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Atlanta, Georgia January 31, 1969

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368) (RUC)

Re Philadelphia airtel 1/23/69.

All information regarding the Reverend JAMES BEVEL, SCLC, and his statements regarding JAMES EARL RAY has been furnished the Bureau and Memphis.

Philadelphia is conducting no further investigation.



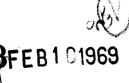
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than on special occasions and that from a review of the Memphis PD records he ascertained that there were no Memphis police officers assigned to a "walking beat" in Memphis on the day Dr. KING was killed.

In this regard it is believed that Reverend LAWSON was referring to Detective E. E. REDDITT, Memphis PD, who was removed from a lookout position at engine house #2 of the Memphis Fire Department on 4/4/68 due to the fact a number of threats had been made on REDDITT's life as a result of REDDITT's activities in attending meetings of the striking sanitation workers in Memphis in February and March, 1968. REDDITT was removed from this fire house and two officers of the Memphis PD were assigned at that time to protect REDDITT and members of REDDITT's family.

In view of the above, the Memphis Division does not anticipate interviewing Reverend JAMES LAWSON concerning the information LAWSON furnished to ABERNATHY.

A copy of this airtel is being submitted for the information of the Atlanta Division as Atlanta obtained the information in question as a result of the interview of Reverend ABERNATHY at Atlanta. AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long

SAC, Memphis (44-1987) REC 44

Director, FBI (44-38861) - 5537 From:

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RemEairtel to the Bureau dated 1-31-69.

Memphis should interview Reverend James Lawson for details of any information he possesses regarding the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. and conduct all necessary investigation to thoroughly resolve.

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Article appeared in "The Washington Post" on 1-29-69. The article in part stated that the head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Reverend Ralph David Abernathy, indicated that a conspiracy existed in the Martin Luther King, Jr. assassination. We instructed our Atlanta Office to interview Abernathy and upon interview Abernathy advised that what he told the press was that he believed in view of the assassinations of John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, Medgar Evers, and Martin Luther King, Jr. there would be indication to him that there may be a conspiracy among the forces of evil to do away with any young militant who stands for righteousness. Abernathy stated he had no evidence indicating a conspiracy and it is only his belief or fear on his part that such a conspiracy exists. Abernathy during interview advised that Rev. Lawson of Memphis told him about some personnel of the Memphis Fire Department and personnel of the Memphis Police Department that were moved to different locations of the city on 4-4-68 (date of 35 assassination of King) and this may be significant ...

Memphis advised that they resolved all issues as set forth by Abernathy in his conversation with Rev. Lawson. Memphis being instructed to interview Rev. Lawson in order to thoroughly resolve this matter and to obtain all information. Jen I de gr

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Review of this matter discloses that Legat, Mexico, received information that Negro males from a cruise ship "Italia" sailing from the Los Angeles, California, area and docking at Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, on or about 10-29-67, were involved in an altercation with James Earl Ray while Ray was drinking in a cafe with a Mexican prostitute.

This information was provided to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr. State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, who is prosecuting the state's case against James Earl Ray. Mr. Canale indicated that it would be helpful in his case if the crew members from the cruise ship "Italia" could be located and interviewed, as this would possibly establish Ray's prior anti-Negro sentiments.

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Los Angeles ascertained that the "Princess Italia" did not arrive at Puerto Vallarta until 12-19-67, and it was further determined that other cruise ships sailing from the Los Angeles area did not stop at Puerto Vallarta during the pertinent period of the algercation.

In view of the fact that Los Angeles conducted extensive investigation to determine identity of any ship that was docked at Puerto Vallarta with negative results; it is possible that the Negro crew members could have been from a yacht or private boat, and in view of the time that the alterca-Tolson /> tion took place, it does not seem feasible that further investigation should be conducted in this matter.

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NOTE:

The prosecuting authorities for the state's case against James Earl Ray have requested that we ascertain the identity of the Negro males allegedly involved in the incident with James Earl Ray while Ray was drinking in a cafe with a Mexican prostitute in Puerto Vallarta. This is for the purpose of possibly establishing Ray's prior anti-Negro sentiments. According to Legat, Mexico, it was believed that the Negroes were from the cruise ship "Italia," however, our Los Angeles Office has been unable to locate any vessel sailing from that area that docked at Puerto Vallarta on or about 10-29-67.

Memphis is being advised that it would not be feasible to conduct any further investigation to identify the Negro members from the cruise ships docking in Puerto Vallarta.

