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She said that she had mentioned the wigs and the similarity of the RAY pictures with the man in the hotel room, to LAVERNE, last name unknown, a fifth floor maid at the hotel. She said that to her knowledge, LAVERNE had not seen the man in the hotel.

MILDRED THOMAS said that she had not told any maid on the seventh floor of her suspicions of the man occupying Room 622 and that that man was the only man that she knew of on the sixth floor that had a wig or wigs.

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Date 5/1/68

Mrs. LAVERNE BAILEY, 1596 East 48th Street, Los Angeles, California, telephone AD 1-8016, advised on April 29, 1968, that she is a maid on the fifth floor of the Beverly Hilton, Beverly Hills, California, and knows a sixth floor maid named MILDRED, last name unknown, and that sometimes, she and MILDRED drive to work together. Mrs. BAILEY said that last week MILDRED was suspicious of the man occupying Room 622 at the hotel; that MILDRED said the man wore makeup and had different wigs. Mrs. BAILEY said she had not seen this man. She said that she told her father about this several days ago. She said that her father, WILLIE BAILEY, visits a service station on Alameda Street, Los Angeles; that he is about in his 60's and is a Negro.

The Wanted Notice pertaining to JAMES EARL RAY was shown to Mrs. BAILEY but she said that she could make no identification of RAY through the names, description, and photographs appearing thereon.

On April 30, 1968, Mrs. BAILEY advised telephonically that she had called her father and he said that he had mentioned this matter at a service station.

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Date 5/7/68

ROBERT CHARLES LEES was contacted at his place of incarceration, California Institution for Men, Chino, California, and after being advised of the identities of the contacting agents he was interviewed regarding a 1952 green Studebaker pickup truck, registered to PHILIP HORN BROOK, 2033 Vista Del Mar, Hollywood, California.

LEES advised that he purchased this truck from GEORGE CHASE, who in turn had purchased it from HORN BROOK. LEES did not recall the date he purchased it but stated that he only had it for two and one half or three months. He advised that he did not know where the truck was now, other than to state that he sold it. He cannot recall the person to whom he sold it nor the details of the sale. He advised that he has owned three or four cars since owning the truck and the only thing he could recall regarding the pickup truck was the fact that it didn't run too well. LEES stated that he is acquainted with HORN BROOK and CHASE and advised that the truck in question has changed hands many times.

The following descriptive data was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	ROBERT CHARLES LEES
Aliases	Sleepy, Jeff Rubin, Bob Peyton
Sex	Male
Race	White
Birth Date	<input type="text"/>
	Chicago, Illinois
Height	5'10"
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy

On 4/30/68 at Chino, California

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Residence	California Institution for Men, Chino, California
Former Residence	Palm Motel Sunset Boulevard Hollywood, California (three weeks)
Employment	Cook Rabbits' Foot Club Hollywood Boulevard
Military Service Selective Service Information	None Registered at Local Board 98 Santa Monica and Western
Marital Status	Single
Parents	FRANCES LEES, mother Hobart Avenue Hollywood, California CHARLES LEES, father Whereabouts Unknown
Associate	JOHN ENGLISH
Social Security Number	<input type="text"/>
Automobiles	None (present)
Prior Arrests	Numerous arrests for burglary and receiving stolen property. Presently serving one to ten years for receiving stolen property.

LEES was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY but stated he had never seen the person depicted in the photographs before.

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Date 5/3/68

Officer T. D. PIERCE, Auto Theft Detail, Hollywood Division, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), was contacted at his place of employment, and after being advised of the identity of the contacting agent, was questioned regarding any information he had concerning the present whereabouts of JOHNNY BONELLI and a woman known as LU TOMENY.

PIERCE stated he recalled arresting these two individuals along with several other women on charges of prostitution sometime during 1967 when he was assigned to the Vice Detail. He had no information regarding their present whereabouts, other than to say he believed TOMENY was living common law with BONELLI and he had heard BONELLI was presently working somewhere in the San Fernando Valley area.

PIERCE also advised he thought SUE HARRIS had been arrested at the same time, as was a girl by the name of REA RYAN. He did not know the present whereabouts of either HARRIS or RYAN.

