

yourselves in his place, on the run from 200 million persons, without a known friend or voice raised in your behalf, and a hundred thousand dollar reward placed on your head. If you were innocent, how would you feel?

In closing, I would like to say that if this article reaches a newspaper and is published and read by Jimmy, I would like to advise you, Jimmy, as a friend to make immediate arrangements for your personal protection by contacting a Judge or Lawyer and give yourself up so that you can be given a fair trial. Don't put it off until you are recognized by some trigger ~~happy~~ happy nut like Jack Ruby who wants to make a name for himself. You realize that you are on the top wanted list with a large reward on your head. You know that the odds are against you because of this. You can't win. In the meantime, while you are thinking this over, if you happen to be cornered by police officers, for Christs sake don't hold a shootout. Grab a phonebook and call a judge or lawyer.

There's no need for me to mention my name because you know who I am. You do have some friends. Turn yourself in, but use discretion in doing so.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/26/68

CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, inmate, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, was advised of the identity of JAMES A. MITCHELL as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was told the purpose of the interview concerned a report he had made sometime ago to the FBI that he had been offered \$50,000. to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING by two individuals identified only as JAMES and EDDIE. This took place in Columbia, South Carolina, in about March, 1965. He was furnished a warning and waiver form, which he read and executed. He then furnished the following oral information:

In early 1965, in Columbia, South Carolina, he met a soldier stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, who was to be discharged within a few days. His name was JIM or GLENN BARBER, but he is not sure of the first name or the spelling of the last name. He had just returned from Panama, and he believes he held the rank of Corporal. BARBER had marijuana and pep pills in his possession and was a very convincing talker. BARBER had met a female in Columbia named JOHNNIE BLACKWELL. She worked as a waitress at a lounge he believes was called the "Downtown," located near Chubby's Steak House in Columbia. She was from a little town twenty miles south of Columbia, name unknown. BLACKWELL roomed with a girl named JUNE TAYLOR, somewhere on Bull Street in Columbia. Both girls were prostitutes, and BILLINGS lived part of the time with TAYLOR. TAYLOR worked at a night club there called the "Red Rooster."

BLACKWELL had met two men known as JAMES and EDDIE and had filled a prostitution date with JAMES for \$50. The initial meeting took place in some club, name unknown, located near Chubby's Steak House, possibly the "Downtown." BLACKWELL told JIM she had to leave because she had a date with a soldier from Fort Jackson, South Carolina, named BARBER. JAMES asked her to ask BARBER if he could get ahold of any weapons, whereupon she told him BARBER had a machine gun.

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JAMES expressed an interest in buying it from BARBER and told her to pass this on to him, which she agreed to do. The prostitution date was filled in a motel in town, name unknown.

The following night, at the V.F.W., he, JAMES, EDDY and BARBER met. TAYLOR and BLACKWELL were present, as well as two other girls who worked at the "Red Rooster," but this was their night off. He does not recall their names. This was the first time he had met JAMES and EDDY. The men went outside and BARBER gave them each a stick of marijuana which he had brought back from Panama. They all sat in JAMES's white 1964-65 Lincoln Continental and smoked marijuana. The Lincoln had a Tennessee license plate beginning with the number 2, which designates Memphis. JAMES was always smoking big cigars and wore a large diamond ring. He understood JAMES has money in Mississippi and Tennessee. He owns land in Clarksdale, Mississippi, has a big car lot in Memphis and a night club. In the old days he was a bootlegger. JAMES despises the Negro race and, particularly, any with Communist leanings.

While in the car, JAMES told BARBER he understood he had a .50-caliber machine gun and BARBER said he did. JAMES asked if he wanted to sell it and he said, "Yes." Either JAMES or EDDIE asked where the machine gun was and how long it would take to get it. BARBER said three days because it was in Westwego, Louisiana, in care of a friend who ran a night club, The Canal Bank Inn. He never heard this man's name. JAMES or EDDIE asked BARBER if he had any ammunition for it, and he said he had a whole belt. One of the men then offered him a thousand dollars for the machine gun.

They all met again the next night at the largest drive-in restaurant in Columbia, name unrecalled. JAMES or EDDIE asked him if he had ever used the machine gun before, and he said he used one while in military service. It was agreed that BILLINGS would take BARBER to Westwego, Louisiana, which is on the west bank of New Orleans, to get the machine gun. They were to meet JAMES and EDDIE on a certain unrecalled date in Columbia and collect \$1,000. for the machine gun. The meet was to be at some unrecalled motel. BILLINGS stated he has trouble remembering things that happened this long ago.

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He drove BARBER to get the machine gun at the Canal Bank Inn, and BARBER contacted some man outside of his presence who reportedly told him the weapon had not arrived. He and BARBER stayed in an apartment house at the rear of the Canal Bank Inn for two days waiting for the weapon to arrive, but it never did. He became irritated with BARBER and then felt BARBER never had such a weapon. BILLINGS returned alone to Columbia, South Carolina, and he understood BARBER was going to his home in Fort Myers, Florida. BARBER's parents reportedly lived in and operated a trailer park at Fort Myers. BILLINGS stated that at the time all this was going on he had and was driving a 1959 Chevrolet convertible, maroon in color, bearing a Maryland Temporary Tag. He bought the car under his true name from Luby's Chevrolet in Baltimore, Maryland.

Upon his return to Columbia he met with JAMES and EDDIE and informed them he did not get the weapon. He was told the plan was for him and BARBER to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING for \$50,000. \$5,000. was to be in advance, with the remaining \$45,000. to be paid to them in Greenville, South Carolina. JAMES said KING had to be "wiped out" because J. EDGAR HOOVER had reported KING to be a confirmed Communist and the most notorious liar of our day. The killing was to take place along a scheduled march from Selma, Alabama, to Montgomery, Alabama. The machine gun was to be placed in the back of a paneled truck and driven to a spot on the Selma-to-Montgomery route. When the front line of marchers, including Dr. KING, approached the spot, the rear doors of the truck would be opened and the marchers machine-gunned. The truck was to come from some other state and purchased legally in the name of a deceased person. They would then drive the paneled truck away from the line of march to a country road where a passenger car would be parked. The truck would be abandoned and then they would travel into Montgomery, Alabama, by a devious back-roads route. They would then travel to Greenville, South Carolina, where they would meet JAMES and EDDIE. JAMES would tell them how to get to Sydney, Australia, via Mexico, on a freighter.

