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Synopsis:

Records of Auto Registration Section, Springfield, Ill., reflect that on 6/5/67, one GEORGE SEYMOUR HELLER, Chicago, Ill., sold 1959 Chrysler to JOHN LARRY RAYNS of Winnetka, Ill. License plates transferred from this car to 1962 Plymouth purchased by RAYNS 7/14/67, from Bundy Oldsmobile, Inc., East St. Louis, Ill. This Plymouth sold by JOHN L. RAYNS 8/25/67, to JERRY W. RYAN, Northbrook, Ill., who, in turn, sold it on 10/20/67 to GJERDIS DOROTHEA RAY of Deerfield, Ill. During August, 1967, subject associated with female employee Canadian government, but there is no evidence she used her official position to assist him. Investigation at Windsor, Canada, and Detroit, Michigan, fails to verify that subject paid customs duty on television set on 8/21/67; that he spent night of 8/21/67 near Gary, Indiana; or that he spent one night during early October, 1967, at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico; as stated in "Look" magazine articles by WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE. Subject spent night of 8/26/67 at Granada Hotel, Birmingham, Ala., registered as JOHN L. RAYNS or RAYMS. One ERIC S. GALT spent night of 3/22/68 at Flamingo Motel, Selma, Ala. Guest registration card is in possession of ARTHUR HANES, subject's former attorney. Revolver found in subject's possession when arrested in London had been purchased in about October, 1967, from WALTER L. SPAIN, Birmingham, Ala. Information concerning RAY's Canadian passport and concerning his activities in Lisbon, Portugal, is set out.

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AUTOMOBILES IN THE POSSESSION OF JAMES EARL RAY FOLLOWING HIS ESCAPE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY ON APRIL 23, 1967

On November 26, 1968, Mr. JOHN L. WEST, Salesman, Bundy Oldsmobile, Inc., 8th and Illinois, East St. Louis. Illinois, advised that records of his company indicate that JOHN L. RAYNS, 507 Chestnut, Post Office Box 293, Winnetka. Illinois, purchased a 1962 Plymouth, four-door, Sedan, VIN 2921165934, on July 14, 1967, as per invoice #6852. Mr. WEST advised that this invoice indicates that the price of the above car was \$200. In addition, there was sales tax in the amount of \$9.50 and a notary fee in the amount of 50 cents, bringing total price of the automobile to \$210. Mr. WEST further advised that his records indicate that RAYNS made a cash deposit of \$20, as per receipt #38466 dated July 14, 1967, and apparently returned shortly thereafter with the balance of \$190, as the records indicate receipt #33469 dated July 14, 1967, indicate RAYNS paid this amount. WEST pointed out that although he could not be specific as to the time element involved between the period of time that the \$20 cash deposit was paid and the balance of \$190 was paid, it was apparently only a metter of a few minutes to an hour, since there were only two receipts issued between deposit receipt and balance receipt given to RAYNS.

Mr. WEST pointed out that there was no trade-in involved in the transaction. He also advised his file on RAYNS indicates Illinois sales tax form #1978804, which was dated July 14, 1967, was completed on that date and this along with the license information was mailed to the Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, Illinois, on July 31, 1967. Mr. WEST stated that from his records he had to assume RAYNS transferred his license from a previously owned automobile to the 1962 Plymouth, inasmuch as he was able to find a receipt #463, in the amount of \$3.00, which is the fee normally paid for transfer of title. Mr. WEST stated if an individual purchases an automobile and applies for a new license, he would be charged a minimum of \$7.00.

Mr. WEST advised he recalled that the 1962 Plymouth was taken into Bundy Oldsmobile as the trade-in from an unrecalled Negro male who had purchased a new Cutlass, about a month prior to the transaction with RAYNS. WEST stated that the salesman who sold the car to RAYNS was GOBEL BIGGS.

Mr. WEST stated he could not specifically recall the sale of the automobile to RAYNS. He stated photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were unfamiliar to him. He likewise showed photograph to other sales personnel at Bundy Oldsmobile and they, too, stated that they could not recall RAY as ever having been in Bundy Oldsmobile. WEST did point out, however, that his business is primarily the sale of new cars and used cars of a higher quality than the automobile sold to RAYNS. Therefore, the transaction was somewhat insignificant and he was unable to recall any further specific details and was only able to furnish the above information as direct result of review of the receipts, invoices and orders set forth above.

Mr. GOBEL BIGGS, Salesman, Bundy Oldsmobile, Inc., East St. Louis, Illinois, after reviewing the invoice orders and other receipts pertaining to the sale of 1962 Plymouth, four-door, Sedan, VIN 2921165934, which he sold to JOHN L. RAYNS, 507 Chestnut, Post Office Box 293, Winnetka, Illinois, stated he could not recall this individual or anything of the transaction. Mr. BIGGS advised the transaction was rather insignificant and it involved the sale of a "junker" with \$200, and he could have possibly remembered more about the man had he sold the individual a new car or a used car in better Mr. BIGGS did state, however, that he still has in condition. his possession a "follow-up information card" for JOHN L. RAYNS with the address of 507 Chestnut, Post Office Box 293 Winnetka, Illinois, and he indicates on this card that RAYNS purchased a 1962 Plymouth on July 14, 1967. Mr. BIGGS stated it is the policy at Bundy Oldsmobile for all salesmen to send new car literature to individuals to whom they have sold automobiles in the past; and, based on this information card, he is relatively certain that he has sent such literature to RAYNS at the above address on at least seven or eight occasions, since the initial purchase of the 1962 Plymouth. He stated no has no way of knowing whether this literature was received by RAYNS at this address or whether it was returned by the Post Office. He stated if such literature would have been returned by the Post Office to Bundy Oldsmobile, it would have just been destroyed; therefore, he would have no way of knowing

whether or not it was actually received. BIGGS, upon viewing photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, stated he could not associate this individual with being identical with RAYES and was unable to furnish any other details as to the transaction, including the manner of payment, although he was certain from the invoice and receipts that this automobile was paid for in cash.

