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

International Association of Machinists, District 1111

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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. CARBER

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

BRADLEY SMITH, Financial Secretary,
Bricklayers Union No. 7, 2017 Clay

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

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
MAXINE ZIESMER

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

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

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

KENNETH TRAWELL, 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. BRONN

L. KRZESIENSKI, Sheet Metal Workers Local 54

R.E. LOON, Paper Hangers Local Union No. 949

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A.B. COOPER, Roofers and Waterprooferes 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 202, Morelos 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. B.H. 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 HALLBERG 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

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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.

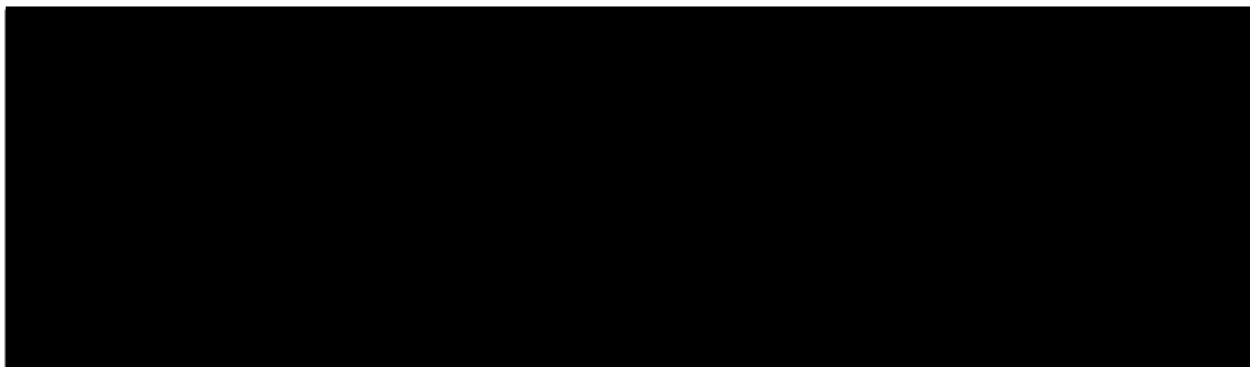
COLLIER stated that he thought NANA was controlled by columnist DREW PEARSON.

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.



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:

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| 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 |

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| Dallas | 59 |
| San Antonio | 46 |
| Phoenix | 1 |
| Houston | 391 |
| Total | 7969 |

All of the above field divisions were furnished the telephone number called in their division, date called and number and place from which call emanated.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs WILLIAM J. FLANAGAN and KENNETH D. JACKSON on April 25, 1968 at Houston, Texas.

JERRY F. MC PHERSON, Manager, Holiday Inn, 9799 Katy, reviewed records for the period December 14-20, 1967; D.J. GRAVINK, Manager, Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, 7953 Katy, reviewed records for the entire year 1967; LOWELL MASON, Assistant Manager, Cactus Court, 7631 Katy, records for December, 1967. Each advised no record of CHARLES STEIN or of JAMES EARL RAY by name or aliases as occupants of motel unit during respective periods indicated.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs FRANK M. IVY and WILLIAM G. MORRISSEY on April 25, 1968 at Houston, Texas.

Registration records of the following motels along Katy Freeway west (I.S. 10) were reviewed through the following persons for the period December 16-18, 1967 for CHARLES STEIN and/or JAMES EARL RAY by name or aliases. No record was located:

Field Inn
TED DEMETRE, Manager
9821 Katy Freeway

Yupon Motel
Mrs. NORA WHISPE, Manager
8615 Katy Freeway

Western Skies Motel
DAVE LIND, Manager
7809 Katy Freeway

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Robinson Hotel Lodge
ROSE PATTON, Assistant Manager
7611 Katy Freeway

9. Associates of JAMES EARL RAY

Information developed by the Kansas City Office, FBI determined that NEAL EDGAR AEBY had been closely associated in Missouri State Penitentiary with JAMES EARL RAY while RAY was incarcerated at that institution until his escape April 23, 1967.