JAMES has a friend who formerly lived in Mississippi but now has a sheep ranch in Broken Bow, Australia. This man would help set them up in a bar or some other type of legitimate business.

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When he told JAMES and EDDIE that BARBER could not produce the machine gun, they said the plan had been dropped because MARTIN LUTHER KING announced he was not going to participate in the march.

He described JAMES as white male American, age 40; 5 feet, 10 inches; 210 pounds; blue eyes; brown hair; graying on the sides. JAMES lives on a farm eight miles from Memphis, in Mississippi.

EDDIE described as white male American; 6 feet, 1 inch; 180 pounds; brown hair; age 38, good dresser, residence Memphis, Tennessee.

BARBER described white male American, 22; 5 feet, 8 inches; 170 pounds; black hair; husky build, and good looking. He believes BARBER a psychiatric case and believes this was the reason he was discharged from the military.

He has seen JAMES and EDDIE since the above incident; however, he is not going to say more unless the Government dismisses an Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle charge against him. He has two detainers against him, and one is a State detainer. The federal detainer is from U. S. District Court, Montgomery, Alabama, and this detainer prevents him from making parole. He is eligible for parole on his current 5-year sentence in September 1968. He might get a parole to a State detainer, but parole would not be favorably acted upon with a federal detainer on file. If this detainer were removed he would furnish the full names of JAMES and EDDIE and where they could be located, in addition to subsequent contacts he has had with these men. He was told that no promises of any kind could be made in this regard.

A photograph of JAMES EARLY RAY, FBI # 306443A, taken at the Missouri Department of Corrections, Jefferson City, Missouri, on March 17, 1960, was shown to BILLINGS, and he stated that he does not know this individual either by name or photograph.

BILLINGS admitted he was at the Medical Center for psychiatric treatment. He has a writ in federal court under the provisions of Title 18, Section 2255, U. S. Code,

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trying to get his original Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle conviction set aside on the grounds he was incompetent at the time. He was at the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, but was recently transferred to the Medical Center because he has been seeing a red man with a green coat and alligator shoes. This red man is responsible for all his troubles. He is not visible to him now, but he does see him when he is alone, but not since he arrived here in February 1968.

The following is a description of BILLINGS as obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Height	6'
Weight	190 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Born	 in North Carolina (no town)
FBI #	368794A
Wife	OMA BILLINGS Box 214, Toughkenamon, Pennsylvania
Mother	VIRGINIA BILLINGS
Father	P. B. BILLINGS (Address same as above)

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Date 4/26/68

MELVIN LEMONS, Secretary to the Director, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, advised CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, FBI # 368794A, is at the Medical Center for psychiatric treatment with the long-term goal of an eventual return to the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

He stated on April 2, 1968, the Medical Center directed a letter to the U. S. Probation Office at Little Rock, Arkansas, stating that although BILLINGS now appears to be competent, several months ago he was too psychiatrically disturbed to participate in any court here. A plan is to examine him again in a month to determine whether or not he is competent to participate in legal proceedings.

LEMONS stated that while BILLINGS was at the Medical Center on a previous occasion a psychiatric report prepared April 17, 1967, by Dr. ANDREW F. GUSCHWAN, M.D., Staff Psychiatrist, contained the following diagnosis:

"Schizophrenic Reaction, chronic undifferentiated type, sociopathic personality disturbance, anti-social type, migraine headaches, with possible brain damage."

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Mr. STEPHAN I. KRAL, Elston, Missouri, Officers' Dining Room Supervisor, Missouri State Penitentiary, formerly guard at Renz Farm, said it was his regular job in 1967 to drive the truck to the main prison for bread five days a week, except weekends. He said the truck leaves Renz Farm about 8:00 a.m., and gets the bread no later than about 8:30 a.m. He said the empty box is taken from Renz Farm and taken to the loading dock. At that place the driver gives the order for bread. The inmates take the empty box on an elevator to the bakery and a box is loaded with the order. It is then brought back to the dock. The driver is supposed to check it to be sure it contains nothing but bread. He said the box was about 4 by 3 feet. He said it holds about 100 loaves of bread and they are packed 15 loaves to each layer. He said he always ran his arm down inside the box to count the layers. He said the truck then goes out to the truck tunnel. There a guard again checked to be sure there was nothing under or around the truck, including the box and under the hood. He, if satisfied, signaled the tower and the exit gate was released and the truck went back to the farm. He said the truck made several stops for lights, intersections, etc., en route and one would have no difficulty getting off the truck. He said the box was large enough to hold a man.

Mr. KRAL said that he heard some talk, after RAY escaped, that some officers had seen RAY "practicing a little yogi", that is, curling up in corners, and similar. He said he presumed he was doing this to see if he could fit in the bread box, but he had no personal information in this regard. He also said he "heard" that Renz Farm had been receiving more bread than requested for two or three days prior to April 23, 1967.

Mr. KRAL said the entire delivery trip from Renz to the Penitentiary and back did not continue until after 9:00 a.m.

He said he did not know what procedures of checking were followed on April 23, 1968, as this was a weekend and both the regular driver and regular tunnel checker were off duty.