Mr. JAMES TABOR, Supervisor, Auto Registration Section, Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, Illinois, advised on November 27, 1968, that a check of records reflect that 1967 Illinois license LM-5942 was issued June 5, 1967, to JOHN LARRY RAYNS, 507 Chestnut, Box 293, Winnetka, Illinois, for a 1959 Chrysler, two-door, VIN M531108240, which was purchased used June 5, 1967, from GEORGE SEYMOUR HELLER, 7102 North Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois. Certificate of Title #B1178475 issued June 6, 1967, to RAYNS for this vehicle with no lien. On August 8, 1967, above-mentioned 1967 Illinois license transferred to RAYNS for a 1962 Plymouth, four-door, VIN 2921165934, which was purchased used July 14, 1967, from Bundy Oldsmobile, Inc., 711 Illinois Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois. The application for this transfer reflects that above-mentioned 1959 Chrysler to be sold later. Certificate of Title #B1604563 issued August 8, 1967, to RAYNS for instant Plymouth with no lien.

Mr. TABOR also advised that 1967 Illinois license RT-5302 was issued 8/28/67 to JERRY W. RYAN, 2897 Techny Road, Northbrook, Illinois, for instant Plymouth, purchased used August 25, 1967, from JOHN L. RAYNS, 507 Chestnut, Winnetka, Illinois. Certificate of Title #B1777474 issued September 7, 1967, to RYAN for this Plymouth with no lien.

Mr. TABOR also advised that 1967 Illinois license SC-7905 was issued October 25, 1967, to GJERDIS DOROTHEA RAY, 1344 Hazel Avenue, Deerfield, Illinois, for instant 1962 Plymouth, purchased used October 20, 1967, from JERRY W. RYAN, 2897 Techny Road, Northbrook, Illinois. Certificate of Title #B2105425 issued November 6, 1967, to RAY for this Plymouth with no lien and has not been surrendered to date.

On November 29, 1968, Mrs. GENEVA JONES, Supervisor, Driver's License Section, Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, Illinois, advised she could find nothing in her files identifiable

Concerning JERRY W. RYAN she with GJERDIS DOROTHEA RAY. furnished the following:

> Address: 314 Wisconsin,

Lake Forest, Illinois

Date of Birth:

519"

Height: 178 pounds Weight:

Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown

Driver's License

Number:

R500-4393-5202, which expires July 16, 1971

RYAN obtained this driver's license after taking an examination on May 20, 1968, while driving a 1960 DeSoto.

On April 19, 1968, Mr. WILLIAM KAUFMAN, Illinois State Board of Probation and Parole, Springfield, Illinois, advised that one JERRY WILLIAM RAY, also known as JERRY WILLIAM RYAN, white male, date of birth at Quincy, Illinois, 5'10", 170 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes, was the brother of JAMES EARL RAY.

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GEORGE SEYMOUR HELLER, 1337 West Fargo, Chicago, Illinois, phone 262-4854, was interviewed at his place of employment, the Bernard Harwich branch of the Jewish Community Centers of Chicago, 3003 West Touhy, Chicago, Illinois, phone RO 1, 9100, where he is employed as a social group worker. Mr. HELLER advised that some time in the summer of 1967, he ran an ad in the "Chicago Tribune" for the sale of a 1959 Chrysler, green over white. He said that the manager of the Sunoco Station, Lunt and Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, named MAURICE (LNU), acted as his agent. the ad had been run in the paper, he réceived a call from MAURICE (LNU), telling him that a party had called about the car and would be at the gas station. HELLER went to the gas station and waited for the purchaser to arrive. first observed the purchaser alone walking into the gas sta-This individual was dressed in a green jacket, dressed almost as in a government issued fatigue jacket and green pants. He was neat and clean and had no unusual characteristics. Mr. HELLER was exhibited a group of nine photographs, three of which were photographs taken at different times of JAMES EARL RAY. Mr. HELLER picked out photo number 00416 dated January 4, 1966, and stated that this photograph would be the closest resemblance to the purchaser of his car; however, he could not state definitely that the individual represented by this photograph was identical to the purchaser. He also advised that he has seen numerous photographs of JAMES EARL RAY in the news media and has never once associated him with the purchaser of his Chrysler He was shown additional photographs of RAY and stated that he could not say that RAY was identical to the purchaser.

He said that his overall impression of RAY was that he was "lanky" and of the "hillbilly type". He commented that RAY was extremely quiet and said no more than a dozen words during their conversation, which was completely about the Chrysler. RAY made no comment as to his residence, employment, or any other matters of a personal nature. RAY also made no comment concerning the reason for the purchase of the car and in fact seemed to have very little interest

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at HELLER's comments concerning the vehicle. RAY made no mention of utilizing the car for a long trip and asked no questions as to the roadability of the car. He appeared to be purchasing it merely for transportation. RAY also did not argue about the price and paid in cash the \$200, which was HELLER's asking price. HELLER further related that there was nothing unusual about the money, that he did not believe it was new currency, and he could not re-

HELLER advised that the only thing that stuck in his mind concerning RAY was that he was very quiet. HELLER took the Illinois license plates off of the car and RAY drove it away. HELLER had no further contact with him.

call the specific denominations of the bills.

