
1011 Meyer Street

A.L. WILCOX
Chief, Seabrook Police Department

RALPH ANGELINO
Fox and Hounds Club
Highway 146

On April 19, 1968 the following persons were contacted at their respective establishments by SAs WILLIAM G. MORRISSEY and JOHN MICHAEL MC CABE in Kemah, Texas with negative results:

R.B. OLIVER
Constable, Kemah, Texas, Precinct 7
6th Street and Harris Street

BEN BLACKLEDGE, Mayor of Kemah
Rocket Lounge, 610 2nd Street
Bradford Apartments, 610 3rd Street

TIM HOMER
JIMMIE WALKER's Edgewater Inn

JAMES COOPER
Key Largo Restaurant

WESLEY VAN COURT
Clear Creek Inn
606 3rd Street

SYLVIA D. Motel
Texas Avenue
L.E. MARTIN

DONALD FRY
Don's Place
312 Texas

DON COURTS
406 Texas

HAZEL CONTLIN
Chatterbox
401 Texas

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Kemah Motel
503 Kipp
EDNA OLIVER

SAM ATLEDGE
Halls Lounge
701 Highway 146

STEVE ROBINSON
Robinson's Restaurant

Del Mar Lounge
601 2nd Street
JAMES BREWSTER

Moonshot Cafe
605 2nd Street
I.P. DICKSON

Cabana Motel
Kipp Street
MARY CEDAR

Pirate's Cove
609 2nd Street
JACK CAMPBELL
LOUIS WILSON

On April 26, 1968 information from the Baltimore Office, FBI, set forth results of the interview of SHIRLEY CARROLL who in 1967 had been employed by Itaska Dance Studio as a bookkeeper, League City, Texas. Miss CARROLL stated that she did not recognize photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as, as being anyone whom she had ever met and specifically not anyone that she could associate with a person named JOHN WILLARD or in any way with a person who attended the Itaska Dance Studio at League City, Texas. She further stated that the name JOHN WILLARD was not familiar to her. She stated that she vaguely recalled an individual who appeared bashful and quite backward who had taken lessons at the Itaska Dance Studio but this individual was not a person named JOHN WILLARD and the person that she vaguely recalls does not in any way resemble ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as JAMES EARL RAY.

On April 19, 1968 STEVE GERON, Manager, Home Entertainment, Inc. (record shop), 18091 Upper Bay Road, Nassau Bay, was exhibited photo and description of JAMES EARL

RAY. He was unable to identify this photo. He searched his records under the name and aliases of RAY and was unable to locate any record under these names. GERON explained that he had been manager only since January, 1968. Previous manager was DAVID WEINBRENER, now with Sterling Electronics.

On April 19, 1968, DAVID WEINBRENER, Salesman, Sterling Electronics, 4201 Southwest Freeway, was exhibited photo and description of subject and stated he could not identify this individual as having been a patron of Home Entertainment, Inc. during the time he was manager. WEINBRENER stated Home Entertainment, Inc. opened for business in Nassau Bay about June 7, 1967 under his management. He remained there as manager until the latter part of 1967.

Mrs. NORMA DRESZER, Clerk, and Mrs. JOYCE MURPHY, Owner, Melody Lane Music Shop, Clear Lake City Shopping Center, on April 19, 1968 were exhibited photo and description of subject and were unable to identify as a patron of this store. Name and aliases searched against records with negative results.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
PENROD W. HARRIS:

AT CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

On April 16, 1968 HENRY RODRIGUEZ, Assistant Manager, Arthur Murray School of Dancing, 809 N. Shoreline, advised this school of dancing was closed for some months, and reopened in December, 1967. He was unable to locate any record of a person attending this school under the surname GALT, LOWMEYER, LOWMYER or WILLARD.

On April 16, 1968 DAVE HOSKINS, operator, Dave Hoskins Dancing School, 4415 Gollihar, advised he has had no persons taking dancing lessons from him in the past four years, having surname GALT, LOWMEYER, LOWMYER or WILLARD.

It is noted the above two dancing schools are the only schools in Corpus Christi at which ballroom dancing is taught.