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Mr. ALFRED BURKHARDT, 305 Boonville Road, formerly employed by the Missouri State Penitentiary, said he was the relief driver of the "bread truck" for Renz Farm on April 23, 1967. He said he picked up the bread about 8:30 a.m. He noted the box was on the platform (loading dock). He said this was unusual because usually the empty is taken from the truck and the full box returned. He said he recalled it had been there the day before. He said he was supposed to check the box to be sure it contained nothing but bread. He said the box was about 3 by 2-1/2 feet. He said he had heard that someone tried to get into one of these boxes, after RAY's escape, and could not do it with room for bread. He said the box is checked at the dock, and at the tunnel. He said, however, that it was not "probed." He said the check was visual. He said the box was delivered to Renz Farm and he heard no more about it.

However, he "heard" the next day that civilian cook at Renz Farm complained "that the bread had been all messed up." He also "heard" that there was no shortage of bread on April 23, 1968. He said he also "heard" that some of RAY's clothing had been found on the loading dock a week or two after the escape. He said the only thing unusual about this particular trip and perhaps the 22nd, was that the box was on the dock when he arrived there.

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On April 22, 1968, BILLY EDWARD MILES, number 02185, serving life in the Missouri State Penitentiary said he was interviewed by reporters with the permission of Warden SWENSON and he has been quoted, without the use of his name, about his knowledge of RAY. He said he has known RAY since February of 1961, and knew nothing of his family or background although RAY mentioned having a brother and sister. He said he celled in K-Hall four cells away from RAY and worked in the bakery with him. He said no one is actually a "friend" of RAY's as he had no close friends. He said the person nearest to being his friend is an ex-convict from St. Louis, Missouri, discharged about 1965 by the name of CARL DRAKE. He said RAY and DRAKE got along well. He said he believed he was as close to RAY as anyone else, but he could not say he was a good friend. He said he attended baseball games with RAY and RAY was interested in following games on T.V. and in the papers. He did not use drugs and MILES denied that he knew RAY as a homosexual or possessed of abnormal sexual behavior otherwise. He said RAY was always looking for means to escape, but did not discuss his plans. He never mentioned where he would go should he escape. MILES believed RAY was above average, for a convict, in mentality. He said some of the inmates believed he was "crazy" for his escape attempts. He said, for a time, he and RAY operated a book shop together. He said they made some money off of this. This shop consisted of obtaining various paper back books and selling and trading them for small amounts. He denied that RAY was in any way connected with the sale or use of dope and did not know of his doing any gambling. He said RAY talked to Negroes, but did not associate with them and expressed no animosity towards them. He said RAY was very retiring and self conscious. He could not imagine RAY taking dancing lessons, or spending money foolishly.

MILES said RAYMOND LEWIS CURTIS was not known to him.

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Date 4/24/68

On April 21, 1968, Major BERNARD J. POIRY, Custodial Officer, Missouri State Penitentiary, said he has been unable to recall the name of the person who told him about RAY escaping in the bread container from the prison bakery in April of 1967. He said, however, the person who allegedly helped by putting a card board cover over him was not GEORGE OWENS, but GEORGE JONES, who is still in the penitentiary and employed in the bakery. He said there is no doubt in his mind but that RAY escaped via the bread truck.

Major POIRY also said that he received information on April 21, 1967, from the prison "grapevine, no source identifiable, that the talk in the pen is that RAY made contact with WALTER NOLAN", who was released from the penitentiary on a writ, and that probably NOLAN was the "brains" behind the KING murder. He said there was absolutely no information to confirm this report and he has no information that NOLAN and RAY even associated together in the penitentiary.

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On April 20, 1968, Captain JAMES SMITH, Columbia, Missouri, Police Department, advised that Detective ROBERT VEEMER had contacted the Allstate Insurance Company, Sears Department Store, on April 20, 1968, and had been advised by Manager BOB CROUSE that no one by the name of JAMES RAY had ever been employed there. He said the city and telephone directories of Columbia failed to reveal that name although there are several families by the name of RAY living in the Columbia, Missouri, area. He said the District Office for the Allstate Insurance Company is at Kansas City, Missouri, and the home office is at Northbrook, Illinois. He said Mr. CROUSE said their employees drive light blue Plymouths.

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On April 22, 1968, RAY PRUETT, number 2195, Clerk, K Hall, said that he knew JAMES RAY well and visited him on occasion in the hall. He said he considered RAY as a "neighbor". He said that RAY never used any type of drugs except for medicine, had no ill feelings toward the Negro race and had no abnormal sexual habits. He said he first met RAY in jail in St. Louis about 1959 and knew him all of the time they were in the penitentiary except for a brief period he, PRUETT, was on parole.

He said that RAY is the type of person who has no enemies. He never said anything bad about anyone and minded his own business. He was very quiet; interested all the time in escaping and caused no one any trouble. He said RAY had no friends as such, but talked to a few persons. His primary interest was baseball. He did not mention his family and was very conservative in regards to spending money. He did not gamble, according to PRUETT. PRUETT said that if RAY would say he killed Dr. KING that he, PRUETT, would not believe him. He said that RAY is just not the type. He said he could furnish no information regarding the possible whereabouts of RAY and had no information concerning who might have aided in his escape from prison.

He said RAY is not the type of person to have committed the crime of killing Dr. KING, in his opinion.

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On April 22, 1968, JIMMY Z. BRADLEY, in the Missouri State Penitentiary as JAMES Z. BRADLEY, number 71844, said he has been serving a life sentence since December of 1956. He said he knew RAY as an employee in J Hall for a time and knew he lived in K Hall. He said he spoke to RAY on occasion and observed his activities in K Hall. He said RAY lived in K Hall for at least two years and always desired to cell alone. He said he, BRADLEY, was in solitary when RAY escaped and knew nothing of it.

He said that RAY was exceptionally quiet and rather an "odd person". He said he knows that RAY took mild drugs such as amphetamine and had very small veins and it was difficult for RAY to "mainline" his shots. He said RAY always believed he was ill, and used drugs on occasion as a matter of medicine. However, whenever he could he purchased amphetamine and barbituates. BRADLEY said RAY probably had a source within the penitentiary for these drugs, but he declined to discuss the matter further. He said RAY never sold such.