On April 25, 1967 NEAL EDGAR AEBY also interviewed at Ramsey Unit, Texas State Department of Corrections, Houston, Texas. AEBY advised as follows:

He and JAMES EARL RAY had been inmates at Missouri State Penitentiary for about five years. He and RAY had handled minor narcotics while in prison in order to get money for commissary items. AEBY stated that he had never known RAY to be a user of hard narcotics. AEBY has three brothers, BILL AEBY, Box 64, Segoville, Texas who also was a friend of RAY and who had served time with RAY at Missouri State Penitentiary; AUBREY AEBY, address unknown, Dallas, Texas; and JAMES AEBY who owns and operates a filling station, Dallas, Texas and who has never been arrested.

AEBY advised that he arrived at Ramsey No. 1 on April 24, 1968 after having been transferred from Missouri State Penitentiary to the TDC, Huntsville, Texas. AEBY stated that while enroute to Huntsville he was lodged in a jail in Oklahoma City for one night where he mailed a postcard to FRANK CULMAN, an inmate, Missouri State Penitentiary.

AEBY advised that his ex-wife JUDY possibly resides in the Houston area but he has not seen her for several years and does not know where she could be located.

AEBY stated that JAMES EARL RAY had very few friends while in the Missouri State Penitentiary. He described RAY as being "very deadly". He stated that RAY was not a loud rabble rousing type individual and that RAY never expressed any hatred for the Negro race but if anyone wronged him in any way RAY would immediately contrive means to get even. AEBY stated that he was a chief cook while at Ramsey and that RAY worked under him.

as a slicer in the bread room. ABBY advised that RAY on two occasions, once in 1952 and again in 1966 attempted to escape from Missouri State Penitentiary but in each case he was unsuccessful. In one instance the ladder broke and in the other instance the rope which he was using failed to support him and he fell and fractured his arm. After serving time in solitary RAY was again returned to the bread room.

ABBY stated that RAY had mentioned to him that he, RAY, had a brother in St. Louis and that he, RAY, was from St. Louis. ABBY advised that he did not know the names of RAY's brother or where he could be located. When questioned about the escape route utilized by RAY in 1967 ABBY advised he would not divulge this escape route as the route is still good and could be used by other prisoners. ABBY advised that he hated the warden at Missouri State Penitentiary and hoped that he was receiving considerable "heat" as a result of RAY's escape. Regarding the escape of RAY, ABBY stated that it would have been the "smart thing to do" to have an outside man waiting to assist RAY in leaving the territory. ABBY would not admit that he knew of any outside man so assisting RAY in his escape. ABBY did not state whether or not RAY had had any inside help in his escape.

ABBY advised that in 1963 or 1964 RAY had a nervous breakdown while at Missouri State Penitentiary and RAY developed a bad stomach which necessitated RAY eating special foods. ABBY on numerous occasions would cook eggs for RAY because of RAY's stomach. He stated RAY was partial to eggs. He recalled that while at Missouri State Penitentiary RAY quit smoking probably because of his stomach ailment. He recalled too that RAY enjoyed tinkering with mechanical things and that RAY had built an air conditioner out of spare parts for RAY's jail cell. RAY was also handy in the repair of radios, parts for which he would obtain from the penitentiary machine shop. ABBY stated that he did not believe that RAY would go to Mexico or leave the country and he stated that he hoped that RAY would never be caught. ABBY stated he would in no way render assistance that would aid in the capture of RAY and he would furnish no further information regarding RAY.