The following dance studios were contacted in Houston, Texas, by SA TIMOTHY J. DONOVAN on April 15, 1967, in an effort to determine if ERIC STARVO GALT had ever been on record as attending these schools:

1. Academy of Flamenco,
5134 Richmond
Mrs. BETTY GILBERSON --

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2. Vivian King Adams School
5238 Palm Center,
Mrs. VIVIAN KING ADAMS
3. Alexander Joy School
3102 Beechamp
Mrs. EVA MILLER
4. Allegro Ballet of Houston
ELLA MAE HORN
2707 Saye Road
5. Pat Herring Alston Dance Studio
3804 Broadway
PAT HERRING ALSTON
6. Dance City U.S.A.
5134 Richmond
Mrs. BETTY GILBERSON
7. Mary Jo Dance Studio
1734 West 34th Street
MARY JO CARIVELLA
8. McDowell
420 Little York Road
BILLY MC DOWELL
9. Twin Dance Studio
907 East Southmore
MARY MC COWAN
10. Westbury Dance Studio
10903 Chimney Rock
KAREN MAINERD
11. Eleanor Eason Studiok
824 Wakefield
Mrs. EMONONE
12. Herzog Studio
7909 Hillcroft
Miss KERRY
13. Linkwood School of Ballet
8827 Timberside
Mrs. LUISA
14. London International
5134 Richmond
BETTY GILBERSON

15. Lobella School of Dancing
8409 Winkler
JEAN LOBELLA
16. Emmons
1520 Foley
Mrs. EMMONS

The results of these interviews were negative.

The following persons were contacted on April 15, 1968 and advised they had no records of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER or JOHN WILLARD as ever being students at their respective establishments:

EVELYN IRETON
Jane Browning Dance Studio
5415 South Braeswood

Mrs. W.L. GURGANUS
Buddy & Tina's School
of Dance
8122 Ley Road

ROBERT H. CALVERT
Calvert Ballroom Dance
Instructors
4114 Portsmouth

MIKE GOMEZ
Lane Conway Dance Studio
909 Marshall Street

Mrs. JAMES ALPHIN
Cribb Dance Studio
1022 Edgebrook

CLAIRE KOTCHY
The Kotchy School of Dancing
2010 Peden

RUDOLF KROELLER
Rudolf Kroeller Dance Studio
3419 Graustark

Mrs. PEGGY POUNDERS
LeChateau DeBallet
1105 Meyer

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BETTY GILBERTSON
Patsy Swayze School of Dancing
5134 Richmond Avenue

Mrs. ELIZABETH SMITH
Smith Dance Studios
9121 Kenilworth

BETTY GILBERTSON
Nancy Stevens Dance Club
5134 Richmond Avenue

BETTY TAYLOR
Betty Taylor School of Dance
2527 Robinhood

The following investigation was conducted by SA
CARLOS L. KIRBY, JR.:

The following were contacted on April 16, 1968
with negative results as to anyone under the names of ERIC
STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER or JOHN WILLARD:

CAROLYN EHMAN
Carolyn Ehman Dancing Academy
4116 Broadway
Galveston, Texas

MARY GABRILES
Gabriles School of Dancing
1920 45th Street
Galveston, Texas

MYRTLE GRIEGO
Griego School of Dancing
1506 39th Street
Galveston, Texas

ISABEL MC KENNA
McKenna School of Dancing
4602 Avenue S
Galveston, Texas

MARC LIGON
Marc Ligon School of Ballet
920 8th Avenue North
Texas City, Texas

MARION GARNER KING
Marion Garner Studio of Dance
402 8th Avenue North
Texas City, Texas

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ITASKA WEINSTEIN
Itaska School of Dance
Highway #3
League City, Texas

On April 17, 1968 Mrs. JANE S. LEE, owner, Lee Jan School of Dance, 208 N. Coulter, Bryan, Texas, advised there is no dance studio catering to adults in the local area or for that matter in any of the towns within the College Station Resident Agency territory.

The following dance studios were contacted by SA G.R. SCHWEICKHARDT on April 15, 1968 and furnished a description of subject and names GALT, LOWMYER and WILLARD and all advised that they had never had anyone by that name take dance lessons at their studio.

Arthur Murray Dance Studio
1945 West Gray
BEA DE MARCO

Asbury School of Dancing
2819 Hillcroft
HUGH F. ASBURY

Fred Astaire Dance
5734 Richmond
BETTY GILBERTSON

Ballet of Houston
3416 Louisiana
THELMA SEMENONA

Emma Mae Horn Dance Studio
2707 Sage Road
Houston
EMMA MAE HORN

Houston Get Acquainted Dance Club
5134 Richmond
BETTY GILBERTSON

Joy's School of Dance
3102 Beauchamp
Mrs. CHARLES FRENCH

Vivian King Dance Studio
5283 Palm Center
VIVIAN KING ADAMS

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Niland School of Dance
7150 Bellfort
MARY NILAND

HALLY R. PRICHARD School of Dance
HALLY PRICHARD

PRICHARD stated 15 years ago they had a TOMMY
GALTS who is a long-time Houston resident.