FEMALE EMPLOYEE OF CANADIAN GOVERNMENT WITH WHOM JAMES EARL RAY WAS FRIENDLY DURING PERIOD AUGUST 4 - 20, 1967

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police advised that on October 8, 1968, information was received from the Superintendent of Security, Department of Transport, Ottawa, Canada, to the effect that a female employee who wishes to remain anonymous had confided to her superior that she had met with RAY on three occasions, once in the Laurentians, once in Ottawa, and once in Montreal. These meetings are believed to have taken place prior to the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Recently this woman has received telephone calls from WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE in Alabama, asking her about her association with RAY. This person is now concerned about the turn of events and consented to be interviewed by a member of this Force relative to her association with RAY.

On October 15, 1968, this individual was interviewed and the following information was obtained from her:

"On the 4th of August 1967, my girlfriend and I went to St. Jovite, P.Q. to spend the long weekend. We arrived there at around 7:00 p.m. and registered at the "Petit Manoir" Inn. We had supper and then decided to go to the Grey Rock Resort for the evening. As we entered the lounge, we saw a man sitting alone at a table facing the Dance Floor. girlfriend said 'That man is alone, let's see if we can sit with him.' She approached him and he invited us to sit at his table. He introduced himself as Eric Galt and said that he was on holidays from Chicago and was staying at the Grey Rock. also mentioned that his brother and his sister-in-law had come up with him from Chicago and that they had left for Montreal. He said that he had been there for about one week and that he would be leaving within the next few days for Montreal to meet his brother. At around Midnight, my girlfriend said that she was not feeling well and she returned to the Petit Manoir. Eric and I went to the Manoir Pinoteau to see the entertainment. We returned to Grey Rock at around 4:00 a.m. and I spent the rest of the night with him in his room, I was intimate with him. I did not notice anything unusual about

him. He was quiet, polite, neat and reserved. The next morning, I left him at around 11:00 a.m., at which time he told me that he was leaving for Montreal. He said that he did not know where he would be staying in Montreal, but that he would like to see meagain and that he would call the Petit Manoir and let me know where he was staying. He was driving an old red Plymouth around a 1956 model. I did not look at the license plates.

He called around supper time and since we were out, he left a message with the desk advising to call a number in Montreal. I called and talked to a desk clerk at a hotel in the East end of Montreal. She gave me the address and the number of the room where Eric was staying. He was not in at the time. On Monday, the 7th of August, my girlfriend and I drove down to Montreal and went to the hotel to see Eric. I don't remember the name of the hotel except that it is around the corner from the Acapulco Club. We met Eric in the hall and he appeared pleased and surprised to see us. We shared his quarters during the two nights we spent in Montreal. He was not intimate with either of us in Montreal. He took us out to the Acapulco Club and to restaurants. seemed to have money and appeared to pay for everything with Canadian \$20.00 bills. In fact, he gave me a Twenty before we left Montreal, in case I had car I gave him my address in Ottawa.

Some three weeks later, he called me and said that he was in Ottawa staying at the Town and Country Motel for the weekend. He stayed in Ottawa for two days and I showed him around Ottawa. I did not stay with him at the Town and Country. He did not appear to know anyone in Ottawa. I don't recall him saying where he was coming from, but I assumed it was Montreal. He did not have a car and probably came by train. He mentioned that he was working for his brother in Real Estate and that he did not do much but was paid well. He also said that he had no problems with money and could always get some.

He never mentioned any friends or associates besides his brother and I never saw him with anyone. He never mentioned the name Martin Luther King and never indicated any hatred toward any Negroes. I did not hear any more from him until around March 1968 when I received a letter from him postmarked Hollywood, California. I don't remember the address and have since destroyed the letter and envelope. The letter was short and did not contain much of interest. He was inquiring as to when I was taking my holidays and said if I write, to do it soon because he would not be at that address after a couple of weeks. I received the letter some three weeks before the assassination of Martin Luther King.

When I heard that Eric Galt had been arrested and was implicated in the murder of Dr. King, I panicked and destroyed the letter.

About one month ago, I received a phone call from one William Bradford Huie who said that he was writing a book about James Earl Ray and when he mentioned the names Grey Rock and Eric Galt, I knew that he must have gotten my name and address from Ray. I agreed to see him and we met for lunch at the Holiday Inn. At that time he showed me his credentials, his picture in Time Magazine with Ray's lawyer and some of his books. He was very charming and appeared to know all about my association with Ray, including the fact that I had been intimate with him. He appeared to be mainly interested in what I thought of Ray and I told him that as far as I was concerned, he was a normal man. He said that I would be the Mystery woman in his book and assured me that my name would not be mentioned. He had a photographer with him and I agreed to let him take smoky pictures which they assured me would show only shadows. He gave me \$100.00 for the information and invited me to go to New York at his expense, any time I felt like it, and to call him collect if I could remember anything else.

I have no other information to offer and the above is all I can remember about my association with James Early Ray alias Eric Galt."

The above information was obtained during several hours of questioning and our investigator is satisfied that it contains all that this informant knows about Ray.

She is very concerned about the possibility of her name and photograph appearing in Huie's book and in this regard she was advised to consult a lawyer.