PIERCE stated he was unfamiliar with the names ANITA KATZWINKEL and GINGER DAY.

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Date 5/15/68

Mrs. ALMENA LOMAX was telephonically recontacted concerning the list of individuals subscribing to the "Tuskegee Tribune" whom she considered to be white. She stated she would try to copy the list on May 9, 1968, and mail it to the Los Angeles Office.

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Date 5/10/68

Miss LOUISE EMILY BENNETT, also known as Lu Tomeny, was contacted at Apartment 307, 1110 North Hollywood Place, and after being advised of the identity of the contacting Agents, she was interviewed regarding her association with SUE HARRIS, ANITA KATHWINKEL, and her knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY. In this regard she furnished the following information:

She first met SUE HARRIS in January, 1967, in Los Angeles, California, and worked with her as a prostitute in the Hollywood, California, area. In either April or May, 1967, she was arrested for prostitution, along with HARRIS and several other girls, by the Los Angeles Police Department. Subsequently she was sentenced to a three month term in Corona State Prison, which is located in Fronteria, California. She was released from Corona during the first part of November, 1967. Upon her release she returned to the Hollywood area to locate HARRIS.

She met HARRIS in the Rabbit's Foot Bar, which is located on Hollywood Boulevard. With HARRIS at the time was a girl by the name of ANITA KATHWINKEL and another girl known to BENNETT as RITA. RITA is described as a short, Spanish looking woman, having dark hair and being approximately 29 years old at the time. KATHWINKEL was known to BENNETT as she had met KATHWINKEL on one occasion in either April or May, 1967. After meeting HARRIS at the Rabbit's Foot Bar, she, HARRIS, and KATHWINKEL went to HARRIS's apartment located at 131 Gramercy Place in Hollywood. The woman known to BENNETT as RITA did not go with them and BENNETT never saw her again. RITA was described to BENNETT by HARRIS as being a prostitute working in the Hollywood area.

At the time, HARRIS and KATHWINKEL were working as prostitutes out of HARRIS's Gramercy Place Apartment. BENNETT was familiar with the name GINGER DAY but claimed to never have met DAY. She believed HARRIS mentioned the name DAY in conversations BENNETT held with her.

On 5/10/68 at Hollywood, California

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BENNETT could not recall if HARRIS ever resided at the Serrano Street Apartments located at 1535 Serrano Street in Hollywood. She did recall that HARRIS used the name of ANITA KATZWINKEL when she subscribed to the phone company for a telephone in her Gramercy Place Apartment and might possibly have used KATZWINKEL when subscribing to a phone in an apartment located on Orange Drive in Hollywood. She did not believe that HARRIS used the name KATZWINKEL on any other occasion. The use of her name by HARRIS was agreeable to KATZWINKEL as long as HARRIS paid her phone bill.

The name MARIE MARTIN and CHARLIE STEIN were unknown to BENNETT, as was the full name of RITA STEIN. She could not recall if the RITA she described above was identical to RITA STEIN.

At this point in the interview, BENNETT had exhibited to her various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. While these were being shown to her, she was asked if the person depicted in the photograph had ever been "a customer" of hers. She advised that she could not recall having ever seen the individual depicted in the photograph, and was unfamiliar with the name JAMES EARL RAY or ERIC STARVO GALT.

At this point in the interview, a number of names were read to BENNETT which were known to have been "customers" of hers. She stated the names mentioned were familiar to her, however, she could not remember the physical description that would match the names of some of them. She did state, however, that all of these "customers" had come to her prior to April, 1967. She was then asked if any of her former "customers" fit the description of RAY. She stated they did not.

BENNETT then advised that she no longer works as a call girl due to the fact that she has a "steady" boy friend. She advised that at the time she would work as a prostitute she would receive anywhere from \$25.00 to \$50.00 per trick, while HARRIS and the girls who normally worked with her received \$10.00 or \$15.00 a trick. She advised that HARRIS usually worked out of the Rabbit's Foot Club, The Black Horse, or the Red Vest, which are bars located in close

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proximity to one another and the St. Francis Hotel located in the 5500 block on Hollywood Boulevard. While working these bars, it is part of the normal operation to make contact with "customers" through a bartender who would have been previously supplied with the girl's name and address.