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TO Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: January 29, 1969

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, ${\rm Jr.}$

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An article appeared in the "Parade" magazine (the magazine contained in various Sunday newspapers in the country) to the effect that two prominent New Orleans businessmen reportedly contributed \$25,000 to intermediaries to arrange for James Earl Ray to murder Martin Luther King, Jr. We do not have any information to this same effect.

. The magazine lists the Editor-at-Large as Lloyd Shearer and the office of "Parade" magazine is listed at 733 Third Avenue, New York, New York.

Bureau indicies indicate that Bureau has had cordial relations with "Parade" magazine although its Washington Bureau is held at arms length since it is staffed by Jack Anderson and Fred Blumenthal. The president of "Parade" magazine, Arthur H. Motley, is on the Special Correspondents list REC 49

Bureau records further indicate that Lloyd Shearer has requested on two occasions to be placed on the mailing list to receive the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, and on each instance, this was denied. In 1947, Shearer was interviewed by a Special Agent in connection with an investigation. In the preliminary conversation, Shearer stated that the Director of the FBI was a "SOB." The Agent asked Shearer for an explanation of the comment and he backed down somewhat and he explained that this was a typical phrase used in his position writing stories for the screen. He also contacted the Bureau regarding the Bureau's cooperation in furnishing material for articles that he was writing, and again he was advised that the Bureau could not cooperate in this matter. In 1946, a neighbor of Shearer's advised she had been holding Shearer's mail while he had been in the East and he received literature from the Information Bureau, Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C. (not further explained). Our files contain no information concerning Shearer beyond September of 1963.

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Rosen to DeLoach Memorandum RE: MURKIN

ACTION:

If approved, the attached will be sent to the New York Office instructing them to interview Lloyd Shearer concerning this allegation and for any information he may have of a similar nature. New York is being instructed that if any reasons exist which would preclude the interview with Shearer, the Bureau should be advised.

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On January 25, 1969, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C., received a telegram from R. M. Gaines, 2006 Arena Place, Nashville, Tennessee, which stated "Discrimination against black people of Nashville by telephone operators and Busby's Motors of Nashville."

At 7:10 A.M. on January 28, 1969, R. M. Gaines, 2006 Arena Place, Nashville, Tennessee, telephonically contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington, D. C., and stated he was investigating the death of Dr. Martin Luther King. He stated he had evidence and photographs to support his conclusion that King had not been killed by a white man. Gaines said he could be located at 1056 College Street, Memphis, Tennessee. He said he is employed by the Mahalia Jackson Chicken System, 705 South Parkway East, Memphis, Tennessee.

On January 28, 1969, Mr. Harold Jones, Executive Vice-President, Mahalia Jackson Chicken System, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that Robert Gaines has been employed by that company since about August, 1968, and that because of Gaines' drinking problem he has been on a leave of absence since January 19, 1969, at which time Gaines became intoxicated and began to annoy other officers in the company with his telephone calls.

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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Telephone Operators, Etc.

On January 28, 1969, Gaines was located at 1056 College Street, Memphis, by a Special Agent of the FBI. Gaines was found holding a half empty bottle of whiskey and gave every indication of being highly intoxicated. He was sufficiently coherent to deny having any evidence concerning the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Records of Central State Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee, reflect that Robert Gaines entered that hospital on October 24, 1966, having been brought to the hospital by Nashville Police after he had fired a gun through the roof of his home. He was diagnosed as having an acute schizophrenic reaction, paranoid type, and he was found to be suffering from chronic alcoholism. He was granted a thirty day furlough from the hospital on January 6, 1968, but never returned to the hospital.

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DATE:

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SAC. ST. LOUIS

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SUBJECT:

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REBUAIRTEL, 1-28-69.

CLIFFORD GREEVES - SUSPECT

11057 Margate Hall Bridgeton, Missouri

Re airtel referenced Detroit TT to the Bureau, 1-25-69, and advised EARL DOWDY, "DETROIT NEWS", received an anonymous telephone call from a female who said CLIFFORD GREEVES, 11057 Margate Hall, Bridgeton, Mo., employed by PEPSI/COLA CO., SLMO, bears a strong resemblance to RAY and was the person who killed KING. DUB 1957

This matter was resolved early in MURKIN.

On 4-21-68, MRS. MARGIE COOKSEY, Box 300A, Route 2, Imperial, Mo., advised SA DONALD S. DE FONCE, SL, her daughter, whose name A declined to divulge, had observed a photo of RAY in a local newspaper and had identified her landlord, CLIFFORD GREEVES, 11057 Margate Hall Bridgeton, Mo., a driver for the PEPSI COLA BOTTLING CO., SLMO, ap /be identical to RAY.