Barbara Lee Rankin Ballet
2010 Peden
CLARA KOTCHETOUSKY

Taylor Dance Art Studio
1616 Gessner
DON TAYLOR

Vergie Lee Dance Studio
1520 Foley
ETHEL EMMONS

The Wiekert School
3706 Colgate
AILEEN LANGERMAN

Whitney School of Dance
DERIDRE WHITNEY

Stevens of Hollywood
Westheimer
LAD STEVENS

The following investigation was conducted by SA
G.R. SCHWEICKHARDT and SA JOHN H. SCHULTE:

On April 19, 1968 Sergeant JERRY FOWLER and
Court Dispatcher JINNY GILLASPIE of the Webster Police
Department, advised that they checked their records under
the names GALT, WILLARD and LOWMYER and could find no one
having been arrested by the Webster Police Department.
FOWLER advised that they have only one rooming house in
Webster, and that is Mrs. LUCILLE ADLER's rooming house.
He also advised that there are no restaurants or bars off the
main highway passing through Webster.

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Mrs. LUCILLE ADLER, 305 Houston Street, was exhibited photograph of subject and furnished the three aliases of subject, and advised she has never rented to anyone by that name.

The following individuals were contacted at League City, Texas, furnished aliases, description and exhibited photo of subject, and all advised that they had never seen him or heard of his name. All were asked about a waitress by the name of LOU and none could furnish any information as to her.

City Water Department
Mrs. W.B. HALEY

Mrs. H.W. HEWITT
1014 East Main
Rooming House

The League City Police Department
JANET WATERS
Dispatcher
Patrolman LINDSAY CARLTON

Dorothy's Kuntry Kitchen
DOROTHY SMITH

FRANK LUTRETE
224 Dallas

Mr. W.L. RIGSBY
300 Illinois

Mrs. LOUIS DAMMERNHAYNE
909 Louisiana

FAYE GUBERT
Oak Park Trailer Park

WAYNE MILES
League City Trailer Park

JOHN GHIRARDI
707 South Kansas

Mrs. J.C. KNIGHT
621 Second Street

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F.H. FERGUSON
117 South Kansas

C.B. MANLEY
Box 35

HENRY ANDERSON
Chart Room

Mrs. LEE BLACK
1824 East Main

LINDSEY CARLETON, Webster Police Department, advised that he arrested an ELEAN LUCRETIAN GALT at 223 Maple, Kemah, Texas on March 29, 1968 and issued her a traffic ticket.

On April 19, 1968 SAs SCHWEICKHARDT, JOHN H. SCHULTE and MC CABE interviewed ELEAN L. GALT and she advised that she is employed by General Electric, Apollo Division, at Seabrook, Texas. She has never known anyone fitting suspect's description. She advised that she is from Harlingen, Texas and her father's name is JOHN GALT who she said has been already contacted by the FBI.

On April 19, 1968 ITASKA WEINSTEIN was recontacted and at that time she stated that she now recalled that a man named JAMES ELLIS also took dancing lessons from her during the period that JOHN WILLARD, another one of her students, was taking lessons. Mrs. WEINSTEIN was unable to recall if WILLARD and ELLIS had ever met. She definitely recalls that they did not at any time ever take lessons from her at the same time. Mrs. WEINSTEIN stated that as a matter of fact she now is unable to definitely state that the previous information she had furnished regarding JOHN WILLARD is correct or is perhaps descriptive data pertaining to JAMES ELLIS. She stated to the best of her recollection ELLIS is employed at NASA and resides at either League City or Webster.

Mrs. WEINSTEIN also said that her clientele is almost complete children to whom she teaches ballet type dancing. She stated that she dislikes giving ballroom dancing lessons and the only ones she could recall having taken ballroom lessons were JAMES ELLIS and JOHN WILLARD.