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1Date 5/13/68

Miss BETTY WISHARD, 1625 North Martel Street, was contacted at her residence and after being advised of the identity of the contacting Agents, she was interviewed regarding her knowledge of the Swinger Club, a social club having its office in Gardena, California.

WISHARD advised that about two months ago, she received some literature from the Swinger Club but the letter containing the literature was addressed to the occupant at 1625 North Martel and was not addressed to her by name. She stated the literature just solicited her membership in the organization and was not a personal letter, nor did it contain any photographs. She paid no attention to the letter and discarded it.

WISHARD advised that occasionally she will purchase a copy of the "Free Press" newspaper but could not recall having placed an advertisement in this publication. She stated that she has lived in her present residence for about a year and one half. She has never received any further communication from the Swinger Club.

WISHARD was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and after viewing it advised that she has never seen this person before nor was an identical photograph contained in the letter received by her from the Swinger Club.

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Date 5/10/68

On May 7, 1968, Mr. JOHN R. BONELLI was contacted at Coffee Dan's Restaurant, located 6776 Hollywood Boulevard, and after being advised of the identity of the contacting Agents, was interviewed regarding his knowledge of the present whereabouts of a girl known as LOUISE EMILY BENNETT, also known as Lu Tomeny.

BONELLI stated that BENNETT was his "girl friend" and that she presently resides at 1110 North Hacienda Place in Hollywood, California. He advised that BENNETT no longer worked as a call girl and had a steady "sugar daddy" who is keeping her at an apartment on Hacienda Place. During 1967, BENNETT had worked as a call girl and he had been her pimp. They worked their operation during 1967 in connection with a girl by the name of SUE HARRIS. At that time, they were located in an apartment on Orange Drive in Hollywood. Their operation was discontinued after the three of them were arrested by the Los Angeles Police Department in either April or May, 1967.

BENNETT was asked if he knew a girl by the name of ANITA KATZWINKEL, and in answer, he stated that ANITA KATZWINKEL was an alias of SUE HARRIS's. She used this alias when subscribing to telephones in the apartments she used in her call girl operation. BONELLI believed that HARRIS used the name KATZWINKEL when having telephones installed in the apartment on Orange Drive, in her apartment on Gramercy Place, and also in an apartment on Serrano Street. BONELLI was unable to recall the address where he believed HARRIS resided on Serrano Street, but stated HARRIS lived in either Apartment 17 or Apartment 18, in a seven or eight year old apartment located there. He stated that apartment was located on Serrano Street to the south of Sunset Boulevard.

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BONELLI was then advised that a person such as ANITA KATZWINKEL did exist and that she formerly had been associated with HARRIS. BONELLI stated that he was unaware of this and thought KATZWINKEL was just an alias of HARRIS's.

BONELLI advised that he would get in touch with BENNETT and the Agents could interview her at her apartment on Hacienda Place on May 8, 1968.

On May 8, 1968, the Agents recontacted BONELLI at 1110 North Hacienda Place. At the time he was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and after viewing them advised that he had never seen the person depicted in the photographs. He was advised that the name of ERIC STARVO GALT had not been known to him prior to the time this name was published in the newspapers as having been the person being sought in connection with the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.

At this point, BONELLI was questioned regarding the operations of prostitutes in the Hollywood area in and around Hollywood Boulevard and Western Avenue. In this connection BONELLI advised that from Hollywood Boulevard and Western Avenue south to Melrose and Western Avenue, this area has a heavy concentration of what he would call "two-bit" girls. By "two-bit" BONELLI meant those prostitutes who received only \$10.00 or \$15.00 for a trick. He stated that he would classify SUE HARRIS and the girls who worked for her as "two-bitters". It is a normal part of their operation to work their trade through bartenders located in bars in that area. Specifically, they normally leave their name and address with a particular bartender, who, when approached by a potential "customer", will furnish the girls' names to the "customer". BONELLI advised that the Black Horse, the Red Vest, and the Rabbit's Foot were three bars located in that area which were utilized by SUE HARRIS and her associates to contact their "customers". He advised that he first met SUE HARRIS in the Red Vest Bar during January, 1967.