She described GREEVES as: White male, 30-31 years, 5'11-6' tall, medium build, long light brown hair with $\frac{1}{2}$ " scar on right side of forehead. GREEVES purchased the residence where MRS. COOKSEY's daughter lived, 6452 Alamo, Clayton, St. Louis Co., Mo., approximately one month prior to the date of interview.

On the same date MR. THOMAS KILCELLIN, Assistant Sales Manager, PEPSI COLA BOTTLING CO., SLMO, advised SA DE FONCE, CLIFFORD GREEVES, residence - 11057 Margate Hall, Bridgeton, Mo., had been employed as a driver by the Co. since 4-10-59. His route area covers University City, Mo. Co. records, confirmed by GREEVES' supervisor, showed GREEVES was on duty 3-28 and 29, and 4-3,4,5-68. KILCELLIN described GREEVES as: White male, 32 years of age, 5'9", 160 #, with light brown hair. KILCELLIN observed a photo of RAY and stated GREEVES bore no resemblance to him.

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FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673 P

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RE LOS ANGELES TELEPHONE CALL TO NEW ORLEANS 2/5/69, AND LOS ANGELES TELETYPE FEB. FIVE, LAST.

MR JERRY COHEN, LOS ANGELES TIMES NEWS REPORTER IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, RESIDING AT THE COCHETTA MOTEL, ROOM 216, TELEPHONE 822-1560, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED HE HAD CONTACTED THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE OF THE FBI AND HAD BEEN REFERRED TO THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE OF THE FBI.

COHEN ADVISED THAT HE AND DAVE LAWSON OF LOS ANGELES,
CALIFORNIA, WHO IS ALSO A REPORTER OF THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, HAD
OBTAINED FROM CHARLES STEIN A TELEPHONE
NUMBER WITHIN ONE WEEK AFTER THE ARREST OF JAMES EARL RAY.

COHEN STATED THAT DAVE LAWSON HAD MADE ALL THE NOTES OF
THE CONVERSATION WITH STEIN, BUT THAT AS HE, COHEN, RECALLS IT,
STEIN SHOWED LAWSON A PIECE OF PAPER WHICH CONTAINED A TELEPHONE
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NUMBER AND THAT LAWSON HAD COPIED THE TELEPHONE NUMBER FROM STEIN'S
PIECE OF PAPER INTO LAWSON'S NOTE.

WHEN STEIN WAS QUESTIONED CONCERNING THIS TELEPHONE NUMBER,

RAY HAD SAID THIS IS WHERE HE GOT HIS WEATHER REPORT.

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COHEN STATED THAT STEIN TWO OR THREE DAYS AFTER TALKING
TO COHEN AND LAWSON HAD MADE A CALL TO NEW ORLEANS AND HAD
DETERMINED THIS NUMBER WAS A NUMBER FOR TROOP B OF THE LOUISIANA
STATE POLICE LOCATED IN THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS AREA.

COHEN STATE THAT NEITHER HE NOR LAWSON HAD FURNISHED

THIS TELEPHONE NUMBER TO THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE OF THE FBI

AND WHEN QUESTIONED AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THIS WAS AN OVERSIGHT

ADVISED THAT SUBCONSCIOUSLY IT HAD BEEN FORGOTTEN WITH THE

HOPE IT MIGHT MATERIALIZE INTO A GOOD STORY.

COHEN ADVISED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE THE TELEPHONE NUMBER WITH HIM BUT HAD MADE A CONTACT IN NEW ORLEANS WHILE HERE TO ATTEND THE CLAY SHAW TRIAL, WHO HAD DETERMINED THAT THERE WAS A LOUISIANA STATE TROOPER AT TROOP B NAMED RAUL V. ESQUIVEL.

COHEN ADVISED HE HAD NO FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING
THIS NUMBER, BUT THAT LAWSON WOULD HAVE MORE COMPLETE AND
ACCURATE INFORMATION FROM HIS NOTES.

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WAS CONDUCTED IN NEW ORLEANS FILE 44-2401, BUREAU FILE 44-26940

IN THE CASE CAPTIONED "TROOPER RAUL VICTOR ESQUIVEL, LOUISIANA

STATE POLICE, FERDINAND JOSEPH HORIO, JR. - VICTIM, CR."