On April 19, 1968 JAMES M. ELLIS was interviewed at the NASA Security Office and he advised as follows:

JAMES ELLIS resides at a trailer park at 404 Third Street, Space No. 5, League City. He was born [redacted] at Atlanta, Georgia. He is employed as an experimental metalsmith, Technical Services Shop, NASA. He has been employed at NASA since August 24, 1966. ELLIS stated that he commenced dancing lessons at Itaska Dance Studio, League City, in the spring approximately March or April and continued them through approximately September, 1967. He was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY; however, none were identifiable to him as anyone whom he had ever seen or had known at any time. He stated that he does not know or recall the name of JOHN WILLIARD as a person he knew nor was he aware of a person by this name who was taking dance lessons from ITASKA WEINSTEIN at the Itaska Dance Studio during the spring of 1967.

ELLIS stated that he usually took his dancing lessons at the Itaska Dance Studio at approximately 6:00 PM in the evening. He stated that he usually left his employment, went to his apartment where he cleaned up, changed clothes and then went to the dance studio. He stated that during the period that he was taking dancing lessons he did date a girl who was a waitress whose name was ROSE. He recalled that he had mentioned to ITASKA WEINSTEIN that he had quit dating ROSE because she worked a late shift and expected him, ELLIS, to drop by and pick her up when she completed work. He said that this became a difficulty in that he had to get up in the morning at an early hour to get to work and he did not think she was worth it.

Records of the NASA Security Division, checked April 19, 1968 reflect that JAMES M. ELLIS was issued a Manned Spacecraft Center (MSC) decal No. 69413 on August 24, 1966. His car is described as a 1959 Chevrolet Biscayne, white over gray, Alabama license 473575. His occupation was shown to be that of a metalsmith, Technical Services Shop, NASA. He was described in these records as 6'2", 160 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes.

JOHN PUFFER, Security Division, NASA, made available records of all temporary badge permits from the period March, 1967 to date. Also made available were temporary vehicle passes from the period of March through May, 1967. A review of these records failed to reflect any registration for JAMES EARL RAY, *aka.*

On April 22, 1968 ERNIE GILLIAM, Procurement Officer, NASA, made available records of all contractors and sub-contractors who have during the year 1967 and

1968 worked on NASA projects. A review of the payroll records maintained by the Procurement Division, of all employees working for prime and sub-contractors, failed to reflect the name of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as.

3. Bartender's School Records
Houston, Texas

On April 17, 1968 DON HOWE, Manager, Bartending School of Houston, 3619 Fannin, advised his records from 1966 to the present date contain no reference to JAMES EARL RAY, also known as.

4. Alleged Employment at Ingall's Ship Yard
Pascagoula, Mississippi

ERIC STARVO GALT allegedly claimed employment in 1967 at the Ingall's Ship Yard, Pascagoula, Mississippi. An employment record was located for one INEZ COWART GALT for the period 1944 at Ingall's Ship Yard. A subsequent address for GALT was at Houston, Texas.

On April 20, 1968 records of Hughes Tool Company, Houston, Texas were reviewed and information obtained reflecting that INEZ COWART GALT was employed by that company in 1945. The address for GALT as of 1945 was 2501 Galveston Highway, Houston, Texas.

MARY RICE, Manager, Oak Court Apartments, 2501 Galveston Road, stated that she had been the manager of these apartments since 1961 and has no records as to tenants for any time prior to 1961. She stated that INEZ COWART GALT is unknown to her and that name along with the name ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as, is not contained with her records.

Mr. HASTING MEADOWS, 606 Dell Court, Houston, Texas, owner of Oak Court Apartments, since 1960, advised that the name INEZ COWART GALT and ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as, are unknown to him and he has no records for these apartments prior to 1960. MEADOWS advised that the Oak Court Apartments prior to his purchase of them had several owners, the identities of which are unknown to him at this time. He stated that it is highly improbable that any records are available dating back to 1945. Houston street, city, telephone directories, police department, sheriff's office records and credit bureau records contained no identifiable information for the name INEZ COWART GALT.

5. THOMAS JOSEPH COX

On April 17, 1968 the FBI at Birmingham received information that a person named THOMAS JOSEPH COX may have known a person who fits the description of the artist conception of the logical suspect in this investigation. THOMAS JOSEPH COX was described as a member of the Seafarers International Union working on ships out of Houston, Texas owned by the American Bulk Carriers, New York, New York. According to information received by Birmingham, COX allegedly brought an individual to a motel in Birmingham who used the name of SHAW GALT (phonetic). This occurred in September, 1967.