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Date April 24, 1968

HATTIE FEARS, 1916 West 38th Street, Los Angeles, was interviewed concerning a letter she had written to the Los Angeles office of the FBI and she advised as follows.

FEARS is employed as a cook at the Ratskellar, a bar and restaurant located at 750 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles. On April 12, 1968, a date which FEARS said she could remember because it was Good Friday, a man was in the bar and talked to the owner of the bar. Instant man said that he thought he should go back up into the mountains, and as he was leaving, FEARS said that she thought the owner of the bar said; "Goodby Galt". FEARS said that her back was to the two men and she did not see the man who was talking to the bar owner.

FEARS stated that she could furnish no additional information concerning the above.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY with a description, were shown to FEARS and she stated that she had never seen RAY and knew nothing about him.

FEARS stated that the owner of the Ratskellar was a man named RONALD STUKATOR.

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Date April 24, 1968

RONALD STUKATOR, owner of the Ratskellar bar and restaurant, 750 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, was interviewed to determine whether he had any information concerning JAMES EARL RAY, and he advised as follows.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY with a description, were shown to STUKATOR and he stated that he had never seen RAY and knew nothing about him. STUKATOR was asked if he had any friends or customers of his bar who had a name that sounded like GALT, and he stated that there were none that he could think of. STUKATOR stated that there were many of his customers that he knew on sight, but that he did not know their names or anything about them. He said that there were two or three who came in and who had WALT as a first name but that he did not know their last name.

STUKATOR stated that he had seen the photographs of RAY in both the newspapers and on the television, but that he had never seen him and knew nothing about him.

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Date 5/9/68

REGINALD EUGENE MARTIN, 10424 Everest Street, Norwalk, California, was interviewed concerning receiving a telephone call from Texas on or about December 17, 1967.

MARTIN stated that he is the subscriber to telephone number

Upon reviewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, he stated that RAY is unknown to him by name and description.

MARTIN stated that his mother, HAZEL MARIE MARTIN, resides with him, and he recalls that she received a telephone call from a friend, CHARLES PRESTRIDGE, in December, 1967. He said that PRESTRIDGE had visited a brother in Texas who was ill.

He stated that he can recall receiving no other telephone calls from Texas.

On 5/8/68 at Norwalk, California

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by SA WILLIAM G. ATHERTON and
SA FREDERICK E. BECKER/eja

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Date 5/8/68

DOROTHY MEACHAM, Manager, Carolina Hollywood Motel, 1520 North La Brea Avenue, Hollywood, California, advised that she is not a member of any social organization by the name of "The Swingers". She stated that she does not know anything concerning the organization, advising that prior to this interview she has not heard the name with reference to any social club. MEACHAM stated that she placed an advertisement in the "Free Press". She said that she did not use her name and only provided in the classified section of the "Free Press", the Post Office Box 1106. She said the nature of the advertisement was personal; however, that she was doing it largely for a "lark".

MEACHAM said that she has received no letters from anyone by the name of JAMES EARL RAY and/or ERIC STARVO GALT. She was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and she said the individual in these photographs is unfamiliar to her.

On 5/3/68 at Hollywood, California
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Date 5/13/68

Mr. TOM WASHINGTON, 1934 East 19th Street, was contacted and after being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents, he was interviewed regarding his past association with ANITA KATZWINKEL.

When first asked if he knew a white girl by the name of ANITA KATZWINKEL, WASHINGTON stated that the name was unfamiliar to him. He was then advised that during May and June, 1967, KATZWINKEL and another girl by the name of GINGER DAY were believed to have been prostitutes who worked in the Hollywood, California, area, and during an interview KATZWINKEL had advised she had met WASHINGTON at the Sunset Bowl, a bowling alley located on Sunset Boulevard in Hollywood.

