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EDMONDSON advised that GADBOIS had several associates. He said he met some of these, but did not know their names. He said he recalled one "hustler" who works with GADBOIS by the name of MARCELL VILLENEUVE, also known as SLIM, who lives in Pierre Fondas. He said this person is a fence operating an alleged appliance business and he is "real well connected" in Montreal, and can get about anything one would want in the way of electric appliances which are stolen. EDMONDSON stated MARCELL also traffics in prostitution and may handle a little "pot".

Another associate of GADBOIS is BILL MAHARAGH who is a photographer described as about 50 to 55 years, 5'7"-8", 180 pounds, gray hair - balding, and who wears very thick glasses. He deals in "dirty pictures, pot, and generally hustles" for GADBOIS. He said this man is a "blatant homosexual".

Another associate of GADBOIS is a used car dealer who is an East Indian. He has been "rapped" in Montreal for "hot" cars.

EDMONDSON said he was arrested and put in jail at Ottawa, Canada. MARCELL came to see him and offered him a lot of services for a price. He wanted \$350.00 and took care of some things for EDMONDSON. He said for another \$1,000.00 he could get EDMONDSON released, but he sent this message through EDMONDSON'S wife, as the prison authorities would not let him re-visit EDMONDSON. EDMONDSON advised he turned down the offer of MARCELL and stated he was deported on August 9, 1967. Therefore, MARCELL would have had a visit with him between July 1 and August 9, 1967. EDMONDSON further advised he was using the name of ALEX BORMANN while living in Canada.

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Date 6/13/68

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 by SA EARL A. PAYSON *GA* jb 6/10/68  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/24/68

BILL GORDON STEINHOFF, also known as WILLIAM CLEO DAVIS, WILLIAM GAMACHE and RONALD D. SMITH, was interviewed in the Sedgwick County Jail, where he is presently held on local charges and was advised of the identity of SA JAMES F. MILLER. STEINHOFF was advised of the identity of SA JAMES F. MILLER and was informed that the FBI had received information that he wished to see an Agent. At that time, STEINHOFF's rights were orally furnished to him and he stated he was fully aware of his rights. He then indicated he had some information regarding the escape of JAMES RAY from the Missouri State Penitentiary. At this point in the interview, STEINHOFF was furnished a written document containing his rights and he read and waived his rights as evidenced by a signed waiver form.

At his own suggestion, STEINHOFF typed the following statement:

On 9/19/68 at Wichita, Kansas File # KC 44-760 Sub A - 69  
by SA JAMES F. MILLER:ENV Date dictated 9/19/68

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"Wichita, Kansas, September 19, 1968

"I Bill Gordon Steinhoff hereby make the following free, and voluntary statement to James F. Miller, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me to induce me to make this statement. Agent Miller has furnished me a written document showing my rights which I have read and signed waving these rights.

"I was born on [redacted] in St. Louis, Missouri, and have a High School education.

"While I was incarcerated in the Tennessee State Penitentiary in Nashville Tennessee sometime in 1964 & 1965 I was given the job as Head Clerk in the Prison Hospital. While on this job I met another Inmate which I had done time with in the Missouri State Penitentiary by the Name of George Jones. We were both doing time in Nashville and had both escaped from Missouri. Jones from Moberly and myself from Jefferson City. Jones was sentenced to one year and myself to three years in Nashville. Jones was released some months before I was and was returned to the Penitentiary in Jefferson City.

"Another Inmate in Nashville by the Name of Gene Jacobs was admitted to the Prison Hospital Convelesant Ward although there was nothing the matter with him. I learned later that he was a City Councilman and was put in the Hospital so he could watch T.V. and eat out of the Hospital Kitchen. Although he was a patient in the Hospital he was allowed to go to the yard or any where else he wanted.