On April 18, 1968 THOMAS JOSEPH COX was interviewed aboard the vessel "The Hudson", an oil tanker directed to be docked at the Humble Docks, Baytown, Texas. COX was shown photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as, and COX stated that these photographs are not familiar or identifiable by him as being anyone whom he, COX, has ever known. He, COX, said that the last time he was in Birmingham, Alabama was in March, 1966 and that at that time he stayed at a rundown motel on the road towards Mobile, Alabama. He stated that the name SHAW GALT is completely unfamiliar to him. He stated the only person he could recall knowing that he could consider as having come from Birmingham was a girl he can recall only as CONNIE whom he met in Houston. He stated he dated her when he came to port at Houston. He recalled that CONNIE had a family in Birmingham. COX advised that the fact that he was not in Birmingham in September, 1967 could be verified through records of the Coast Guard, Washington, D.C. through his, COX's Z Number, Z976491-D-3.

Information received by the FBI, Phoenix, April 21, 1968 was furnished by DAVID L. WILSON alleging that JAMES EARL RAY was seen by WILSON during the summer of 1967 in an unrecalled city in Missouri. Information furnished by WILSON noted that at that time WILSON was a truck driver for the Willis Shaw Company and had with him a co-truck driver named GENE BRIZENDINE.

On April 22, 1968 CLARENCE EUGENE BRIZENDINE, truck driver for Willis Shaw, Elm Springs, Arkansas was interviewed and advised as follows: BRIZENDINE and DAVID L.

Records of the Texas State Mental Hospital reflected that JACOBS had a sister named THELMA POWERS allegedly residing at 8125 Lamar Drive, Houston. A check of the following records failed to reflect any information for THELMA POWERS:

Houston City Directory
Houston Cross Reference
Houston Telephone Directory
Houston Credit Bureau
Harris County Sheriff's Office
Houston Police Department

An effort to locate 8125 Lamar Drive revealed that the address is non-existent. There is in Houston a Lamar Street and West Lamar Street, however, there is no address of an 8100 block on either street.

On May 9, 1968 JACK HEARD, Assistant Director, Texas Department of Corrections (TDC) Huntsville, Texas, advised as follows:

On March 25, 1965 WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS received a two year sentence at TDC. His minimum discharge date was June 6, 1966. JACOBS lost no time and caused no trouble. On January 12, 1966 in view of his good behavior, he was transferred to the Texas Department of Corrections Pre-Release Unit, Huntsville and was given a trustee status. As such he picked up another month which accounts for his release on May 11, 1966. On May 11, 1966 JACOBS was discharged from the TDC with no parole involved. TDC records contain no subsequent information regarding JACOBS.

7. Labor Union Checks

The following labor unions were contacted and checked for any information identifiable with a member named JAMES EARL RAY, also known as:

JOHN LIGHTFOOT at Seafarers International Union
of North America

International Association of Fire Fighters

International Association of Machinists, Local
15, RAY BLOCKLOCK

International Association of Machinists,
District Office

International Brotherhood of Pulp-Sulphite
and Paper Mill Workers

International Organization of Masters Mates
and Pilots-Local 20

International Union of District 50 - United
Mine Workers of America JUDITH ELMORE

International Union of Operating Engineers,
Mr. CARTER

Iron Workers Union Local 84

Laborers International Union Local 18
Mrs. LYLES

Lathers Local Union 224

Lithographers and Photoengravers International
Union Local 265

Millwright's Local Union, 2232 Mr. BELL

Movie Operators Union Local 279, JOYCE GRIMM

National Maritime Union

Oil Chemical and Atomic Workers International
Union, Locals 4-227, 4-367

Painters Local Union 130, Mr. COLEMAN

Pile Drivers and Marine Diving Local Union 2079

HELEN EARNEST, Secretary, Asbestor Workers
Local No. 22, 6001 Gulf Freeway

DORIS BAKER, Secretary, Boiler Makers Union
No. 74, 8303 Leander

HELEN BOND, Secretary, Boiler Makers Union
Local No. 469, 3506 Harrisburg

JOYCE LINTZ, Secretary, Brewery Workers
Union Local No. 111, South Coast Building

MALCOLM SCHAFER, Financial Secretary,
Bricklayers Union No. 7, 2017 Clay

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Mrs. MAURINE MITCHELL, Secretary,
Carpenters and Joiners Unions of
America, 1800 McGowen