JUDY CAROL HERBES, nee Thomas, also known as Judy Carol Abby, 10905 V. Hardy, Houston, no telephone, interviewed on April 26, 1968 and furnished the following information:

She was married to NEAL EDGAR ABBY for approximately two years in 1950 and 1961. When he was arrested and returned to Missouri in 1961, she came to Houston and has not seen ABBY since that time. She last contacted him on [redacted] advising him of the birth of their daughter. She has divorced ABBY and has not corresponded with him since that date. Subject RAY is unknown to her and she has not been contacted by any of ABBY's associates during the past six years. She stated ABBY does not know her exact address and could not locate her himself.

The only relative of ABBY who subject RAY might contact would be brother ARNOLD ABBY, Dallas, Texas. She does not know the whereabouts of ABBY's relatives and never was closely associated with them.

FREEMAN promised complete cooperation and will immediately advise the FBI of any information received regarding RAY.

10. GEORGE WILLIAM RUSSELL

GEORGE WILLIAM RUSSELL, a salesman for Pat Lape Mobile Homes, 3712 Telephone Road, Houston, Texas when interviewed on April 26, 1968 advised that JAMES EARL RAY was unknown to him by name or photograph. RUSSELL had been incarcerated at Missouri State Penitentiary from May, 1958 to December, 1966. He was released in 1966 and had come to Houston from St. Louis, Missouri in approximately November, 1967. RUSSELL also stated that the name NEAL EDGAR ABBY was also unknown to him.

Information was received by the FBI, Birmingham, that ERIC STARVO GALT had once indicated that he had been employed as a barger working out of St. Louis, Missouri between that city and New Orleans, Louisiana.

On April 11, 1968 COURTNEY ALLEN, Vice President, Suez City and New Orleans Barge Lines, Houston, Texas advised records of that company, 1953 to date, contained no employment record for an ERIC STARVO GALT.

11. Check of Ship Departures, Houston Division

The following investigation was conducted by SA HERBOD W. HANSEN:

SA CORNELIUS GUNSBERRY, 4/11/68

On April 11, 1968 ROBERT ERAYNEAM, Inspector in Charge, U.S. Customs, Oil Industries Building, advised as follows: His agency receives a list of crew members and passengers of all U.S. vessels departing from Corpus Christi and vicinity direct for foreign ports. Since April 5, 1968 there has been only one such departure, a Marine Sea Transport Service vessel. ERAYNEAM checked the list of crew members and passengers and advised it did not contain the name ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, HARVEY LOWMYER or JOHN WIDLARD or any logical variations of these names.

On April 11, 1968 MARGIE LE BARRON, U.S. Customs, advised her files reflected no American vessels have sailed from Galveston since April 4, 1968. She stated several foreign vessels have sailed from Galveston since April 4, 1968 but her files would not contain the crew and passenger lists as these are maintained by the agency that handles these vessels. She furnished the following list of foreign vessels that have sailed since April 4, 1968 together with the agencies that handled these vessels:

"TRADE CARRIER"
Gulf Motorship, Inc.
Texas Building
Galveston, Texas

"MANBALDO"
Texas Transport & Terminal
U.S. National Bank Building
Galveston, Texas

"MANILA MARE"
Dalton Steamship Corporation
U.S. National Bank Building
Galveston, Texas

"ILLICE"
Strecken Shipping Co.
U.S. National Bank Building
Galveston, Texas

"NEW YORK MARE"
Dalton Steamship Corporation
U.S. National Bank Building
Galveston, Texas

"HONOR"
Texas Transport and Terminal
U.S. National Bank Building
Galveston, Texas

"BOLEVA MARU"
Kerr Steamship Company
Cotton Exchange Building
Galveston, Texas

"NONGRAND"
Hansen and Tideman
Cotton Exchange Building
Galveston, Texas

The above listed agencies were contacted on April 11, 1968 and their crew and passenger lists were reviewed with negative results as to anyone by the names of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLARD.

RUSSELL ZOEPF, Supervisory Customs Maritime Officer, Houston, Texas advised on April 11, 1968 that five ships of American registry sailed from the Port of Houston during the period April 4-11, 1968, all going foreign direct. Crew and passenger lists contained no name identifiable with GALT, LOWMEYER or WILLARD. By law there is no coast-wise passenger service from Houston or any other Texas port.