"One day while I was watching T.V. in the Convelasent Ward Jacobs started talking to me about my escaping from the Penitentiary and how I had done this. He asked me at this time if I knew Jimmy Ray who was confined in Missouri. I told him no that I did not know him

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personally. Jacobs asked me if I would help some one escape if I could and I told him yes. He said no more about this matter for about two weeks but during this time he bought me Cigarettes and other things from the Commissary. One day Gene asked me if I would be willing to take some money to Missouri with me and give it to George Jones who was already there. I asked him how much and what I would get for it. He told me that I would get Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars for myself if I would give Jones Five Hundred Dollars to help another inmate get away from the Penitentiary. I agreeded to do this, although I did not know who was to escape. A few days later Gene received a visit from his wife and when he returned he gave me Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars in Cash. He gave me Five One Hundred Dollar Bills, a Fifty, Five Twentys and Ten, Ten Dollar Bills. Upon my release about Oct. 1965 I was picked up by Lt. Orvil Turner the Warrant Officer from the Missouri State Penitentiary and another man acting as guard which I did not know. The morning I dressed out in Nashville I put on a pair of boxer shorts which I had cut in the front seam and inserted all but One Hundred and Fifty Dollars. This Hundred and Fifty Dollars I placed in my sock as I knew they made you take your shoes off and searched your socks before they handcuffed you. As Lt. Turner was searching me he felt the bottom of my socks and felt this lump and asked me what it was and I said it was my money. He asked me where I got it and I told him I had been saving it. He turned to the Officer from the Nashville Penitentiary who was present all this time and asked him what he should do with it. They went into the Deputy Wardens Office and when he returned he said it would be placed in my property as the Deputy Warden said he couldn't take as I had it in my possession. Although this money is not allowed in the Penitentiary. When I returned

to the State Penitentiary in Missouri I told them I had had trouble with some other inmates which I named and wanted to be placed in Maximum Security. I knew that Lt. James Stewart was the Officer in charge there and liked me. Although the Inmates I named were no longer in the Penitentiary they placed me in Maximum Security. This money was taken into Maximum Security by my self and I was never searched as Lt. Stewart knew me. I removed this money from my shorts and placed it in a pair of new socks which I had three pairs of. I sealed the wrapper back up and they were never bothered. One day my cell mate was talking to me about wishing he had some Green Money to buy some powder with and I told him that he would have to get it when he went to population. This Inmate's name was Frank Downey. A few days later they were taking me some where up front and I told Downey that I had some money in my socks and if they did anything to me to be sure and hold it for me. I was returned to my cell and found that Downey did not bother my socks so I forgot it. Downey was released to Population a few days later and I was alone in this cell. About a week later I asked the walk man if he would sell me a carton of cigarettes for a ten dollar bill as I had none and could not obtain any from the Inmate Canteen for another week. He said he would. The next day I asked this Inmate about the Cigarettes and he said that he would bring them around a little later. He did this and I gave him a ten dollar bill which I learned later he gave to the Sgt. in Maximum Security by the Name of Hendley. About four days later myself and three other inmates were allowed to go to the Exercise yard. While I was out there Lt. Stewart came up and sit down by me and said that he had heard that I had some square money. I told him that I did not, that he must be talking about the money Lt. Turner found in my sock in Nashville. He did not question me any further about this matter. I had already asked Lt. Stewart about a job as his clerk in Maximum Security and he told me he would see about it. The following

week I asked Lt. Stewart again about the job and he said that if I would give him the money he would get it for me. The next day I gave Lt. Stewart Five Ten Dollar Bills. The following week I was assigned as clerk in Maximum Security. One day while going after the mail with the Sgt. I saw George Jones in Control Center and he came up to the Treasurers Office where I waited while the Sgt. went and picked up the mail. It was at this time that I gave Jones the Five One Hundred Dollar Bills. When I gave Jones the money he was expecting it but he didn't say what it would be used for. I returned to Maximum Security and about three weeks later I quit my job in Maximum Security and went to Population. I was out about three months and Jones said that it would be better if people thought we were enemys. So I told the Warden that Jones, and some other Inmates were after me and I went back to work in Maximum Security. After a few months I returned to Population and went to work as Night Clerk in Control Center. On this job I had the run of the Penitentiary and could eat any time I wanted to do so. After a few days Jones who was the head baker in the bakery shop in the kitchen sent me word to come down and eat breakfast with him early. I started eating breakfast with Jones before the Morning Meal was fixed. We got to talking one morning about Dr. Martin Luther King getting killed and how they were hunting Jimmy Ray for questioning in this. I told him at this time I had my doubts wheather he did it or not. But Jones seemed to think he had. Jones told me how he had been questioned about helping Jimmy escape in the bread box. Jones never told me who he gave the Five Hundred Dollars to and I never mentioned it. For several days Jones would talk about Jimmy escaping and how it made the Warden look bad and he was sure glad he got away. I was released from Prison later and have had no contact with George Jones since then.