INSTANT REPORT REFLECTS ESQUIVEL IN 1964 DESCRIBED AS WHITE

MALE, DOB ______, BRITISH , HONDURAS, EMPLOYMENT LOUISIANA

STATE POLICE, TROOP B, METAIRIE, LA., LENGTH OF EMPLOYMENT SEVEN

YEARS. RESIDENCE 4524 PARSIMMON ST. METAIRIE, LA.

R. L. POLK'S NEW ORLEANS CITY DIRECTORY FOR NINETEEN
SIXTYEIGHT LISTS TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR EIGHT TWO DASH FIVE SEVEN
FIVE ONE TO STATE POLICE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS TROOP B.
THIS NUMBER WAS DIALED THIS DATE AND THE TROOPER ANSWERING PHONE
STATED "STATE POLICE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS" AND THEN UPON INQUIRY
STATED THAT IT WAS TROOP B.

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NEW ORLEANS INDICES NEGATIVE RELATIVE TO TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR EIGHT TWO DASH FIVE SEVEN FIVE ONE.

LOS ANGELES, IN CONNECTION WITH PENDING INTERVIEW WITH CHARLES STEIN, CHECK LONG DISTANCE CALLS, IF RECORDS AVAILABLE OF STEIN. TO NEW ORLEANS.

UAC, NEW ORLEANS WILL, UPON RECEIPT OF RESULTS OF LOS
ANGELES INTERVIEW WITH STEIN, INTERVIEW RAUL VICTOR ESQUIVEL
IN DEPTH FOR ANY KNOWLEDGE HE MAY POSSESS CONCERNING RAY,
STEIN AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS PERTINENT TO INSTANT MATTER. WILL
ALSO DISPLAY TO ESQUIVEL, PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY, STEIN AND OTHER
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FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 3 P

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RE LOS ANGELES PHONE CALL TO NEW ORLEANS FEBRUARY FIVE INSTANT.

DAVE LARSEN, LOS ANGELES TIMES REPORTER, ADVISED FEBRUARY
FIVE INSTANT THAT DURING APRIL SIX EIGHT WHEN SEARCH WAS
BEING MADE TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE JAMES EARL RAY, HE INTERVIEWED
CHARLES STEIN, RE HIS ASSOCIATION WITH RAY. STEIN ATTEMPTED
TO SELL FOR ABOUT TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS TO LARSEN AND FELLOW
REPORTER JERRY COHEN, A PIECE OF PAPER WHICH STEIN STATED
BORE RAY'S HANDWRITING. PAPER WAS SLIP USED IN MOTELS TO
RECORD MESSAGES FOR GUEST WHEN AWAY FROM ROOM.

DURING TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS FROM LOS ANGELES IN DECEMBER ONE STEIN PHONE NUMBER IN NEW ORLEANS WHERE

HE COULD BE CONTACTED RE RETURN TO LOS ANGELES. REC. 17 FEB 7 1969

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RAY WROTE THE PHONE NUMBER FOUR EIGHT TWO DASH FIVE SEVEN FIVE ONE AND GAVE IT TO STEIN. ON THE REVERSE SIDE WAS A HANDWRITTEN MESSAGE "CALL GREYHOUND BUS STATION". LARSEN STATED HE IMITATED THE HANDWRITING AND COMPARED IT TO COPY OF RAY'S HANDWRITING HE LOCATED AT THE INTERNATIONAL DANCE SCHOOL, LONG BEACH. FROM OBSERVATION, LARSEN BELIEVES HANDWRITING TO BE IDENTICAL TO RAY'S. STEIN ADVISED LARSEN HE DID NOT WANT TO GIVE PAPER TO AUTHORITIES SINCE HE DID NOT WANT TO GET INVOLVED AND IF LARSEN DID NOT BUY IT HE WOULD DESTROY IT.

LARSEN STATED HE MADE CALL TO FOUR EIGHT TWO DASH FIVE SEVEN FIVE ONE WHICH WAS THE NUMBER OF THE LOUISANA STATE POLICE BARRACKS IN NEW ORLEANS. HE STATED HE DID NOT FEEL RAY WOULD BE ASSOCIATING WITH ANYONE AT THE STATE POLICE BARRACKS AND WANTED NO MORE OF IT.

COHEN IS PRESENTLY IN NEW ORLEANS TO COVER THE CLAY
SHAW TRIAL. COHEN DETERMINED THAT THERE IS A STATE TROOPER
RAUL V. ESQUIBEL ASSIGNED TO THIS BARRACKS.