Inspector I. D. TURNER, JR., U.S. Customs, Beaumont, Texas and BEROY E. WALLACE, JR., Inspector, U.S. Customs, Port Arthur, Texas, April 11, 1968, were contacted and advised as follows:

A check of all departing ships, U.S. registry, April 4-10, 1968 failed to reflect the names of GALT, LOWMEYER or WILLARD as either crewmen or passengers.

12. Airline Checks

On April 5, 1968, DAVID MAC DONALD, Ticket Supervisor, National Airlines, Houston, advised that National Airlines and American Airlines were the only carriers flying a direct route from Houston to San Francisco. Mr. MAC DONALD was furnished the names of the possible suspects and advised that none of these names appeared on the National Airlines, Houston to San Francisco passenger manifesto for April 5, 1968.

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On April 5, 1968 JOSEPH CUTLER, Reservations Salesman, American Airlines, Houston, was furnished the names of the possible suspects and advised that none of these names appeared on the American Airlines, Houston to San Francisco or Dallas to San Francisco passenger manifesto for April 5, 1968.

On April 23, 1968 the following stops were reset and the most current Wanted Flyer No. 405 942 G regarding JAMES EARL RAY, also known as, along with his IO, were furnished to the following:

Braniff Airlines
JOHN HARE, Agent in Charge

KLM
Ursula Plumbee, Station Agent

Pan Am
LEE ROJAS, Airport Customer Service Manager

Aeromexico
ALBERTO ROJAS, Manager

The above comprise those airlines that furnish international transportation from Houston International Airport.

13. Criminal, Credit, Street and Telephone
Directory Checks on All Known Names
for James Earl Ray

On April 11, 1968 the following individuals advised their files contained no record concerning HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER:

Mrs. DORA KUPF
Credit Bureau of Greater Houston

Mrs. LOIS MOERRY
Records Division
Houston Police Department

Mrs. POLLY KRYSTIDE
Identification Division
Houston Police Department

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Lieutenant REX FULLERTON
Identification Division
Harris County Sheriff's Office

Mrs. MARY C. SMITH
Voter Registration Section
Harris County Tax Office
Houston, Texas

A review of the Houston telephone and city directories reflects no listing of an individual by the name of HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER.

Houston indices negative concerning HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER.

AT CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

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

On April 10, 1968 the following persons checked their respective records under the names ERIC STARVO GALT and LOWMEYER and LOWMYER and advised they were unable to locate any record under any of these names:

GORDON LEWIS, Retail Merchants Association

W.L. BURCH, Identification Officer,
Nueces County Sheriff's Office

JEFF BACMILL, Identification Officer,
Corpus Christi Police Department

EVELYN MILLER, Clerk,
Local Draft Board 97

In addition, the current Southwestern Bell Telephone Company directory for Corpus Christi and the Corpus Christi City Directories for the years 1960 through 1967 were checked under these names, but no listing was located.

On April 10, 1968, Mrs. ROMA FERGUSON, Auto License Department, office of Assessor and Collector of Taxes, advised that auto licenses in Nueces County are issued by license number only and not by name of the person to whom issued. Accordingly, there is no manner in which it can be ascertained if a particular person has an automobile license issued in this county.

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On April 10, 1968, D.L. ASHLEY, Voter Registration, Tax Collector's Office, advised as follows: Voter registration lists for Haysco County are maintained by alphabetical lists for each of the 106 precincts. Without knowing the address of a particular person, it would be necessary to check each precinct list to ascertain if the person has registered to vote. The voter registration lists are not presently available for examination in view of the fact they are being cross-checked and verified in connection with the approaching primary election.