"During my conversations with Jones he told me that Jimmy Ray had gone out in the bread box. Jones did not say he helped him but he seemed to know an awful lot about it and talked about it all the time.

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"I have typed this statement at my own suggestion and the information contained therein is from memory. I do not wish to testify to this matter as I fear something may happen to myself or my family. I would be willing to cooperate as long as there is no publicity.

"/s/ Bill Gordon Steinhoff

Witnessed:

"/s/ James F. Miller, Special Agent, FBI."

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In addition to the statement, STEINHOFF advised that the GENE JACOBS, who was mentioned in the early part of the statement, was also supposedly known as "Little Evil". He claimed he did not know what JACOBS was incarcerated for but he had heard something to the effect that it might have to do with some type of election violation.

The following description of STEINHOFF was obtained through interrogation and observation:

|                 |                                                                                        |
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| Race            | White                                                                                  |
| Sex             | Male                                                                                   |
| Education       | 12 years                                                                               |
| Birth data      | [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri                                                         |
| Height          | 5'7"                                                                                   |
| Weight          | 135 pounds                                                                             |
| Hair            | Brown                                                                                  |
| Eyes            | Green                                                                                  |
| Marital status  | Divorced                                                                               |
| Ex-Wife         | DONNA COPELAND, nee EVANS,<br>resides somewhere in<br>St. Louis, Missouri              |
| SSN             | [redacted]                                                                             |
| Occupation      | Teletype operator                                                                      |
| Parents         | RAYMOND and MANOLA STEINHOFF,<br>8648 Gregory Court,<br>Berkeley, Missouri             |
| Scars and marks | Scars on right upper arm                                                               |
| Residence       | 1902 S. Emporia, Wichita, Kansas.<br>This is the home of girlfriend,<br>BETTY FELDMAN. |
| Arrest record   | Admits several arrests for checks,<br>auto theft and grand theft.                      |
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He recalled that during some of the class recess sessions some of the officers from the Wichita, Kansas Police Department also took photographs of the officers present as well as photographs during the classroom sessions. At the beginning of one recess period, he observed BONEBRAKE talking to a man in the classroom who might have been a member of the News media inasmuch as he was carrying a camera. As he, TUCKER, was leaving the room, he heard this person state he was a reporter, but TUCKER was unaware of his identity or the News media he represented. TUCKER was of the opinion that this person started to question BONEBRAKE about the RAY case, however, TUCKER has no information to indicate that BONEBRAKE made any remarks to this individual concerning the case.

TUCKER advised that BONEBRAKE, in discussing the Ray case, never made any remarks to the effect that RAY was responsible for the death of Reverend KING. He did not display photographs or blow-ups of latent fingerprints in the RAY case, nor did he display anything which he claimed to be copies of evidence in the case.

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He recalled that during some of the class recess sessions some of the officers from the Wichita, Kansas Police Department also took photographs of the officers present as well as photographs during the classroom sessions. At the beginning of one recess period, he observed BONEBRAKE talking to a man in the classroom who might have been a member of the News media inasmuch as he was carrying a camera. As he, TUCKER, was leaving the room, he heard this person state he was a reporter, but TUCKER was unaware of his identity or the News media he represented. TUCKER was of the opinion that this person started to question BONEBRAKE about the RAY case, however, TUCKER has no information to indicate that BONEBRAKE made any remarks to this individual concerning the case.

TUCKER advised that BONEBRAKE, in discussing the RAY case, never made any remarks to the effect that RAY was responsible for the death of Reverend KING. He did not display photographs or blow-ups of latent fingerprints in the RAY case, nor did he display anything which he claimed to be copies of evidence in the case.

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During the course of the closed sessions, DAVIS recalled that BONEBRAKE did talk to members of the class concerning the JAMES EARL RAY case, but DAVIS' recollection of what was actually said by BONEBRAKE is quite hazy. DAVIS recalled that BONEBRAKE did mention taking fingerprints from a badly decomposed male body in Mexico to determine if this unknown person was identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

DAVIS further recalled that BONEBRAKE stated he had been called to England to identify a man being held by British authorities for the purpose of determining if this person was JAMES EARL RAY. DAVIS did not recall that BONEBRAKE made any remarks concerning testifying in England, and he is not certain what BONEBRAKE actually said in regard to the JAMES EARL RAY case. DAVIS did not recall that BONEBRAKE made any definite statements pertaining to evidence in the case, however, some mention may have been made concerning a pair of binoculars and a rifle with a telescope sight. DAVIS stated he does not recall whether the binoculars or rifle were mentioned by BONEBRAKE or some other member of the class. He stated

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He stated the only class session at which anyone else was present other than students, was during a period that a television cameraman was permitted to take some photographs of the class in session. However, during this photographing period, nothing was discussed during the time the cameraman was present.