BRADLEY said that RAY is very quiet and would be very hard to locate. He said he would not know where to locate him and could furnish no information as to who might. He said he did not believe RAY would kill anyone unless his life was in jeopardy. He said that no one could say he is a friend of RAY's because RAY had no associates who he would consider as "friends". He said RAY is the type of person who might find employment on a ranch, a chicken farm, or a lumber camp or similar. He said if RAY took dancing lessons this would be completely out of character for him. He said RAY spent money only when he had to and "did not mess around with anyone".

BRADLEY said RAYMOND LEWIS CURTIS is unknown to him.

The following is the mailing list for JIM Z. BRADLEY, number 71844, as obtained from his file on April 23, 1968:

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Wife

MAXINE BRADLEY, 135 St. George,
St. Louis, Missouri, age 23.

Mother

PHIE BRADLEY, 1724 A. So. 14th,
St. Louis, Missouri, age 49.

Father

JOHN B. BRADLEY, 1023 Lafayette
Street, St. Louis, Missouri,
age 58.

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Date 4/24/68

On April 21, 1968, Mrs. JEAN PRANGER, 408 Lochlane, Columbia, Missouri, employed at Susan's Women's Apparel Shop, Columbia, Missouri, advised that she knew a JOHN RAY at Granite City, Illinois. This person was married to a LINDA and was an ex-convict. He worked in Belleville, Illinois, and was under the supervision of LEMUEL HARRY, formerly a parole officer, phone 233-6019, Belleville, Illinois. LINDA was a German girl and HARRY could furnish all the information about them. She said HARRY now works at the Brown Shoe Company, formerly Wohl Shoe Company, 16th and Washington, St. Louis, Missouri. She said the photographs of RAY resemble the person she knew.

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Date 4/29/68

M. J. STEWART, Treasurer, Missouri State Penitentiary, Inmates' Bank, furnished the following data from the file of former inmate JAMES EARL RAY. He said this represented all of RAY's financial transactions, through the penitentiary facility from March 20, 1960, to the present. He said there were no means by which the reasons for withdrawals could be established. He said he would determine from whom money orders were received.

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Name Ray, James Earl

Sheet No. 1

Number 00416-J

Date of Reference	Earnings Dr. or Cr.	Earnings Balance	Cash Credit	Withdrawal	Cash Balance	Total Balance
MAR 22'60			3.06 +			3.06 °
MAR 22'60				3.00 -		.06 °
MAY 19'60	3.00 +					3.06 °
JUN 7 CP				3.00 -		.06 °
JUN 20'60	3.00 +					3.06 °
JUL 5 CP				3.00 -		.06 °
JUL 21'60	4.00 +					4.06 °
AUG 17 CP				3.00 -		1.06 °
AUG 19'60	4.00 +					5.06 °
SEP 6 EX	To: James H. McAtter, Circuit Court Clerk →			2.25 -		2.81 °
SEP 22 MO			10.00 +			12.81 °
SEP 23'60	4.00 +					16.81 °
OCT 6 MO			10.00 +			26.81 °
OCT 17 CP				20.00 -		6.81 °
OCT 21'60	5.00 +					11.81 °
OCT 27 CM				.50 -		11.31 °
NOV 16 CP				6.00 -		5.31 °
NOV 18'60	5.00 +					10.31 °
NOV 18'60				.50 -		9.81 °
NOV 23 CM				1.00 -		8.81 °
NOV 28 JE				1.50 -		7.31 °
DEC 16 CP				3.00 -		4.31 °
DEC 19'60	5.00 +					9.31 °
DEC 27 MO			5.00 +			14.31 °
DEC 28 MO			5.00 +			19.31 °
JAN 17 CP				6.00 -		13.31 °
JAN 20'61	6.00 +					19.31 °
JAN 24 EX	To: West Publishing Company →			1.25 -		18.06 °
FEB 6 EX	To: James H. McAtter, Circuit Court Clerk →			1.25 -		16.81 °
FEB 17 CP				10.00 -		6.81 °
FEB 21'61	6.00 +					12.81 °
FEB 28'61				.50 -		12.31 °
MAR 16 CP				6.00 -		6.31 °
MAR 22'61	7.00 +					13.31 °
APR 7 MO			5.00 +			18.31 °
APR 17 CP				15.00 -		3.31 °
APR 18'61				.50 -		2.81 °
APR 24'61	8.00 +					10.81 °
MAY 15 CP				6.00 -		4.81 °
MAY 19'61	9.00 +					13.81 °
JUN 19 CP				10.00 -		3.81 °