On April 10, 1968, BEATRICE GARZA, Clerk, Driver's License Division, Texas Department of Public Safety, 1402 S. Post, informed that no alphabetical list is maintained at this office regarding persons who have sought or to whom have been issued, Texas Driver's Licenses. She did not know whether or not alphabetical listings are maintained at the Driver's License Division of the Department of Public Safety at Austin, Texas but was of the opinion they are.

On April 10, 1968 pertinent telephone and city directories within the College Station Resident Agency were checked regarding the names of HARVEY LOWMYER or LOWMYER and ERIC S. GAULT with negative results.

On April 10, 1968 RAYMOND BUCHANAN and on April 12, 1968 MARY AIRGOLD, Tax Assessor-Collector for Brazos and Walker Counties, respectively, advised no voters registration appear concerning the above names.

On April 11, 1968 BENNIE WILLIAMS, Chief Communications Officer, Department of Public Safety, Bryan, advised he caused checks to be made at Tax Assessor-Collectors Offices in Madison, Grimes, Montgomery, Polk, Trinity and San Jacinto Counties on the above names, with negative results. Similar checks were made through each respective law enforcement agency in the above counties, all negative.

The following sources of information were contacted on the dates indicated for any record of the names HARVEY LOWMYER, HARVEY LOWMYER, ERIC GAULT, ERIC GAULT and JOHN DEGLARD:

AT ARLING, TEXAS

On April 11, 1968

LARRY BROWN
County Clerk's Office
County Telephone Directory

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JACQUELINE MC DANTELL
Voter registration records

AT LITKRPZ, TEXAS

On April 11, 1968

Deputy Sheriff H. HYPHITE
Liberty County Sheriff's Office

Chief of Police A.L. BEGISTER
Police Department

On April 12, 1968

STEVE DAVIS
Retail Merchants Credit Bureau

IOLA GRILLIETTE
Selective Service System

On April 11, 1968

MAY CLAYTON
Voter registration records

On April 11, 1968

Current telephone and city directory

AT DAYTON, TEXAS

On April 12, 1968

Chief of Police HD. LOVINGS
Police Department

On April 10, 1968

Current telephone directory

AT CLEVELAND, TEXAS

On April 12, 1968

Chief of Police W.E. MOORE
Police Department

BRUCE GALE
Retail Merchants Credit Bureau

Current telephone and city (1965) directory

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AT NEDERLAND, TEXAS

On April 10, 1968

WALTER DE COIJN
Police Department

ANN GOSS
Retail Merchants Credit Bureau

Current telephone directory

AT FORT NECHES, TEXAS

On April 10, 1968

Chief CHARLES R. BENEFIELD
Police Department

Current telephone directory

On April 16, 1968 JOYCE NIELSEN, Clerk, Voters Registration Records, Galveston County, Galveston, Texas, advised her files made no reference to ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLARD.

On April 12, 1968 ELSIE THRASH, Clerk, Local Board 49, Galveston, Texas, advised her files made no reference to GALT, LOWMYER, LOWMEYER or WILLARD.

On April 15, 1968 GERRY BARBER, Credit Bureau of Texas City and the Mainland, Texas City, Texas and WILLIAM VAUGHAN, Credit Bureau of Greater Galveston, Galveston, Texas advised their files made no reference to GALT, LOWMYER, LOWMEYER or WILLARD.

On April 12, 1968 all city and telephone directories covering the towns in Galveston County, Texas were reviewed with negative results as to ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLARD.

On April 12, 1968 all banking institutions, Galveston County, Texas, all police departments, Galveston County, Texas as well as Galveston County Sheriff's Office, Galveston, Texas were contacted with negative results as to ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, HARVEY LOWMEYER and JOHN WILLARD.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN G. HOUSTON at Port Arthur, Texas:

On April 16, 1968 Mrs. ELIZABETH BUCKINGHAM, Identification Division, Port Arthur Police Department, advised she was unable to locate any arrest record identifiable with a RICHARD GALT.