VANCE FRIDGE, Financial Secretary,
Carpet and Linoleum Layers Local No. 1863,
1705 Bell

J.O. DEMPSEY, Financial Secretary
Cement Masons Local No. 681
3130 North Freeway

LESLIE MEINER, Secretary, Electrical Workers
Union No. 66, 2506 Sutherland

JOAN BLAKE, Secretary, Communications
Workers of America Local No. 6222,
1520 Pease

Electrical Workers Union, 2501 Crawford
MAXLEE ZIESMER

Mrs. CLEO JONES, Teamsters Local 968,
626 E. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ Street

Mrs. LEE NORRIS, Houston Building and
Construction Trades, 2704 Sutherland

Mrs. ALMA HERRING, Houston Building and
Construction Trades, 2704 Sutherland

KENNETH TRAMMELL, IATSE Local 615,
615 Louisiana

ILA Locals 872, 1231, 1272, 1271, 1273
1330, 1331, 1525, 1727, 1581 and 1351
(B. CAPITI, JACK CONINE, ELBERT RAYMOND,
LEE WIGGINS, C. BARNETT and FRANK BURNS
AFL-CIO. E. KIMMEL, 2404 Sutherland

United Steel Workers of America, Mrs. LUCILLE
ZMARZLY

AF of L Local 26, J.R. BROWN

L. KRZESIENSKI, Sheet Metal Workers Local 54

R.B. MOON, Sales Drivers Local Union No. 949

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A.B. COOPER, Roofers and Waterproofers and
Pipe Wrappers Local 116

D.J. HOFER, AF of L-CIO Local 455

PAT KERSH, Pipe Fitters Local 211

Information developed by the FBI determined that ERIC STARVO GALT stayed alone at the Hotel Rio, Room 212, Merelos 86, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico during the period October 19 to November 6, 1967 and from November 7 until November 13, 1967 at the Hotel Tropicana. One of the U.S. residents who was visiting at the Hotel Rio during the time that GALT resided at this hotel was Mr. and Mrs. LU (MARY E) SCHRADER, 3126 Highway 146, LaPorte, Texas. Another was Mrs. E.N. COLLINS, JR; and Mrs. VIVIAN FRIEDBERG, 5711 LaFitte, Galveston, Texas.

The following investigation was conducted by SA FRANK M. IVEY:

On May 1, 1968 Mrs MARY E. SCHRADER, 3126 Highway 146, LaPorte, Texas advised that she and her husband stayed at the Hotel Rio in Room 206, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico for about four or five days in late October, 1967. She stated she did not recall anyone by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT or other aliases of this name staying there at the same time. She was unable to identify the photograph of the subject as anyone that she had seen during her stay in Mexico.

On May 1, 1968 LEWIS R. SCHRADER, 3126 Highway 146, LaPorte, Texas was interviewed at his place of employment, Ebasco Construction Company, where he is a pipe-fitter employed on the construction site of the Houston Lighting and Power Company, San Leon, Texas. Mr. SCHRADER stated that he and his wife were on a vacation trip during late October, 1967 and stayed at the Hotel Rio (room unrecalled) Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico. He stated he did not recall anyone staying there at the time by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT and was unable to identify the photograph of the subject as anyone he had seen.

The following investigation was conducted at Houston, Texas on May 1, 1968 by SA B. PERKOWSKI, JR.:

Mrs. VIVIAN FRIEDBERG, 5711 LaFitte Avenue, advised she stayed at the Hotel Rio in Puerto Vallarta,

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Mexico, sometime in about October, 1967 for a period of about four or five days. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. E.N. COLLINS, JR. Shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and told that he may have used the name of ERIC GALT, she stated she does not recall that she noticed this person at the Hotel Rio or elsewhere during her visit to Mexico. She does not recall her room number in this hotel and does not believe she held any conversation with GALT.

She stated also her sister lives in Houston, Texas at 5208 Mt. Houston Road and is employed in the office of Dr. HAROLD SCHAFFNER at 5105 San Jacinto, telephone number JA 3-9812.

Mrs. E.N. COLLINS, JR., 5208 Mount Houston Road, Houston, Texas advised that during her trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico in October, 1967 when she was accompanied by her sister, VIVIAN FRIEDBERG she can recall no male who looked like the pictures of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt. It is her recollection most of the residents at Hotel Rio were elderly people and not fit the description of RAY, also known as Galt. She was unable to recall the number of the room at the Hotel Rio in which they stayed.