Name Ray, James Earl

Sheet No. 2

Number 00416-J

Date of Reference	Earnings Dr. or Cr.	Earnings Balance	Credit Cash	Withdrawal	Cash Balance	Total Balance
						3.81 °
JUN 22'61	10.00 +					13.81 °
JUL 17 CP				10.00 -		3.81 °
JUL 21'61	11.00 +					14.81 °
JUL 25 MO			5.00 +			19.81 °
AUG 7 EX				3.25 -		16.56 °
AUG 11'61				.50 -		16.06 °
AUG 14 CP				10.00 -		6.06 °
AUG 21'61	12.00 +					18.06 °
SEP 15 CP				15.00 -		3.06 °
SEP 20'61	12.00 +					15.06 °
OCT 4'61				.50 -		14.56 °
OCT 16 CM				1.00 -		13.56 °
OCT 18 CP				10.00 -		3.56 °
OCT 20'61	12.00 +					15.56 °
NOV 6 MO			1.00 +			16.56 °
NOV 13 CM				1.00 -		15.56 °
NOV 17 CP				10.00 -		5.56 °
NOV 22'61	12.00 +					17.56 °
NOV 30'61				.50 -		17.06 °
DEC 1 CP				3.00 -		14.06 °
DEC 4'61				.88 -		13.18 °
DEC 7'61			10.00 +			23.18 °
DEC 18'61	1.63 +					24.81 °
DEC 19 MO			10.00 +			34.81 °
DEC 19'61				2.40 -		32.41 °
MAR 1 CP				1.00 -		31.41 °
MAR 29'62				2.40 -		29.01 °
APR 2 CP				3.00 -		26.01 °
MAY 1 CP				3.00 -		23.01 °
JUN 7 CP				6.00 -		17.01 °
JUN 8'62				.50 -		16.51 °
JUN 28'62				.50 -		16.01 °
JUL 2 CP				10.00 -		6.01 °
JUL 10 EX				5.50 -		.51 °
JUL 13'62	1.50 +					2.01 °
AUG 6'62				.50 -		1.51 °
AUG 15'62	1.50 +					3.01 °
SEP 12'62	1.50 +					4.51 °
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(1962)						15.51 °
OCT 19 CM				.50 -		15.01 °
NOV 13 MO			40.00 +			55.01 °
NOV 14 '62	1.50 +					56.51 °
NOV 20 CM				.50 -		56.01 °
DEC 4 '62				2.40 -		53.61 °
DEC 5 JE				2.50 -		51.11 °
DEC 13 '63	1.50 +					52.61 °
DEC 14 CP				20.00 -		32.61 °
JAN 15 '63	1.50 +					34.11 °
JAN 16 CP				20.00 -		14.11 °
JAN 22 '63				.50 -		
JAN 22 '63				.74 -		12.87 °
FEB 7 MO			7.50 +			20.37 °
FEB 15 '63	1.50 +					21.87 °
FEB 18 CP				20.00 -		1.87 °
FEB 20 MO			35.00 +			36.87 °
MAR 6 EX	To: West Publishing Company			1.25 -		35.62 °
MAR 14 '63	1.50 +					37.12 °
MAR 19 EX	To: Jerry Ray			10.25 -		26.87 °
MAR 21 '63				.60 -		26.27 °
APR 8 EX	To: West Publishing Company			1.25 -		25.02 °
APR 12 '63	1.50 +					26.52 °
APR 15 CP				10.00 -		16.52 °
APR 16 MO			65.00 +			81.52 °
APR 24 '63				2.50 -		79.02 °
MAY 14 '63	1.50 +					80.52 °
MAY 16 CP				6.00 -		74.52 °
MAY 20 EX	To: Alden's			7.00 -		67.52 °
MAY 23 MO			25.00 +			92.52 °
JUN 3 MO			.60 +			93.12 °
JUN 10 EX	To: Jerry Ray			80.25 -		12.87 °
JUN 13 '63	1.50 +					14.37 °
JUN 17 CP				6.00 -		8.37 °
JUN 19 MO			50.00 +			
JUN 19 MO			50.00 +			108.37 °
JUN 24 EX	To: Jerry Ray			102.25 -		6.12 °
JUL 10 '63 MO			15.00 +			21.12 °
JUL 12 '63	1.50 +					22.62 °
JUL 15 CP				6.00 -		16.62 °
JUL 22 EX	To: West Publishing Company			1.25 -		15.37 °
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AUG 15 MO			1.00 +			11.87 °
AUG 20 MO			30.00 +			41.87 °
SEP 13'63	1.50 +					43.37 °
SEP 16'63EC				20.00 -		23.37 °
OCT 10'63	1.50 +					24.87 °
OCT 14'63CP				20.00 -		4.87 °
OCT 14'63CM				1.00 -		3.87 °
OCT 28'63MO			35.00 +			38.87 °
NOV 6'63				.50 -		38.37 °
NOV 12'63	1.50 +					39.87 °
NOV 15'63CM				.62 -		39.25 °
DEC 5'63	2.00 +					41.25 °
DEC 12'63	1.50 +					42.75 °
DEC 16'63CM				.50 -		42.25 °
JAN 3'64MO			5.00 +			47.25 °
JAN 6'64EX				1.75 -		45.50 °
JAN 13'64MO			1.50 +			47.00 °
JAN 14'64	1.50 +					48.50 °
FEB 10'64EX				1.25 -		47.25 °
FEB 13'64	1.50 +					48.75 °
FEB 17'64CP				6.00 -		42.75 °
FEB 17'64MO			1.00 +			43.75 °
MAR 12'64	1.50 +					45.25 °
MAR 25'64MO			10.00 +			55.25 °
APR 15'64	1.50 +					56.75 °
APR 17'64CP				15.00 -		41.75 °
MAY 13'64	1.50 +					43.25 °
MAY 14'64CP				10.00 -		33.25 °
MAY 27'64MO			40.00 +			73.25 °
JUN 11'64	1.50 +					74.75 °
JUN 15'64CP				15.00 -		59.75 °
JUN 22'64EX				55.25 -		4.50 °
JUL 9'64MO			15.00 +			19.50 °
JUL 13'64	1.50 +					21.00 °
JUL 15'64CP				10.00 -		11.00 °
AUG 14'64	1.50 +					12.50 °
AUG 17'64CP				6.00 -		6.50 °
AUG 31'64MO			20.00 +			26.50 °
SEP 11'64	1.50 +					28.00 °
SEP 14'64CP				15.00 -		13.00 °
SEP 28'64CM				.50 -		12.50 °
OCT 6'64				.50 -		12.00 °
OCT 14'64	1.50 +					13.50 °
OCT 15'64CP				6.00 -		7.50 °
OCT 16'64CM				.50 -		7.00 °
NOV 13'64	1.50 +					8.50 °
DEC 10'64	1.50 +					10.00 °