On April 16, 1968, FLOYD MARCHAY, Credit Bureau of Port Arthur, stated he was unable to locate a credit record for a RICHARD GALT.

On April 16, 1968 BEN JOHNSON, Secretary, National Maritime Union (NMU), 333 7th Street, advised he was unable to locate any record for a RICHARD GALT.

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A review of the 1967 City Directory for Beaumont, Port Arthur, Orange and Vidor, Texas, failed to reflect a listing for ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLARD.

A review of the current telephone directories for the following cities also failed to reflect a listing for the above mentioned individuals:

Jasper, Texas
Beaumont, Texas
Orange, Texas
Bridge City, Texas
Port Arthur, Texas
San Augustine, Texas
Woodville, Texas
Spurger, Texas
Hempill, Texas
Pronson, Texas
Pineland, Texas
Cleveland, Texas
Elsberryville, Texas
Liberty, Texas
Dayton, Texas

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Credit and criminal checks, Port Arthur and Beaumont, Texas negative concerning GALT, LOWMEYER or WILLARD.

On April 11, 1968 Inspector L.G. TURNER, JR., Beaumont, Texas advised a review of all ships departing the Beaumont-Port Arthur, Texas area for foreign ports since April 4, 1968 failed to reflect a passenger or crew member under the name of JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER or ERIC STARVO GALT.

The following investigation was conducted by SA GEORGE P.D. HUDNOR on April 10, 11, and 12, 1968 and listed below are the names of those individuals with their titles, agencies and locales, who were contacted in order to have their records reviewed for the names of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER or any similar name. All record checks were negative.

April 10, 1968 At Orange, Texas

DAN GRAY
Officer, Identification Division
Orange Police Department

GLENDA ROBINSON, Clerk
Identification Division
Orange County Sheriff's Office

ROSEMARY BARON, Clerk
Tax Assessor and Collector's Office

JUDY SMITH, Clerk
Retail Merchants Association

April 11, 1968 At Jasper, Texas

BUTCH NIGER
Dispatcher
Jasper County Sheriff's Office

ALTON WRIGHT
COP, Jasper Police Department

ESKILLE REASON
Clerk, Jasper Credit Bureau
(Credit Bureau covers Jasper and Newton Counties)

MARVIN LINSBY
Tax Assessor and Collector
Jasper County, Texas

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At San Augustine

N.L. TIRDALL
Sheriff, San Augustine County
Sheriff's Office

BILL MC CALLUM
Chief of Police, San Augustine Police Dept.

DOYLINE ISAREFIELD, Clerk
Retail Merchants Association

Mrs. JUDITH ALFORD
Tax Assessor and Collector
San Augustine County, Texas

At Hemphill, Texas

MARY BARLOW
Deputy, Sabine County Sheriff's Office

VIRGIE SPEIGHTS
Retail Merchants Association
Sabine County, Texas

PAUL SMITH
Tax Assessor and Collector
Sabine County, Texas

At Newton, Texas

CURTIS HUMPHRIES
Sheriff, Newton County Sheriff's Office

BILL DAVIS
Chief of Police, Newton Police Department

ELIZABETH SMITH
Chief Deputy
Tax Assessor and Collector's Office
Newton County, Texas

April 19, 1968 At Woodville, Texas

JOHN GRAMMER
Chief of Police, Woodville Police Department

ROBERT COOK
Deputy, Tyler County Sheriff's Office

PAUL HATHORN
Tax Assessor and Collector, Tyler County, Texas

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At Kountze, Texas:

CURTIS DAVIS
Dispatcher, Hardin County Sheriff's Office

VILLIE BEAN
Tax Assessor and Collector's Office
Hardin County, Texas

The following investigation was conducted by SA
G.R. SCHWEICKHARDT and SA JOHN M. SCHULME:

On April 19, 1968, Sergeant JERRY FOWLER and
Court Dispatcher JIMMY GILLASPIE of the Webster Police
Department, advised that they checked their records under
the names GALT, WILLIARD and LOWMYER and could find no
one having been arrested by the Webster Police Department.
FOWLER advised there are no restaurants or bars off the
main highway passing through Webster.