The girlfriend mentioned has been contacted, however, she has no information of value to offer. She could not remember the name of the hotel where they stayed in Montreal and could not elaborate on any of the points covered by the informant.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) advised they have again interviewed the female who met with James Earl Ray in Canada during the Summer of 1967, and she furnished the following information:

"Further to my statement dated October 15, 1968. I wish to state that James Earl Ray never mentioned anything about Passports to me. The first time the subject was mentioned was when William Bradford Huie came to see me. He said that Ray had told him that he intended to use me to obtain a Canadian Passport, but changed his mind because he figured that I would turn him in to the Police. In my position with the Department of Transport, I would not risk my job by helping someone fraudulently obtain a Canadian Passport. The article in "Look" Magazine is factual with a few minor discrepancies. I did not show Ray the RCMP Headquarters and only received one letter from him, not letters as mentioned in the article. After reading the article, I remembered that the name of the hotel where we stayed with him in Montreal was the Har-K on Notre-Dame Street. I have a sister who is employed by the Registrar of Citizenship, but I am positive that I never mentioned her name or employment to Ray. I told her about my involvement with Ray only after Huie's visit."

The RCMP also interviewed the sister and she stated as follows:

"I have been employed at office of the Registrar of Citizenship for the past three years. About one and a half months ago, my sister told me about her involvement with James Earl Ray. It was after Huie's visit to Ottawa to see her. At no time did my sister ever ask me to help her obtain a passport for anyone. In fact, she never mentioned the word passport during the course of our conversation. The reason that she came to me after Huie's visit was that she was very worried and needed to confide in someone close to her. My sister is a very honest and dependable person, and her only fault is that she is a little too naive."

The RCMP investigator advised:

"I am satisfied that Ray did not mention anything about Passports to the female. I am positive that she is an honest person, placed in a very embarrassing position by her association with Ray."

The girlfriend of the female who consorted with Ray advised the RCMP the following:

"During the first long weekend in August, I accompanied my friend to St-Jovite, P.Q., where we stayed at the "Petit Manoir" Inn. During the evening, we motored up to the Grey Rock Inn where we met a man who introduced himself as Eric Galt. I did not pay much attention to him and after a few drinks I went back to the Manoir. My friend stayed with him. I did not see Galt again until we visited him in Montreal the following Monday. Since it was impossible to find a room in Montreal because of Expo, we stayed with him during the two nights that we spent in Montreal. He took us out to the Acapulco Club. He seemed to have enough money to get along, but he did not strike me as being very prosperous. He never mentioned friends or associates and did not introduce us to anyone. He appeared to be a quiet and regular sort of a guy. He never mentioned the word passport to us. I never saw him again after we left Montreal. heard from my friend later that he had been to Ottawa to see her. After James Earl Ray's arrest, she called me and asked if I thought that he could be the man we had met. I did not think so at the time and was surprised when it turned out to be him."

Discreet inquiries at the Town and Country Motel, 1476 Richmond Road, Ottawa, revealed that ERIC GALT registered there on August 18, 1967, and left on August 20, 1967. He gave his address as 507 Chestnut Street, Chicago, Illinois, and was driving a Plymouth, License No. LM5942. He stayed in Cabin No. 30, which is not equipped with a telephone. Any calls made by him from one of the several pay phones at the

Motel would not go through the Motel Switchboard and be recorded. Although he registered as Mr. and Mrs. ERIC GALT, his female friend did not stay with him at the Motel, as mentioned in her statement dated August 15, 1968. The Desk Clerk on duty at the Town and Country Motel when RAY, alias GALT, registered, Mrs. EDYTHE COBLEY, is reported to be dying from terminal cancer and will not be interviewed.

TELEVISION SET ALLEGEDLY DECLARED AT U. S. CUSTOMS, DETROIT, MICHIGAN, ON AUGUST 21, 1967

An article by WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE appearing in the November 26, 1968, issue of "Look" magazine quotes JAMES EARL RAY as saying that on August 21, 1967, he met one "RAOUL," otherwise unidentified, at Windsor, Canada, and on that date made two trips via automobile between Windsor, Canada, and Detroit, Michigan. According to this article, on one of these trips from Windsor to Detroit, RAY stopped at United States Customs and declared a television set which had been purchased in Montreal, Canada. RAY allegedly paid an import duty of \$4.50.

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On November 10, 12 and 13, 1968, the informal entries and baggage receipts indicating all articles imported by individuals into the United States from Canada via the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel and the Ambassador Bridge, Detroit, Michigan, for the periods April, 1967, through May, 1968, were reviewed.

No import duty receipt in the amount of \$4.50 identifiable with a television set allegedly imported by JAMES EARL RAY using the alias Eric S. Galt was discovered.

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SAS DAVID M. LATTIN, JOHN E. KING, JAMES R.

MC CANCE, VERNON G. WALTERS, LEROY D. BIAVA,

by THOMAS P. DRUKEN and WILLIAM J. HARTDate dictated 11/14/68

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On December 2, 1968, FRANK GRIMES, United States Customs, Buffalo, New York, advised SA R. GORDON EDDY that customs had completed a check of its records for August and September, 1967 and could locate no record of a television set being declared at any of the points of entry to the United States from Canada within the Buffalo Division for the months of August and September, 1967. GRIMES said that these records would normally be maintained on an informal entry form in the Monies and Accounts section and are retained for a period of two years. He had the records checked for both the names ERIC S. GALT and JAMES EARL RAY.

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INVESTIGATION AT THE GRANADA HOTEL, FLAMINGO MOTEL, AND AT NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO, AND GARY, INDIANA

An article by WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE appearing in the November 26, 1968, issue of "Look" magazine quotes JAMES EARL RAY as saying that he departed Canada via Detroit, Michigan, on August 21, 1967, and spent that night in a motel about five miles east of Gary, Indiana.

This article further states that RAY spent the night of August 25, 1967, at the Granada Hotel, Birmingham, Alabama, and the night of March 22, 1968, at the Flamingo Motel in Selma, Alabama.