DAVIS further recalled that BONEBRAKE in talking about the RAY case to members of the class cautioned them not to discuss the matter outside the class room. DAVIS stated, in his opinion, remarks made by BONEBRAKE were circumspect and he would definitely be under the impression that BONEBRAKE was not disclosing all of the information in the case to those present.

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MARVIN I. SHELTON, Undersheriff, Kingman County Sheriff's Office, Kingman, Kansas, furnished the following information:

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SHELTON advised that on or about Wednesday or Thursday of the class week, some members of the class asked various questions concerning cases which BONEBRAKE had previously worked on, and the matter of the JAMES EARL RAY case was brought up. He recalled that BONEBRAKE mentioned that early in the case involving JAMES EARL RAY, he was called to process some items for latent fingerprints during the early morning hours. BONEBRAKE stated that this was not unusual, as in the past he had been called out at various hours to process items in an emergency situation. He mentioned the processing of a rifle found near the scene of the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING in Memphis, Tennessee. He also stated he had processed a small bag containing toilet articles which had come from a room where the suspect had lived. He claimed that he found unidentified latent fingerprints on the rifle and the toilet kit.

He also stated that he had gone to Mexico for the purpose of obtaining fingerprint impressions from the body of an unknown male who had been found on one of the Mexican beaches. He processed these fingerprints to determine if they were identical with JAMES EARL RAY, and found that they were not.

SHELTON stated BONEBRAKE did not talk about how these were developed to identify JAMES EARL RAY as the person who was being sought in this investigation. BONEBRAKE did state that he had to go to England to testify in the JAMES EARL RAY matter, and that he testified to the fact that the latent fingerprint found on the gun was identical with RAY's

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He recalled that BONEBRAKE talked in generalities primarily and did not make specific references to evidence in the RAY case. Although he stated he testified in England, he made no definite conclusions as a result of his testimony. He used the example of this testimony as a teaching example on testifying concerning fingerprints and fingerprint comparisons. BONEBRAKE also cautioned members of the class that his remarks concerning the JAMES EARL RAY case should not be discussed outside the class.

All classroom sessions were closed to all except authorized Police officers, however, on the Thursday of the week the class was held, a television cameraman was permitted to take pictures of the class in session, but nothing was discussed during the time he was present. To SHELTON's knowledge, no news media or representatives were permitted in the classroom during class sessions.

SHELTON stated that he recalled on one class session break, he observed BONEBRAKE in the classroom talking to a person who was not a student in the class. SHELTON did not know the identity of this person, and as he walked past BONEBRAKE and the unknown individual, he overheard the unknown person make some remark about the JAMES EARL RAY case, however he did not hear BONEBRAKE make any reply, or that the case was discussed. SHELTON further advised he did not recognize anyone whom he knew to be a member of the News media, although he understood that ~~there~~ were some News media people present at one of the recess periods for the purpose of obtaining publicity for the school. He recalled that BONEBRAKE, in talking to the class about the JAMES EARL RAY matter, did not make any conclusive statements concerning RAY.

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DWAIN I. KELSCH, Lieutenant, Newton, Kansas  
Police Department, furnished the following:

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KELSCH advised that all the classes conducted were closed classes to having Police Officers only in attendance. However, on one occasion, he recalled a television cameraman did take pictures of the class in session, but nothing was discussed during the time the cameraman was in the room.

He stated he does not recall how the matter of the JAMES EARL RAY case came up; whether it was first mentioned by BONEBRAKE or by one of the class members. He recalled that BONEBRAKE stated some items had been brought to Washington, D. C. from Memphis, Tennessee, following the assassination of the Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, and that he, BONEBRAKE, conducted a Latent Fingerprint examination of these items.

He also recalled that BONEBRAKE stated he went to London, England for the purpose of testifying in regard to the extradition hearing for JAMES EARL RAY. BONEBRAKE told the class members also about a trip to Mexico for the purpose of identifying the body of an unknown person which was thought might be involved in the KING case.