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

On the dates indicated the following advised they
have recovered no vehicles which were stolen in the State
of Georgia subsequent to March 23, 1968:

MAURICE NAER
Captain, Galveston Police Department
Galveston, Texas on May 2, 1968

LEO ADAMS
Identification Officer, Galveston County
Sheriff's Office, Galveston, Texas
May 2, 1968

HANKIN DE WALT
Chief of Police
Texas City, Texas Police Department
May 2, 1968

RICHARD DUBOIX
Acting Chief of Police
Lubbock, Texas Police Department
May 2, 1968

They advised they maintain no latent finger-
print file.

FBI

Date: 5/23/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

D. Griffith

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) & (26-43489) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

UNSUB;
1968 DODGE
VIN LH41D8B323249
1968 GEORGIA LICENSE 1D48283
ITSMV NR
(OO: ST. LOUIS)

Re St. Louis airtel to Bureau, 5/20/68, under MURKIN caption.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one National Car Rental Agreement # 7044348, signed S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN, dated 4/2/68.

For information of San Francisco, Jacksonville, and Knoxville, captioned 1968 Dodge located abandoned Lambert-St. Louis Municipal Airport, St. Louis, Missouri, on 5/16/68. Captioned Dodge rented in Atlanta on stolen credit cards on 4/2/68, in name of SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN, 6535 Noad Road, Richmond, Illinois, which credit cards were taken in an armed robbery in Kansas City, Missouri. Captioned car rented and located during pertinent period of time re investigation re MURKIN, and leads being logically pursued in an attempt to eliminate or identify renter with JAMES EARL RAY.

ENCLOSURE

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- 3-Bureau (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 1-Chicago (Info) (RM)
- 1-Memphis (RM)
- 4-Atlanta (2-44-2386) (2-26-43489)

- 1-Kansas City (Info) (RM)
- 3-St. Louis (44-775) (26-32047) (RM)
- 2-San Francisco (RM)
- 2-Jacksonville (RM)
- 2-Knoxville (RM)

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Mr. Tolson
MAY 29 1968

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MARGIE CURTIS, 1838 Dunlap Avenue, East Point, Georgia, employed by National Car Rental, Atlanta, Georgia, advised on 5/17/68, she was the individual who rented the 1968 Dodge Dart to S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN on 4/2/68. She described SCHNEIDERMAN as being in his late 30s or early 40s, approximately 5' 7'8" tall, of small build, weighing approximately 140-145, with dark hair, possibly black. She viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, and stated from her recollection, did not believe RAY identical to SCHNEIDERMAN, however, photograph of RAY, particularly the hair, did resemble SCHNEIDERMAN.

SCHNEIDERMAN appeared at the National Car Rental Office at the Atlanta Airport at approximately 9:42 am, wearing a business suit and presented 3 Millionaire Club credit cards, 2 in plastic covering, and 1 plain paper card, all in the name of S. SCHNEIDERMAN. She could not recall if SCHNEIDERMAN had luggage, and stated she was sure that he was not accompanied by anyone. She stated she obtained the DL # from SCHNEIDERMAN's Illinois DL, and also listed the Holiday Inn at the Atlanta Airport as SCHNEIDERMAN's place of contact.

DAVE ROGERS, National Car Rental, Atlanta, Georgia Airport, produced National Car Rental System Rental Agreement # 7044348 for this company, Station 070-2, dated 4/2/68, at 9:42 am, indicating one S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN rented car # 701371 with Georgia license 1D98283, which is a Dodge Dart, which rental agreement reflects an address of 6535 North Richmond, Illinois. Also listed on this agreement, DL # W5-570-018, from the state of Illinois. The agreement reflects the car will be returned on 5/1/68, and indicates a credit card was used from the Millionaire Club National Limited, Chicago, Illinois, # 96968.