Additionally, this article describes a trip which RAY took to Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. While the exact dates are not given, HUIE states that RAY was in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, after October 5, 1967, and prior to his arrival in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Previous investigation has determined that RAY arrived in Puerto Vallarta on October 19, 1967, and registered that date in the Hotel Rio.

All hotels and motels in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, have been contacted, and no record was found to indicate that the subject RAY stayed at a hotel or motel in that town during the month of October, 1967, under either his true name or his aliases.

The following motels in the vicinity of Gary, Indiana, have been contacted, and their records for August 21, 1967, have been reviewed without success in locating a registration for the subject RAY under his true name or known aliases:

On November 13, 1968, the following individuals advised the records of their businesses failed to indicate anyone using the name JAMES EARL RAY, ERIC S. GALT or JOHN L.RAYNS registered for August 21, 1967, nor did they have a record of an older model Plymouth with Illinois license plates for that date:

MARGUERTE PILGRIM, Manager, Gary Travelodge, 6200 Melton Road, Gary, Indiana;

ETHEL MIHALKO, Assistant Manager, Holiday Inn, 3030 East 8th Avenue, Gary, Indiana;

JEAN KIRCHMAYER, Bookkeeper, Diplomat Motel, 4905 Melton Road, Gary, Indiana;

MARGARET LEWIS, Owner, Sleepy Hollow Motel, 5296 Melton Road, Portage, Indiana;

HOWARD NEBBERGALL, Owner, Park Side Motel, 5192 Melton Road, Portage, Indiana;

RICHARD TRETHEWEY, Owner, Don's Motel, 5500 Melton Road, Portage, Indiana;

MARTY MARFLAK, Owner, Gary Motel, 5400 Melton Road, Portage, Indiana.

On November 14, 1968, KATHERINE TROUP, Manager, U. S. 20 Motel, 11200 Melton Road, Portage, Indiana, advised her place of business had no record as above.

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Guest registration cards and the guest ledger pertaining to guests at the Granada Hotel, 2230 Fourth Avenue, North, Birmingham, were reviewed for the period August 22, 1967, through August 28, 1967, in an effort to determine whether any record might be located of the registration of JAMES EARL RAY under his alias, John L. Rayns.

Such a registration card, #9022, was located reflecting the registration of one JOHN L. RAYNS or RAYMS, residence 1825 Lafayette Street, St. Louis, Missouri, who registered at 9:05 a.m. (Saturday), August 26, 1967. The card reflected that RAYNS had luggage and was assigned to Room 210, at a rate of \$4.50, with one being indicated in his party. No telephone charges were made to his room and the initials of the desk clerk on duty reflected he was assigned a room by A. M. KOONCE.

The above-mentioned registration card was made available and has been forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for appropriate handwriting comparisons. A review of the registration records during the above-mentioned period, August 22 -028, 1967, reflected the following guests had been registered at the Granada Hotel during that period:

August 22, 1967

H. J. LOVE address illegible (drunk)

JEWEL LATHAM address illegible

JOHN L. HERRIN, JR. Birmingham, Alabama

ROY TURNER no address

ROY TURNER,

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> V. R. BLACKWELL, Birmingham, Alabama

D. A. MC KINLEY, Bessemer, Alabama

RALPH HOCKLANDER, 85-E Twenty-second Street, Holland, Michigan

PAT PARKER, Birmingham, Alabama

J. T. WRIGHT, 2987 Kohr Drive, San Diego, California (Telephone Company)

DAN HILL Route 2, Box 105, Summerville, South Carolina

J. N. MARTIN, Attalla, Alabama

T. L. ASHLEY, Birmingham, Alabama

JAMES A. MOORE, Wilsonville, Alabama

M. N. HENLEY, city illegible, Alabama (day rate)

O. BROWN, city illegible, Alabama (day rate)

J. E. KNOX, 1140 Wells Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama

> W. W. NALLY, Smyrna, Georgia

H. T. JOHNSON, Birmingham, Alabama

August 23, 1967

R. V. TOMPKINS, Curry Court, Talladega, Alabama

W. E. BRYANT, 403 Fourth Avenue, Jasper, Alabama

MARVIN AUCY, Route 1, Huntsville, Alabama

F. O. OLIVER, Birmingham, Alabama

JERRY LANGSTON, Birmingham, Alabama

W. R. SMITH, Atlanta, Georgia

ANTHONY DAUGHERTY and BERNARD PETTIT, 34 Court Drive, Wilmington, Delaware

JESSE WHITE, Springville, Alabama

T. E. (illegible) Birmingham, Alabama

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> CECIL MORGAN, Route 1, Box 91, no city, Alabama

B. R. BROWN, 2893 Dunn, Memphis, Tennessee

Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE STRANGE, Jasper, Alabama

J. E. JACKSON, Chicago, Illinois

H. P. GOINS, 1754 Pennington Place, Atlanta, Georgia

CHARLES SMITH, Atlanta, Georgia

ARLEN WORKMAN, 908 Broad, Durham, North Carolina (Navy)

THOMAS C. PRANER, Trussville, Alabama

ROBERT BISHOP, Sylacauga, Alabama

R. E. GLANTON, Tarrant, Alabama

J. B. CARTER, Cullman, Alabama (day rate)

W. CROOK, Bessemer, Alabama

ROY HIGGINBOTHAM, Birmingham (day rate)

WILMA PARKER, 2211 Forrest, Gadsden, Alabama

> C. T. PATTON, Cullman, Alabama (day rate)

M. F. KING, Maylene, Alabama

August 24, 1967

F. O. OLIVER, Birmingham, Alabama

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. BUSBY, 5209 Center Street, Houston, Texas