8. Telephone Calls From Pay Telephones
December 15 - 17, 1967 Along Inter-
State Highway 10, Texas

CHARLES STEIN when interviewed by agents of the FBI at Los Angeles in April, 1968 alleged that while traveling by automobile in the company of JAMES EARL RAY from Los Angeles to New Orleans in mid-December, 1967 RAY made approximately six telephone calls most of which were made while traveling through Texas. He recalled that one call may have been completed as STEIN had to wait for quite a while for RAY to return to the car. In the other instances RAY was gone for such a short period of time from the car that STEIN was of the opinion that the calls were not completed. STEIN was unable to recall the exact location from which RAY made the alleged completed phone call, but he was of the opinion that it was in the area "just west of Houston" at a service station type establishment just off of U.S. Interstate Highway 10. The call was made at night, from a phone booth located on an access road paralleling the freeway near a liquor store and gas station at a point where the freeway is eight lanes wide with a fence separating

the freeway from the access road; STEIN further defined the time of the call as at approximately 9:00 PM on December 16, 1967 and was probably made to New Orleans, Louisiana.

On April 26, 1968 Everett Collier, Vice President and Editor, Houston Chronicle, a daily Houston newspaper, advised as follows:

LOUIS LOMAX and CHARLES STEIN had arrived at Houston at 4:15 PM, April 25, 1968.

LOMAX is a controversial TV personality from the Los Angeles area who had his own TV show until March, 1968. He has also authored a book entitled "The Negro Revolt".

LOMAX and STEIN, accompanied by a Chronicle reporter, searched the area west of Houston in an attempt to locate the phone booth from which JAMES EARL RAY allegedly made a call on the evening of December 16, 1967 and the search was unsuccessful. According to COLLIER, the Chronicle reporter, who accompanied LOMAX and STEIN on their search, described STEIN as being extremely vague and not at all sure of the area where the call was allegedly made.

COLLIER also advised that the North American Newspaper Alliance (NANA) has been trying to get in touch with LOMAX on April 26, 1968 for the purpose of writing a story on April 26, 1968 about STEIN's trip from Los Angeles to New Orleans with RAY.

COLLIER stated that he thought NANA was controlled by columnist DREW PEARSON.

On April 27, 1968 DON MICHAELS, Houston Chronicle, advised that he dropped LOUIS LOMAX and CHARLES STEIN at San Antonio at 4:30 PM on April 26, 1968. They intended to rent a car in San Antonio and indicated to MICHAELS that they would turn the car in at San Antonio when through.

MICHAELS made the observation that both LOMAX and STEIN appeared to be "lost" as far as their operation is concerned. MICHAELS further commented that, in his opinion, STEIN is taking LOMAX "for a ride". MICHAELS learned from comments made by STEIN that STEIN had slept most of the way on the December cross-country trip, California to Louisiana when he accompanied RAY.

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On April 28, 1968 HUGH AINSWORTH, Newsweek correspondent, Houston, Texas, contacted Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Houston, and advised that LOUIS LOMAX and CHARLES STEIN had identified a coin telephone located at an Enco Station, Route 90, Uvalde, Texas as one allegedly used by JAMES EARL RAY to make a telephone call to New Orleans between the hours of 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM, December 16, 1967. The telephone number was identified as being BR 8-9048. AINSWORTH requested that toll calls from this telephone be checked by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company to determine if any calls had been made to the New Orleans area on December 16, 1967. AINSWORTH requested that he be advised of the result of this check.

[REDACTED] on May 20, 1968.

On the basis of the aforementioned review of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company records the following data was obtained:

Telephone calls, Houston Division, December 15-17, 1967 emanating from pay telephones along Interstate Highway 10 to:

New Orleans Division	380
Indianapolis	1
Kansas City	1
Little Rock	5
Los Angeles	16
Mobile	4
Oklahoma City	9
San Francisco	3
San Diego	4

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Denver	1
Louisville	1
Memphis	4
Miami	1
New York	2
Norfolk	1
Omaha	1
Philadelphia	2
Sacramento	1
Seattle	1
Springfield	3
St. Louis	1
Tampa	1
Atlanta	1
Albuquerque	2
Boston	2
Charlotte	2
Chicago	3
Cincinnati	3
Detroit	1
Cleveland	3
El Paso	3
Jackson	6
Jacksonville	2
Las Vegas	1