WASHINGTON stated that he did recall meeting a girl known to him as ANITA on two occasions at the Sunset Bowl. On both occasions, ANITA was in the company of a larger girl who had a small child with her. These meetings took place sometime between May and August, 1967, and at the time he was bowling on the Kaiser Foundation Hospital Bowling Team which utilized the services of the Sunset Bowl.

WASHINGTON recalled that he initially approached the girl called ANITA and asked her for a date. The girl with ANITA did not want ANITA to go out with him and WASHINGTON thought it might be because he is a Negro. WASHINGTON was then asked if ANITA had ever given him her name and address. He stated that he recalled ANITA wrote out her name, address, and a telephone number on a paper napkin acquired from the bowling alley. He further recalled she told him that the phone number was not a phone located at her residence but was a phone located in a house she worked out of. He recalled ANITA mentioned to him she and her friend had just arrived in the Los Angeles area and were moving from a small apartment into a larger one.

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WASHINGTON stated that he called the phone number given to him by ANITA on two occasions. One time he did not talk to ANITA but the second time he did; however, he never got around to "dating" her.

WASHINGTON advised that at the time, he was driving a white Mustang convertible and that he still owns this automobile.

WASHINGTON was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and after viewing it, stated that he could not recall ever seeing the person depicted in the photograph. The name ERIC GALT or JAMES EARL RAY was unknown to him prior to the time he read these names in the newspaper as belonging to the person responsible for the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Mrs. RITA ROSAS, who is also known as Rita Stein, was contacted at her residence of 500 Franklin Avenue, and after being advised of the identity of the contacting Agents, she was interviewed regarding her knowledge of ELIZABETH DE ROUEN.

STEIN advised that DE ROUEN had lived with her for approximately two months at 3340 Floyd Terrace, in Hollywood, just prior to the time she moved to 500 Franklin Avenue. DE ROUEN babysat for RITA STEIN's children while she lived there. RITA STEIN advised she met DE ROUEN in Los Angeles and believed DE ROUEN originally came from New Orleans, Louisiana.

STEIN stated DE ROUEN moved out of her Floyd Terrace residence about two weeks before she moved to Franklin Avenue and STEIN did not know where DE ROUEN was presently located.

On 5/13/68 at Hollywood, California

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by SAs FRANCIS G. KAHL and

THEODORE M. GARDNER/TMG/mae

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Date 4/19/68

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Mrs. H. HAIN, 6703 Cedros, Van Nuys, California, next door neighbor of MARTIN LOHMEIER, 6711 Cedros, advised that she knew the LOHMEIER family well, that they had resided at 6711 Cedros for a period of approximately one year. She stated that LOHMEIER was a pastry maker employed at the Taste of Sweden, Inglewood. She stated that LOHMEIER worked nights, and was German, having arrived in the United States approximately two years ago. Mrs. HAIN stated that LOHMEIER had not been away from his residence to her knowledge for any period of time for the past six months. She stated that LOHMEIER was approximately 5'8" in height, was in his late twenties, had brown hair and hazel eyes. She stated that the LOHMEIER family were excellent neighbors.

Mrs. HAIN was shown a group of photographs, included in which was a photo of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Harvey Lowmyer. After reviewing the photographs, Mrs. HAIN advised that none of the photographs appeared to be identical with MARTIN LOHMEIER, her next door neighbor.

On 4/26/68 at Van Nuys, California

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by SA GEORGE E. AIKEN, JR./dey

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Date 4/17/68

Mr. ROBERT E. CRIPE, Vice President, Great Western Savings and Loan Association, Crenshaw Office, 4401 Crenshaw, Los Angeles, California, advised, after reviewing savings accounts records of the above branch savings and loan association, that THEODORE L. EVANS had two savings accounts at the Crenshaw Office of the Great Western Savings and Loan Association. He stated that these accounts were opened in 1961 and 1962, and there had been absolutely no activity on either of the accounts since March 4, 1963.

The above information cannot be made public without the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to the manager of the Great Western Savings and Loan Association, Crenshaw Office, 4401 Crenshaw, Los Angeles, California.