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DEC 14'64CP				6.00 -		4.00 °
DEC 24'64MO			10.00 +			14.00 °
DEC 30'64	6.00 +					20.00 °
JAN 6'65EX		<i>For James Ray - - - - -</i> → 18.25 -				1.75 °
JAN 14'65	1.50 +					3.25 °
JAN 25'65				1.25 -		2.00 °
FEB 10'65	1.50 +					3.50 °
MAR 11'65	1.50 +					5.00 °
MAR 11'65MO			1.00 +			6.00 °
MAR 15'65CP				6.00 -		.00 °
APR 5'65MO			4.50 +			4.50 °
APR 15'65	1.50 +					6.00 °
APR 20'65CP				6.00 -		.00 °
MAY 12'65	1.50 +					1.50 °
MAY 18'65MO			8.50 +			10.00 °
MAY 19'65 <i>cp</i>				10.00 -		.00 °
JUN 11'65	1.50 +					1.50 °
JUN 14'65MO			8.50 +			10.00 °
JUN 15'65 <i>cp</i>				10.00 -		.00 °
JUL 2'65			1.50 +			1.50 °
JUL 15'65	1.50 +					3.00 °
JUL 19'65CP				3.00 -		.00 °
AUG 11'65MO			1.50 +			1.50 °
AUG 12'65	1.50 +					3.00 °
AUG 16'65CP				3.00 -		.00 °
SEP 1'65MO			13.50 +			13.50 °
SEP 15'65	1.50 +					15.00 °
SEP 16'65CP				15.00 -		.00 °
OCT 15'65	1.50 +					1.50 °
NOV 15'65	1.50 +					3.00 °
NOV 17'65CP				3.00 -		.00 °
DEC 8'65MO			1.50 +			1.50 °
DEC 13'65	1.50 +					3.00 °
DEC 14'65CP				3.00 -		.00 °
DEC 20'65MO			10.00 +			10.00 °
DEC 28'65	6.00 +					16.00 °
JAN 13'66	1.50 +					17.50 °
JAN 17'66CP				10.00 -		7.50 °
FEB 9'66	1.50 +					9.00 °
FEB 10'66MO			1.00 +			10.00 °
FEB 14'66CP				10.00 -		.00 °
MAR 11'66	1.50 +					1.50 °
MAR 24'66MO			8.50 +			10.00 °
APR 1'66CP				10.00 -		.00 °
APR 1'66MO			8.50 +			8.50 °
MAY 2'66CP				6.00 -		2.50 °

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MAY 17'66MO			3.50 +			6.00 °
MAY 27'66MO			10.00 +			16.00 °
JUN 1'66CP				3.00 -		13.00 °
JUN 20'66EX				1.25 -		11.75 °
				6.00 -		5.75 °
JUL 1'66CP						10.25 °
JUL 7'66MO			4.50 +			4.25 °
AUG 1'66CP				6.00 -		11.00 °
AUG 18'66MO			6.75 +			5.00 °
SEP 1'66CP				6.00 -		13.35 °
SEP 13'66			8.35 +			10.45 °
NOV 2'66					2.90 -	9.10 °
NOV 16'66					1.35 -	7.00 °
NOV 18'66					2.10 -	2.60 °
NOV 23'66					4.40 -	1.95 °
DEC 2'66					.65 -	.65 °
DEC 9'66					1.30 -	2.15 °
DEC 13'66	1.50 +					7.15 °
DEC 20'66MO			5.00 +			12.15 °
DEC 20'66MO			5.00 +			22.15 °
DEC 22'66			10.00 +			18.05 °
DEC 23'66					4.10 -	17.55 °
DEC 30'66					.50 -	15.55 °
JAN 6'67					2.00 -	21.55 °
JAN 10'67	6.00 +					15.45 °
JAN 13'67					6.10 -	16.95 °
JAN 17'67	1.50 +				.60 -	15.60 °
JAN 20'67					.75 -	15.35 °
JAN 27'67					.25 -	30.35 °
FEB 3'67						30.00 °
FEB 3'67MO			15.00 +			32.00 °
FEB 10'67					.35 -	30.00 °
FEB 14'67	2.00 +					26.65 °
FEB 24'67					2.00 -	28.65 °
MAR 10'67					3.55 -	27.15 °
MAR 13'67	2.00 +				1.50 -	23.15 °
MAR 17'67						21.90 °
MAR 17NT				4.00 -		20.90 °
MAR 31'67					1.25 -	16.20 °
MAR 31'67CP					1.00 -	15.20 °
APR 7'67					4.70 -	13.95 °
APR 7'67CP					1.00 -	15.95 °
APR 14'67					1.25 -	14.61 °
APR 14'67	2.00 +					14.11 °
APR 20'67				1.34 -		4.36 °
APR 21'67					.50 -	6.36 °
APR 21VO				9.75 -		2.36 °
MAY 12'67	2.00 +					
MAY 15'67	2.00 +					
JUL 14'67	2.00 +					10.36 °

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Date 4/27/68

On April 26, 1968, Mr. HARRY LAUF, Records Officer, Missouri State Penitentiary, furnished 34 pieces of paper containing the purported handwriting and handprinting of JAMES EARL RAY, former inmate. These items were contained in the Missouri State Penitentiary file of RAY.



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LEO HOLDEN PARKER, No. 15254, Missouri State Penitentiary, received April 19, 1968, to serve 15 years for Armed Robbery-1st said he was released on parole to Dismas House in St. Louis, Missouri, on June 1, 1967, after serving 13 years for murder in Illinois. He said he was arrested on July 18, 1968, for having kidnaped a boy and girl and robbing them of money and their car. The car was recovered in St. Louis, Missouri. He said this crime was committed on July 11, 1967, and he was arrested on July 18, 1968, and subsequently tried.

He noted the newspaper articles stated that the kidnaper had mentioned being recently escaped from prison and among other things had blue eyes. He has brown eyes. He said, while in jail, he talked to everyone he could to find out what prisoners had escaped from Illinois and Missouri. He was told be a prisoner at the St. Louis Jail that JAMES RAY had escaped. This was in September of 1967. He said this prisoner, whose name he could not recall if he ever knew it, said that RAY had been in St. Louis all summer; had a car; was using or pushing narcotics and was living and eating in a garage and had been making money by various hold-ups. PARKER said he tried to get his attorney to send for a photograph of RAY, but this was not done.