TOM WILLIAMS, Sou. Cafeterias, Birmingham, Alabama

WALLACE JORDAN, 515 Eleventh Street, Sylacauga, Alabama

ARLEN ARRINGTON, Holly Pond, Alabama

C. L. WOOD, 515 Pine Street, Leeds, Alabama

G. L. BOSWELL, Valpariso, Florida

J. W. BANFORD, Bessemer, Alabama

GEORGE CAUSEY, Pell City, Alabama

ERNEST G. WALLACE, Pea Ridge, Alabama

> W. W. NALLY, Smyrna, Georgia

MARVIN HERRING, no address

JOHN SCOTT, Birmingham, Alabama

JAMES BLACK, 1123 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia

J. B. MC GRAW, Ensley, Alabama

V. L. GAY PARKER, 2211 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama

MARTIN PHILLIPS, Birmingham, Alabama

JACK WILLIAMSON, 2617 Pansy, Huntsville, Alabama

JAMES FOSTER no address

T. W. WINSTON, Birmingham, Alabama

AL HURST, Route 4, Piedmont, Alabama

JIM POYNTER, 308 North Cherry, Effingham, Illinois

H. T. JOHNSON, Birmingham, Alabama

August 25, 1967

L. P. FRACHISEN, 1216 Raley, East Gadsden, Alabama

KENNETH WASSURN, Birmingham, Alabama

HARRY B. CARTER, 843 St. Charles Avenue, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia

GEORGE BURK, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

EDWARD P. MOSS, 1721 McCahill Street, Decatur, Alabama

PATRICIA A. MIROLA and KATHLEEN A. DELANEY, 369 North Street, Middletown, New York

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. JOHNSON, 2116 Fourteenth Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee

RICHARD GLENN, Birmingham, Alabama

BILL GREEN, Route 3, Birmingham, Alabama

JACK MILLER, 2125 Lake Street, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

JAMES FOSTER, Leeds, Alabama

FLOYD TURNER, 7905 Fifth Avenue, Anniston, Alabama

> RAY MATTOX, Route 2, Hanceville, Alabama

J. F. MURPHREE, 1237 Forty-eighth Street, North, Birmingham, Alabama

Mrs. LARRY BLACK, Birmingham, Alabama

LUKE HARBIN, 2373 Cherokee Road, Birmingham, Alabama

TONY SMITH and THOMAS JONES, address illegible

WESLEY HISSAIN, 1824 South Utah Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama

JAMES MARSHALL, Johnson City, Tennessee

HUGH W. FARR, 912 Tenth Street, Southwest, Birmingham, Alabama

ROY CHAPMAN, Mobile, Alabama

BILL WILSON, 2132 Earglow Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama

T. M. VICK, Columbiana, Alabama

HELEN PURDY, Birmingham, Alabama

> MARK PHILLIPS, Oneonta, Alabama

DELL DYARS, Route 1, Talladega, Alabama

E. J. SMITH, 104 Second Avenue, Huntsville, Alabama

JOHN HOWELL, Crimson Towers, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

R.M. KERSEY, 1000 Marshall, Mattoon, Illinois (REA Express)

August 26, 1967

S. COX, Birmingham, Alabama

J. C. JONES, Birmingham, Alabama

WADE FOWLER, Sylacauga, Alabama

JOE SMITH, Mobile, Alabama

A. L. CLAYTON, Gadsden, Alabama

LARRY DAVIS, Route 2, Centreville, Alabama BH 44-1740 ME 44-1987

> COLVIN VICTORY, 5361 First Avenue, North, Birmingham, Alabama

PAUL J. LEAGUE, 819 Asylum Street, Flint, Michigan

Mr. and Mrs. JAMES O'BRIAN, 1625 Twelfth Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi

FRED HERR, Birmingham (drunk)

PASCO BIGBIE, Birmingham, Alabama

PAUL WESSE (or WESSON), 3924 Knollwood Lane, Birmingham, Alabama

PAUL SOUTH (or SMITH) Birmingham, Alabama

LEE SMITH
132 South Spruce Street,
Kansas City, Missouri

FRED GINGSS (?) Birmingham, Alabama

C. A. HENDERSON, Hanceville, Alabama

C. R. DAVIS,
1114 Jupiter Street,
Gadsden, Alabama

Mr. SELLERS (beaten up) Route 1, Box 407, Jemison, Alabama BH 44-1740 ME 44-1987

> BILLY JACKSON, 481 South Brevard, Cocoa, Florida

* JOHN L. RAYNS (receipt executed for card), 1825 Lafayette Street, St. Louis, Missouri

August 27, 1967

B. L. FROST (trouble), 29 Lakewood, Birmingham, Alabama

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. WELLS, Birmingham, Alabama

F. O. OLIVER, Birmingham, Alabama

E. Q. BLACK, JR., 667 West 12th Street, Jasper, Alabama

August 28, 1967

JIM POYNTER 308 North Cherry, Effingham, Illinois

T. M. VICK, Columbiana, Alabama

GERALD W. HAMILTON, Birmingham, Alabama

H. L. GRIMES, 3890 Lee Street, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

J. B. HAYES, Cullman, Alabama BH 44-1740 ME 44-1987

> ROSEMARY LINDSEY, Birmingham, Alabama

> J. E. WATKINS, Birmingham, Alabama

> CURTIS PARKER, Birmingham, Alabama

R. B. FROST (trouble) Birmingham, Alabama

DON CLARK, Gary, Indiana

A. L. WHITE, 911 Westover Drive, High Point, North Carolina

ROY BURGESS, 630 Kennan Road, Huntsville, Alabama

JOE BRADY, no address (day rate)

Mrs. P. STONE, 415 Naylor Street, San Antonio, Texas

CORLEE PARISH, no address (day rate)

W. J. BROTHER, Birmingham, Alabama

PETE MARTIN, Birmingham (day rate).