ROGERS stated that a 20% cash discount was given to SCHNEIDERMAN and stated that according to records of this office, their vehicle 701371 is a 1968 Dodge Dart, VIN LH41D8B323249, bearing 1968 Georgia license 1D48283.

ROGERS stated that SCHNEIDERMAN apparently, after obtaining this automobile, later went to the Tallahassee, Florida area, and was staying at the Holiday Inn in Tallahassee, inasmuch as he, ROGERS, had received an inquiry from a Lt. DAVIS of the Tallahassee, Florida PD, who was checking on SCHNEIDERMAN through the Georgia license plate on his car. ROGERS also stated that he later received information that SCHNEIDERMAN was locked out of his room by the Holiday Inn # 2, Knoxville, Tennessee.

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Mrs. PEARL JOHNSON, Bookkeeper, Holiday Inn, Atlanta, Georgia Airport, advised that records of her office failed to reflect a S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN registered in this motel during the later part of March, or later part of April, 1968. Mrs. JOHNSON advised that records of this motel reflect that a guest register card # 44179, in the name of S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN, 2493 Airport Boulevard, San Francisco, California, representing the Equipment Engineering Company, stayed in Room 284 of this motel on 4/28-30/68. SCHNEIDERMAN left owing a bill of \$32.61. Mrs. JOHNSON stated that her records also reflect a check was cashed by this motel in the amount of \$25, signed S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN, dated 4/29/68, check # 134, made out to the Holiday Inn, and drawn on the Portola District Branch of the Bank of America, San Francisco, California, 2485 San Bruno Avenue. This check bears the written notation, "Ill. # W5-570-018, #284, and also EAL # 0-350-868M." She indicated the Illinois # was a DL # for the guest in Room 284, however, she could not explain what the other # was, and stated EAL could be Eastern Airlines.

Mrs. JOHNSON advised that letters were directed to SCHNEIDERMAN at the 2493 Airport Boulevard, San Francisco, California address, which letters were returned and the check was returned from the bank stamped "not sufficient funds".

LEADS:

BUREAU

The Bureau is requested to compare the enclosed evidence and handwriting with the handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY. Will return evidence to Atlanta Division upon completion of examination. Will furnish the Memphis, Atlanta, and St. Louis Offices with results of examination.

SAN FRANCISCO

AT BANK OF AMERICA, PORTOLA BRANCH

Conduct appropriate investigation re checks in name of S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN.

KNOXVILLE,

AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

Conduct appropriate investigation at Holiday Inn # 2, re S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN being locked out of his room. Will ascertain if any personal effects of SCHNEIDERMAN obtained by motel, and thereafter check these effects, in addition to identify unsub.

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26-43489

LEADS: (cont)

JACKSONVILLE

AT TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Contact Lt. DAVIS and Holiday Inn re S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN.

CHICAGO & KANSAS CITY

Information copies directed to these offices in view of
outstanding investigation being conducted.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

FBI

Date: 5/24/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

J. Edgar Hoover

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: Memphis)

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Re Cleveland teletypes (2) to Miami dated 5/23/68,
and Miami teletype to Bureau dated 5/24/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM
suitable for dissemination. Four copies of this LHM are
being furnished to Washington Field and Atlanta. Two
copies of this LHM are being furnished to Cleveland,
Memphis and Richmond.

Miami will furnish Memphis investigative inserts
concerning captioned matter under separate cover.

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Source referred to in LHM is CV 346-C, whose identity is known to the Bureau.

SINCE TALBOTT OFTEN CARRIES FIREARMS IN HIS
AUTOMOBILE, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.



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| Date of birth | [REDACTED] |
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Roland reportedly carries weapons in his car and is accompanied by a large, vicious Doberman pinscher dog.

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