PARKER said that he did not see a photograph of RAY until this last week when pictures were published of him in newspapers in connection with the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. He noted the close resemblance between him and RAY. He said he thinks RAY is responsible for the crime for which he is serving time and he is therefore desirous of doing everything he can to help locate RAY.

PARKER said a large blow-up picture of him was used in his trial, but the picture had been "touched up" to remove facial scars. He noted he has tattoos on his arms that would show and yet the witnesses did not recall them. He said he believed the victims had been influenced in identifying him by the St. Louis Police. He claims he had a good alibi and did not commit the crime, but was convicted on his record and from biased testimony based on faulty identification of

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photograph, although the record indicates it was a court room identification.

PARKER said the victims were RITA BROCKELMAN, 1502 A Montgomery, St. Louis, Missouri, and GEORGE MC QUADE, JR., 4708 Plover, St. Louis, Missouri. He said the case was investigated by JOHN LEPPING and EDWARD ALLERS, Fifth District, St. Louis Police Department.

PARKER said he was in jail at St. Louis for ten months, and all this time he talked to whoever he could to find out who might have been the real perpetrator of this crime. He said he was on the fourth floor to December of 1967, and thereafter on 23 on the main custodial floor. He said, however, that prisoners mingled pretty much throughout the whole building and he does not know the names of anyone he talked to. He said he would continue to search his memory for the name of the person who told him RAY had been in St. Louis during the Summer of 1967, and was there as late as September of 1967.

PARKER said there was publicity of this case in the St. Charles, Missouri, Daily Banner of July 12, 1967, which carried interviews with the victims, and he has a deposition in which Miss BROCKELMAN testified the kidnaper had blue eyes and was very positive of this fact. He also noted the victims were let out about two miles from Alton, Illinois, where he believes RAY formerly lived. He noted the descriptions of him and RAY are practically identical except for marks and eyes.

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Date 4/29/68

Mr. HAROLD SCHAEFFER, 630 Adams, Jefferson City, Missouri, employed at the Missouri State Penitentiary from 12:00 PM to 8:00 AM as tower watch on Tower 14, formerly gate guard in the Penitentiary Kitchen (and bakery) said he worked on the latter assignment for about two years in the period between 1965 and 1967, and knew JAMES RAY.

He recalled that he went on duty at 11:00 AM on April 23, 1967. He said RAY worked in back of the kitchen as a bread slicer who packed the bread boxes. He worked alone. He said he did not know RAY well. He said RAY would have had to leave the penitentiary, if he escaped in a bread box, sometime before 11:00 AM, as the bread goes to the farms early in the morning, or at least before 11:00 AM. He said the other guard on duty with him was ROBERT HIGGINS who now lives some place in Arizona.

He recalled that about 3:00 PM he was contacted by Warden SWENSON who told him that RAY had escaped and wanted to know what he knew about it. He said he did not know RAY had left, as he had no occasion to check on him. He said he was "bawled out". He said a search continued inside the walls for RAY for several days.

SCHAEFFER said he did not know any associates of RAY, and had no dealings with him. He denied that he had ever furnished RAY with any amphetamine, or any other type of contraband.

He said he has heard very little talk about RAY, either following his escape or since the allegation appeared in the papers that RAY was being sought for the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. He said he could furnish no information concerning his whereabouts or of anyone who might have such information.

Mr. SCHAEFFER said he knows "WHITEY" DOWDA. He said about eight months ago, DOWDA was in Jefferson City, Missouri with his new wife, and stayed for a couple of nights. He formerly worked in the penitentiary kitchen, and would

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have known RAY, according to Mr. SCHAEFFER. He said he was walking on Capitol Avenue and DOWDA came by and asked him if he wanted a ride to his car. He went with DOWDA and another guard by the name of JOHN PETREKE or PETREE, or similar, to a tavern and a few beers. PETREKE asked DOWDA if he and his wife wanted to stay all night at the PETREKE residence. He did not know if the invitation was accepted. He said DOWDA was on his way to California at the time. He was driving a Volkswagen which he said belonged to his wife. He said he was with DOWDA for about 1½ hours. He said he observed DOWDA at the front gate of the penitentiary talking to the door man, but did not see him go in. He said he did not know how well RAY knew DOWDA.

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GEORGE BEN EDMONDSON, Inmate, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, at first said he did not know JAMES RAY. He was shown various pictures of RAY and then said he recognized him as an associate of an inmate he knew as RAY CURTIS. He said he had served time with CURTIS both in the penitentiary and in jail at Springfield, Missouri, and read an article of an interview with CURTIS in regard to RAY within the past few days.

EDMONDSON said his wife did not know RAY and he personally had no dealings with RAY inside or outside of the penitentiary, and did not discuss escapes or anything else with him.

EDMONDSON said he obtained a Canadian passport in Montreal, Canada under the name of ALEXANDER PETER BORMANN for the reason he spoke German, and is going to adopt that name eventually. He said his wife is GINETTE BORMANN, nee La-Ferte, and she is residing with her parents at 11075 Blvd., Plaza, Montreal North, Quebec, Canada. He said she visits him on occasion, about every other month, but she does not plan to visit again as he expects to be released on a decision of the Missouri Supreme Court within a matter of about 30 days, and he will then go to Canada and join her.

EDMONDSON said it is very easy to get a Canadian passport and the procedure is probably known to every fugitive from the United States. He said all that is needed is \$5.00, plus someone to sign as a "guarantor", plus either a Baptismal Certificate or a Birth Certificate. He said he obtained his by sending in his marriage license and his wife's birth certificate. He said Baptismal records are available as are "guarantors" in the Rue Notre Dame area. He said most of the certificates emanate from the Saint Justin Parish and it costs about \$50.00 to obtain the necessary papers to back up the passport application.

He said there are a lot of "floaters", such as prostitutes and other "hustlers" in the Notre Dame area and they are the ones with whom to make contact. He said there

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is a definite pipe line in this regard. He said it usually would take about a week or ten days to get the necessary papers, and within a few days the passport would be received.