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CHARLIE TRONCALE, Manager-Owner, GRANADA Hotel, 2230 Fourth Avenue, North, inspected the registration card of one JOHN L. RAYNS (or RAYMS), who was a guest at his hotel on August 26, 1967. He advised that he had no independent recollection of that guest and did not recall him. He advised that he had previously viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY without having made any identification but he pointed out that he is rarely in his establishment and all guests' registrations are handled by the desk clerk on duty.

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ADRIAN M. KOONCE, regular night clerk at the Granada Hotel, 2230 Fourth Avenue, North, reviewed the registration card, #9022, which reflected the registration of guest, JOHN L. RAYNS or RAYMS at his hotel at 9:05 a.m. (Saturday), August 26, 1967. Mr. KOONCE identified his initials as being the desk clerk on duty at that time and stated that ordinarily throughout the work week, he is on duty at night but on Saturdays, he works the day shift. He stated he had no independent recollection whatsoever of the guest whom he had registered as RAYNS or RAYMS on August 26, 1967, but that his notation indicated the guest did not have luggage, and occupied Room 210 at a rate of \$4.50 per day, with only the guest being indicated as in the party. No telephone charges were made to the room and the method of arrival of the guest was unknown. The time of departure was not indicated in the records of the Granada Hotel.

Mr. KOONCE related that he had previously viewed several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and had been unable to recall that individual as being a previous guest in his establishment and did not connect the photographs of RAY with the registration of guest RAYNS or RAYMS.

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Mrs. SARAH HALE, 1825 Lafayette Street, St. Louis, Missouri, advised she had resided at that address, which is a two-story, single-family, brick dwelling, for the past 22 years and that no part of the premises had ever been rented to other individuals during that period. She was unable to identify the names utilized by RAY or photographs of him as pertaining to any person she has ever known. No such person ever stayed at, or occupied any portion of, her home at that address during the period of her residence. She was likewise unable to recall ever having been acquainted with any member of the RAY family.

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Mrs. BESSIE BARRETT, owner and operator of the Flamingo Motel, Highway 30 East, Selma, Alabama, telephonically furnished the following information:

She recalls locating a registration card for one ERIC S. GALT, which she believed was dated March 24, 1968. She stated that she recalls locating this card because she was contacted by an ARTHUR HANES, who is an attorney from Birmingham, Alabama. She advised that Mr. HANES came to the motel and asked her if she recalled an individual by the name of GALT staying at her motel. She stated that HANES had indicated to her that this individual, by the name of GALT, had been identified as the killer of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. She told HANES that she would never knowingly permit any individual such as this to stay at her motel and she could not recall any individual that looked like the photographs of this person, which appeared in the paper, as staying at the motel.

HANES requested that she review registration cards for the dates of March 1, 1968, through March 25, 1968, and after reviewing these cards she found a registration card for an ERIC S. GALT. HANES requested that she allow him to take this car with him. Mrs. BARRETT said she relinquished possession of the car to Mr. HANES and she believes it is in his possession at the present time.

Mrs. BARRETT stated that the bookkeeper for the motel is a Mrs. THELMA GARDNER, Services Unlimited, 1353
Madison Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama, and Mrs. GARDNER would have a "sheet record" of the motel occupants which would show the date, name of person, room he occupied, and charges; however, would not contain any information concerning make, model or license number of the individual's automobile or the address he listed as being his home.

She stated that the motel would have no records of

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any prepaid calls received by GALT or calls made by GALT unless he received a collect phone call at the motel or made calls from the motel room, which calls would be placed on his bill and he would be charged for same. She stated that any calls made by GALT from the motel room should be shown on the "sheet record" or on a billing card in possession of the bookkeeper.

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Mr. U. K. GARDNER of the Services Unlimited Company, 1353 Madison Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama, advised that his company was in possession of the records of the Flamingo Motel of Selma, Alabama. Mr. GARDNER advised that as a result of a review of these records on November 9, 1968 for the period of March 1 through 31, 1968 that one ERIC GALT registered at the Flamingo Motel of Selma, Alabama, on March 22, 1968. He was assigned Room Number 3 and was charged \$8 for a one day stay at this motel. According to Mr. GARDNER, ERIC GALT had no charges against his account for any outgoing telephone calls or any incoming collect telephone calls. GARDNER advised that the account records for the Flamingo Motel for the period of March 1 through 31, 1968 contained no additional reference to ERIC GALT.

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Mrs. BESSIE BARRETT, owner and operator of the Flamingo Motel, advised as follows:

She and her husband maintain some handwritten notes relative to telephone billings of various individuals who stay at the motel and who might make a local or long distance call from his or her motel room. She reviewed these notes for March 22, 1968, when an individual named ERIC S. GALT occupied Room Number 3 at the motel for a one day period. She could find no record of this individual making any calls for which he was billed. She stated that she could not review the original registration card as it is still in the hands of ARTHUR HANES, an attorney in Birmingham, but a copy of this card appeared in a Look magazine article of recent date. She pointed out the copy in the magazine article and commented that on the edge of the card is marked only "Pd". She stated that if any additional charges were to be added to the room charges, the word "over" is usually placed on the edge of the card.

Mrs. BARRETT furnished the registration cards from the motel for the month of March, 1968. A review of all of these cards for March, 1968, failed to locate any name such as "RAOUL" or JOHN L. RAYNS.