LARSEN STATED HE RECALLS IN READING WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE'S ACCOUNT OF RAY'S LIFE IN "LOOK MAGAZINE", THAT RAY END PAGE TWO

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HAD MADE A RENDEZVOUS WITH A RAUL AT A GREYHOUND BUS STATION AND THOUGHT THE FOREGOING MAYBE OF SIGNIFICANCE.

LOS ANGELES WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATED CHARLES STEIN TO DETERMINE IF HE STILL HAS PAPER IN HIS POSSESSION.

NEW ORLEANS SHOULD DETERMINE CORRECT SUBSCRIBER TO
PHONE NUMBER AND IDENTIFY RAUL V. ESQUIBEL. NEW ORLEANS
SHOULD COMPARE THIS PHONE NUMBER WITH PHONE NUMBER OF MOTEL
WHERE RAY STAYED IN NEW ORLEANS IN DECEMBER ONE NINE SIX SEVEN,
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To: Legat, Ottawa (44-4)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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By return airtel advise the Bureau the current results of investigation being conducted by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in their continuing efforts to identify "Raoul."

- 1 Memphis (44-1987) (for info)
- 1 Foreign Liaison (Cleared through Graham Day)

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NOTE: Based upon articles which appeared in "Look" magazine as written by William Bradford Huie, we have requested the RCMP, through our Legat Ottawa, to conduct appropriate investigation. The RCMP is continuing their efforts to identify "Raoul," and we are requesting Legat Ottawa in this communication to advise us of the current results of investigation conducted by the RCMP. It is noted that the RCMP has been endeavoring to locate the co-owner of a tavern in Montreal, Canada, where Ray was alleged to have met "Raoul." The co-owner was on vacation in Puerto Rico and due to return to Montreal some time during January, 1969.

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A TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1487), NEW ORLEANS (157-1065 FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 2P

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RE LOS ANGELES TELS FEBRUARY FIVE AND SIX LAST.

RECORDS PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, REVEAL 482-5751 PHONE NUMBER FOUR EIGHT TWO DASH FIVE SEVEN FIVE ONE NOT IN USE IN LOS ANGELES AREA DURING ONE NINE SIX SEVEN AND ONE NINE SIX EIGHT AND NOT A CURRENT ISSUED NUMBER.

INQUIRY IN VICINITY SAINT FRANCIS HOTEL. LOS ANGELES. REVEAL CHARLES STEIN LAST OBSERVED IN HOLLYWOOD AREA ABOUT SIX DAYS AGO WALKING BAREFOOTED ON HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD DURING RAIN STORM.

MARIE MARTIN. STEIN'S COUSIN. EMPLOYMENT_DETERMINED. MARTIN EXPECTED BACK LOS ANGELES AREA FEBRUARY TE STOPS LEFT WITH EMPLOYER AND OTHER CONTACTS OF STEIN AND 12 FEB 10 1969 MARTIN TO HAVE THEM CALL LOS ANGELES OFFICE. END PAGE ONE

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RE LA TEL FEBRUARY FIVE LAST AND NO TEL FEBRUARY SIX INSTANT

REVIEW OF LA MURKIN FILE REVEALS CHARLES STEIN RESIDED WITH SISTER, RITA RODE, FIVE SIX SIX SIX FRANKLIN AVENUE, LOS ANGELES DURING PERTINENT PERIOD OF INVESTIGATION. SUBSEQUENTLY BOTH REVIEW OF TOLL CALLS FROM RODE'S HOME REVEAL CALLS TO MOVED. NEW ORLEANS ON FEBRUARY TWELVE, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT TO NINE FOUR 947-0930 SEVEN - ZERO NINE THREE ZERO AND ON FEBRUARY TWENTY ONE - TWENTY 945- 7312 THREE AND APRIL FOUR, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT TO NINE FOUR FIVE - SEVEN REC 49 44-38861-5543 THREE ONE TWO.

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NOVEMBER TWELVE, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT ISSUE OF "LOOK"

MAGAZINE, PAGE ONE ONE TWO CONTAINS UNDER ITEM SIX A PROPOSITION

RAUL MADE TO RAY. RAY WAS GIVEN A NEW ORLEANS PHONE NUMBER

BY RAUL WHICH IS WHAT DAVE LARSEN, LOS ANGELES TIMES, PROBABLY

REFERRED TO DURING INTERVIEW FEBRUARY FIVE LAST AS CONTAINED IN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL.

LOS ANGELES CONTINUES EFFORTS TO LOCATE CHARLES STEIN FOR INTERVIEW.

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