He said it is important to evaluate the contacts to know if 2500 Rue Notre Dame is east or west. He said neither is a good section, but east is French and west is English. He said the English are working people, but the French are "hustlers". He said the address could be considered as "downtown". He also said, if the passport was obtained on a Baptismal record, he might be able to furnish further information which might be helpful.

EDMONDSON said he believed that it would be no problem for RAY to hide out from Police and officials, but he would have to hide from the "whole literate public", which he said he knew from personal experience is not easy. He said, in his opinion, since RAY has been connected with the assassination of Dr. KING, he has no place to go, and no place to hide.

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Date 5/2/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 1, 1968

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Mr. BUNKER said, therefore, the only signature of a visitor is that contained on the inmate's official visitor's card. He said, if it did not agree, in the opinion of the checking matron, no visit would be allowed, and trouble might result both to the inmate and the visitor.

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He returned to the Canal Bank Inn later in the year 1965, but he does not recall when and it was this time that BARBER accompanied him. He stayed here because he knew the owner from the previous stay with BLACKWELL. He called the owner NORRIS and on his first stay he did give him a \$165.00 worthless check drawn on the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, Westwego, Louisiana. This was in payment for a poker debt in a game held at a club called "On The Hill". This club was also owned by NORRIS, last name unknown.

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He never told NORRIS he was from Carolina, but BLACKWELL did tell him he was from Columbia, South Carolina, which was correct. He admitted his memory is not the best but since this happened in 1965 he cannot recall specific details.

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He has never heard of a man named ENIS HEAD and he never lived with him in Apartment 6, 315 Laurossini Street, which is the Canal Bank Inn. He stated that he and BEN BLACKWELL moved into the apartment and took it over from two other men who had stayed in the apartment but left to work off shore. In June, 1965, BLACKWELL paid the rent to CARMERDELLE and it was about this time that he, BILLINGS, left and returned to Columbia, South Carolina. In Columbia he stayed with JUNE TAYLOR for about one month. He then returned to New Orleans and stayed at a motel, name unrecalled, located on Chef Menteur Highway under his true name. He stayed at this motel for about 1 to 1 1/2 months and spent his time gambling at Slidell, Louisiana, which is 20 miles from New Orleans. He went by and visited BLACKWELL at the Canal Bank Inn and he still occupied Apartment 6 but he had someone else living with him who was not there at the time he left. BLACKWELL at this time was going with a woman by the name of DORIS (last name unknown) who had a home in Westwego, Louisiana. She had a 17 year old daughter and 5 other children. Her husband, name unknown, had been killed in the oil fields. He said she was an attractive woman for her age which he judged to be about 35. BLACKWELL met her at the Canal Bank Inn and her identity would be known to CARMERDELLE. He believes that this woman did work as a cocktail waitress at the Jung Hotel in New Orleans.

After this BILLINGS stated he went to Dallas, Texas and lived in Irving, Texas. He lived at 1627 Cooper Street in Irving with a female he did not desire to name. He stated at the time he was employed by the Shedd Bardish Foods, Inc.

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He commented that the woman he was living with was a Registered Nurse. He advised that he had been to Dallas on one trip previous to this one and lived with a girl he declined to name who worked at the Carousel Club in Dallas, Texas. He stated that she was a widow and that she had murdered her husband. This woman was about 25 years of age and had one child, a girl, 7 years old.

BILLINGS stated that he is very faint on dates and places but he believes that after he left Dallas he traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada where he stayed at the Horseshoe Club under the name of ROBERT JAMES, Dallas, Texas. He stated that while here he sent a telegram to his wife in Pennsylvania and she and their son came out to visit him. They bought a 1964 Buick and with his family traveled to Artesia, New Mexico. They arrived in New Mexico about July, 1965 at which time he opened a fruit stand in the 4900 block of Main Street which he called Roberts Produce. They lived right behind the fruit stand. In August, 1965, he sent his wife home because she was always trying to get him to surrender which he did not want to do. He stated that he drove them as far as Wilmington, Delaware and then called his brother to come after them.

He sold his Buick in Las Vegas and obtained a Plymouth Valiant. He sold this Plymouth to a Ford dealer in Artesia, New Mexico and obtained a new Ford truck and a 1962 Chevrolet. After he took his wife to Wilmington, Delaware he traveled to Hartford, Connecticut where he got a job with Williams Ford where he was in charge of a used car lot. He obtained this job in the name of JAMES ROBERTS and as such he had charge of carrying the night deposits to the bank. He worked at this place two weeks and on one evening instead of taking the night deposit to the bank he took it to the motel room, took out the money, left the checks in the bag and absconded.

He then traveled to Batavia, New York for the purpose of gambling at the race track in this town. He said this was the last part of 1965. While traveling to the races at Batavia, he actually lived in Buffalo, New York at a hotel under the name of Laurent Riquier. This was some stolen identification which he had found. He stayed in this area for two weeks during which time

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Mr. HUGH DALLAS, Business Manager, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised his office handles the purchase of radios for the inmates' canteen. He said no serial numbers are maintained by his office, but on occasion, are furnished by the supplier. He examined his books and said the penitentiary purchased 48 Model 6502 Channel Master radios on September 7, 1968, from Central Missouri Distributing Company, Jefferson City, Missouri, for \$350.40, and the serial numbers are reflected thereon. He said ten of this same model and make were purchased from Gordon Sound System on August 16, 1966, for \$73.00, and no serial numbers are given. The last purchase of this radio was on October 29, 1968, from Gordon Sound System, Jefferson City, Missouri, of 24 radios with a sale price of \$175.20, and no serial numbers are indicated. He said there was no means, through his records, of establishing the serial numbers.

Mr. DALLAS said the inmates have never been furnished with Pepsodent tooth brushes, but could purchase same at the canteen. He said they are not allowed to have such items as "Right Guard."

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