The following list of occupants at the motel was obtained through a review of the Flamingo Motel records which list covers the period of March 19 through 25, 1968;

Room <u>Date Number</u>	Name and Address	Period of Occupancy	Vehicle Description
March 16 19,1968	THOMAS K. KLINE 1201 Saint Clair Indianapolis,Indiana	one night	not listed

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Date	Room Number	Name and Address	Period of Occupancy	
March 19,19		CHARLES REESE Route 3, Box 248 Saraland, Alabama	3 nights	Mercury, 1968 Alabama License 2A-10464
11	7	RAY WATSON (Motor Convoy) Atlanta, Georgia	l night	Not listed
it	13	JAMES D. GWIN Mobile, Alabama	l night	Not listed
11	7	OTIS B. CASANOVA 505 North First Street Rolling Ford, Mississip	l night pi	Not listed
11	9	LEM GRIFFITH 5522 North Davis Highway Pensacola, Florida	l night y	Ford pickup 1968 Florida License 9G/K3090
11	29	KEVIN R. BONNER Post Office Box 1157 Craig Air Force Base Selma, Alabama	l night	1960 Dodge 1968 Alabama License 27-7190
11	27	Mr.&Mrs.HERBERT R. HORT Box 1351 Jamestown, North Dakota		Mercedes Benz 1968 North Dakota License 276096
11	8	BILL SNOW 620 Royal Street City and state illegible	l night e	Not listed
11	15	GENE HUDSON (Montgomery Elevator Cor 262 Huntley Drive Montgomery, Alabama	l night mpany)	Barracuda, 1968 Alabama License 3-54700
11	16	CALVIN COOPER Shelby, North Carolina	l night	Not listed

	Room Number	Name and Address	Period of Occupancy	
March 20,1968	26 3	M. L. MURPHY (Western Electric) 2141 McKinley Montgomery, Alabama	3 nights	Rambler, Alabama tag not listed
11	2	GEORGE J. WILLIAMS 1654 Second Street Nort Birmingham, Alabama		Ford truck, Alabama License 8P-26217
**	3	GLEN R. SCHAEFFER TERRY W. JOHNSTONE Post Office Box 86 Marion, Mississippi (U.S.Government)	l night	International Government License C19392
11	13	A. F. BETTENTON 410 Clinton Vidalia, Louisiana	l night	Not listed
11	27	GEORGE CONTON and family, 828 Greenwood Avenue Trenton, New Jersey	l night	New Jersey Licen s e 15K887
tt	8	R. F. McCLELLAN 203 Dalraida Montgomery, Alabama	l night	Make of car not listed, 1968 Alabama License 3-6583
11	2 9	FLOYD B. ELSMIRE 1308 East Wendover Greensboro, North Carol	l night ina	Pontiac, North Carolina License AA8695
11	19	ELSIE VAN ENGEL MARY OAKLEY 1018 East Anderson Stre Orlando, Florida	l night et	Buick, 1968 Florida license 7-45645

<u>Date</u>	Room Number	Name and Address	Period of Occupancy	Vehicle Description
March 20,19		JACK WILSON 1308 Allamont Way Birmingham, Alabama	l night	Pontiac 1968 Alabama License 1-42424
11	16	EDWARD STAFFIRE 411 Putnam Drive Tallahassee, Florida	l night	Volkswagen, 1968 Florida License 1D-28189
.	1	HAROLD GREER Route Number 2 Kodak, Tennessee	l night	Not listed
March 21,196		LARRY D. BROWN Fort Gordon, Georgia	l night	1967 Chevrolet Impala, state not listed, license number MDX745
***	15	Sp. & Mrs. WAITER C. STURGE 449 Main Street Phoenix, Arizona	l night	Not listed
ff	1	D. G. SMOUSE Box 11 Gantt, Alabama	l night	Not listed
11	2 5	ROBERT C. MULLER Box 8,F43615 Souron Craig Air Force Base Selma, Alabama	l night	Not listed
11	17	STEPHEN L. SMITH 1030 North Third Street Apartment 33 Phoenix, Arizona	l night	1967 Mustang, 1968 Arizona License JCN537
11	9	B. W. DURHAM (Precision Point Corpor 82 Shoreline Drive Gulf Breeze, Florida	l night ation)	Ford, 1968 Florida License 33W5521

	oom umber	Name and Address	Period of Occupancy	Vehicle Description
March 21,1968	7	LAWRENCE T. BAILEY (Rushton Equipment Corpo 3220 Ridgley Drive Birmingham, Alabama	l night oration)	Oldsmobile, 1968 Alabama License 1-21046
11	3	S. E. MILLER and wife 1420 33rd Street San Diego, California	l night	1964 Oldsmobile, California License OKV-041
	5	JOHN P. CRISP Knoxville, Tennessee	l night	Pontiac, 1968 Tennessee License CH8746
March 22,1968	6	CHARLES BOYER 88 Marvin Road Ormond Beach, Florida	l night	Lincoln, 1968 Florica License 8WW3038
††	28	BILL BIVENS and RON RABON Route 5, Box 397 Highpoint, South Caroli	l night na	GMC, state not listed, number 399
11	2	Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD MURRAY 4128 Summitt Ridge Dallas, Texas	l night	Ford, 1968 Texas License KRB232
11	9	Mr. and Mrs. W. O. STUD address not listed	l night	Make and model of vehicle or state not listed, number 2291
11	26	Lieutenant C. R. MUDRIE Craig Air Force Base Selma, Alabama	l night	Make and model of vehicle not listed, New Jersey license NAX-620