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He recalled that BONEBRAKE talked primarily in generalities rather than specific matters, and he does not recall that BONEBRAKE ever made any remark concerning the RAY case except on this one occasion in the closed classroom session.

He stated he has no recollection that BONEBRAKE talked to any representatives of the News media, and he is positive no members of the News media were present during the classroom sessions with the exception of the aforementioned television cameraman who took pictures of the class in session.

KELSCH stated he recalled that BONEBRAKE made some mention about the investigation to locate RAY, but he does not recall any details of this information. He has no recollection that BONEBRAKE went into any details concerning his testimony in England, nor did BONEBRAKE specifically discuss the evidence in the case.

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Date 11/28/68

Major CLYDE BEVIS, Records Division, Wichita, Kansas Police Department, said he had requested the FBI conduct an advanced fingerprint school for the Wichita Police Department with the understanding officers from surrounding law enforcement agencies would be invited. Major BEVIS recalled this school was held at the police academy of the Wichita Police Department during middle of September, 1968.

Major BEVIS said that in the regular course of business he notified members of the news media he encountered at police headquarters of the school being in session and suggested they might like to cover it. He specifically recalled talking to OLLIE THOMPSON, News Director of TV Station KTVH and BERNIE WARD, a reporter for the Wichita Beacon. THOMPSON made no commitment when he would try to cover the school. WARD declared he would appear at the school at 2:00 PM, Tuesday, September 10, 1968. Major BEVIS commented he arranged to be at the classroom at the time specified by WARD, however, WARD did not appear. On Wednesday, September 11, 1968, BEVIS said he was notified by some member of the training staff of the Wichita Police Department that WARD had appeared at the classroom. BEVIS instructed that Lieutenant JORDON JONES, introduce WARD to Instructor BONEBRAKE and help WARD with any coverage he desired.

BEVIS declared it was his understanding the instruction being provided by Mr. BONEBRAKE was for the benefit of law enforcement officers alone and not available for members of the press or others. He gave specific instructions that members of the press not be invited to attend any of the classroom sessions and he feels confident that had any member of the news media tried to enter the classroom while the instructions were being given he would have been immediately notified.

BEVIS said he had no further contact with the class or members of the press. When the article appeared in the Wichita Beacon on September 12, 1968, he was shocked

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STONE did advise that BONEBRAKE did mention the RAY case after receiving an inquiry from someone in the fingerprint class. In this connection he explained to the class how latents and partial latents received from various sources and seemingly unrelated at the time they were obtained later turn out to be related matters and excellent evidence material. BONEBRAKE did mention that he had travelled to London, England in connection with the RAY case to testify that the fingerprints of the man in custody there were identical with the known fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY who had escaped from the Missouri State Prison, Jefferson City, Missouri. He said he is certain BONEBRAKE only mentioned the RAY case to show some of the conditions a fingerprint man would work under and the necessity of obtaining and maintaining prints.

STONE said the RAY case was only one of many illustrations used by BONEBRAKE for demonstrations in the class, to make a point about a certain phase or item in the training. He said BONEBRAKE did not discuss the RAY case at any length and always cautioned the persons in the class about any further discussion of this matter.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/26/68

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He recently attended a fingerprint school in Wichita, Kansas at which time GEORGE BONEBRAKE of the FBI was the instructor. He said no newspaper reporters were in attendance at this school since it was for law enforcement officials only.

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BERG said BONEBRAKE mentioned the JAMES EARL RAY case in one of the classes and apparently did this to show how important partial and latent prints can be in a case. He said in this conversation BONEBRAKE mentioned that a partial latent print had been obtained in the RAY case and went on to show that what appeared to be unrelated items at the time they are obtained later turn out to be related in some manner. He further advised that BONEBRAKE said he compared the fingerprints of the man in custody in England with the known fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY who had escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary and found they were identical.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/28/68

MORRIS HERRON, Valley Center Police Officer, recalled attending a school on the subject of fingerprints conducted by a Mr. BONEBRAKE, of the FBI, at the Police Academy, Wichita, Kansas, during early part of September, 1968.

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HERRON recalled BONEBRAKE declined to discuss this case further mentioning something to the effect this was still a pending case and FBI policy did not permit the public disclosure of such information.

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