On 4/16/68 at Los Angeles, California

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by SAs GEORGE E. AIKEN, Jr. and
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Date 5/7/68

PIERCE MARTIN, Director of Security, General Telephone Company, 2224 Colorado Avenue, advised the subscriber to the telephone number 376-3954 is:

DENISE AKERLUND
125 Ninth Street
Apartment B
Manhattan Beach, California

Installation date of January 20, 1968, (non-published).

The above information was furnished on confidential basis and should not be made public prior to the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum addressed to the Custodian of Records General Telephone Company, 2224 Colorado Avenue, Santa Monica, California.

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4/30/68

Date

Mrs. ALMENA LOMAX was telephonically contacted on April 29, 1968, to arrange an appointment. She stated she was too busy to see an Agent during the week of April 29 through May 3, 1968. She stated after she wrote her letter to Attorney General RAMSEY CLARK concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., she had second thoughts and believes her theory, that individuals who subscribed to her "little magazine" named the "Tuskegee Tribune" might have something to do with KING's assassination, was a far-fetched idea; and she had written the letter primarily out of concern that every possibility be considered to apprehend the assassin. She stated she still travels to Berkeley, California, on Thursdays and Fridays of each week to write for "The Post," a publication in Berkeley, and wrote the "Tuskegee Tribune" in her spare time on an irregular basis, as well as working on a book she is writing.

She stated with children to care for she is always behind in her housework and was very pressed for time.

Mrs. LOMAX agreed to mail in a list of subscribers to the "Tuskegee Tribune" marking those she believed to be white people in the event the Bureau desired to check them out as possible suspects. She stated she had no reason to believe any subscribers were suspects, other than her belief that the average white Southerner who would subscribe to her magazine would probably be the type opposing the advancement of the Negro people generally.

Mrs. LOMAX stated she also wanted to bring to the attention of the Memphis Division of the FBI that Dr. KING was very secretive regarding his whereabouts, and the average white person could not find out much about a Negro unless other Negroes were aware of the reason. She considered it significant that the assassin had known the whereabouts of KING and apparently the room in which he was staying. She believed this suggested an unusual knowledge on the part of the assassin concerning KING's whereabouts.

On 4/29/68 at Los Angeles, California

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by *[Signature]* SA LLOYD D. JOHNSON: jmk

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Date 5/10/68

Mrs. EDWARD EMERSON, Room 225, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, advised that MARIE MARTIN resides in Room 201 at the hotel. EMERSON stated that MARTIN had many visitors late at night to her room which has been resulting in excessive noise. EMERSON observed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that she had never observed him at the hotel. She further advised that ROBERT SHIRLEY, who resides in Room 516 at the hotel, had mentioned to her that he had observed RAY on several occasions eating at a restaurant called the Pampered Pup, 1715 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles. According to EMERSON, SHIRLEY is originally from Canada, and left about three days ago to visit relatives in Montreal. EMERSON advised she checked with the desk clerk at the hotel and SHIRLEY left no address where he could be reached in Montreal, however, SHIRLEY left his car behind at the hotel and traveled by train, probably the Santa Fe line to Chicago where he made connections for Montreal. According to EMERSON, a Miss THOMPSON, who resides on the 4th floor of the hotel across from the room formerly occupied by RAY, had commented to the hotel manager that she was pleased that RAY, who appeared to be a pleasant, clean-cut individual, had moved into the room across the hall from her. EMERSON advised that she believes THOMPSON may have seen RAY around the hotel. EMERSON requested that THOMPSON not be advised about who furnished this information to the FBI.

On 5/9/68 at Los Angeles, California

File # Los Angeles 44-1574-179

by SA THEODORE M. GARDNER
SA FRANCIS G. KAHL:gcw

Date dictated 5/9/68

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Date 5/7/68

FLORENCE HOLLOWAY SIMPKINS, 1232 W. 5th Street, Los Angeles, California, related the following:

SIMPKINS related that her maiden name was HUNT, that she was also known as FLORENCE WINIFRED SIMPKINS, and that she was born [redacted] in Cleveland, Ohio. She stated further that she was currently on probation following conviction on a check charge in 1962 and her probation officer was Mrs. V. JONES, whose telephone number in Los Angeles was 620-2470. She advised her attorney is WALTER ALSCHULER, 608 S. Hill Street, Los Angeles. She stated that she had on April 24, 1968, furnished pertinent information to W. H. DAMERELL, a Special Agent of the Department of Corrections, State of California, 107 S. Broadway, Room 3134, Los Angeles, California. It concerned one DONALD MARTIN BLAA who had also used the various names including JOHN FISHER, JOHN DONALD FISHER, JOHN MARTIN FISHER, and was frequently referred to as "ROCKY." She had met BLAA about eleven years ago in El Monte, California, and he had more recently shown up in Los Angeles and she had allowed him to stay at her former residence at 1219 W. 4th Street, Los Angeles, and subsequently at 1232 W. 5th Street, Los Angeles, on occasion when he was down and out and did not have a place to stay. She described BLAA as a male Caucasian, about 40 years of age, 140-145 pounds, 5'7" - 5'8", black wavy hair, long sideburns, ruddy complexion, small facial features, slightly oval face, white teeth, appears well educated, uses large words, spoke of originally having come from Arkansas, mentioning the community of Bloise (phonetic), Arkansas, where he had a mother, sister, step-father, and a half brother. He also claimed to have attended school in Chicago. BLAA was known to frequent bars in the E. 5th Street district of Los Angeles and about December, 1967, claimed to have been residing in the St. Francis Hotel on Hollywood Boulevard in Hollywood; further that he had owed the hotel some money and the hotel had retained his clothes as the result.

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5/2/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574-2000
by SA JAMES E. FEENEY; 2
SA LESLIE F. WARREN/LFW/31j Date dictated 5/3/68
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ROCKY was currently believed to be in Chicago as she had learned over the previous weekend from one BOBBY, son of the owner of the King George Hotel Bar on 5th and Los Angeles Streets, Los Angeles, that a letter postmarked in Chicago had recently arrived for one HOWARD, male Caucasian, about 6', light brown hair, thin, age about 40, well educated, who was known around this bar as "Dictionary Dick" due to his use of large words, in care of the King George Bar. This letter had been from BLAA who gave a Chicago address, according to HOWARD, and was currently working in Chicago.

ROCKY at one time married a waitress named IRENE (last name unknown) believed to be currently working at the Teris Hotel, 6th and Witmer, Los Angeles. He also lived with a girl by the name of DELORES who managed an apartment in Glendale, California, a couple of years ago; and DELORES and BLAA ran off with rent receipts and reportedly the Glendale Police Department had a warrant for them.

Just before BLAA left for Chicago approximately two weeks ago, BLAA stole some small radios and other personal items from SIMPKINS' apartment. BLAA has a reputation of being a hustler who frequents bars and borrows money from women and gaining the confidence of both men and women and stealing their personal possessions.

About July of 1967, BLAA reportedly took DELORES to Cleveland, Ohio, and returned about September, 1967. He had been driving a green colored 1959 Ford sedan with California license SBF-294, which had been registered to him in the name of JOHN D. FISHER, care of HOLLOWAY, 1219 W. 4th Street, Los Angeles.

About a week before Thanksgiving, 1967, BLAA visited SIMPKINS' apartment at 1219 W. 4th Street in company with two men whom he identified as EARL (last name unknown) and PAUL (last name unknown), whom he claimed he picked up in Kansas upon his return trip from back east.

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EARL very closely fit the description and the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, particularly the center photograph on the wanted flyer. PAUL was a male, white 5'6", 140 pounds, early 30's, dark hair. BLAA claimed that EARL and PAUL were brothers, although there was no family resemblance.

SIMPKINS noted that BLAA, EARL, and PAUL had arrived in an off-white sports car, but she did not see who was driving the car when it left. They only stayed a few minutes while BLAA picked up some clothes that he had left with SIMPKINS.

On another occasion within the next two or three weeks, BLAA again came to SIMPKINS' apartment in the white car, not the 1959 Ford that BLAA formerly drove, and EARL and PAUL were sitting in the back seat of the white sports car and did not come into the apartment as did BLAA.

SIMPKINS saw EARL and PAUL on one other occasion about a week before Christmas, 1967, in Pasadena, California. SIMPKINS had gone with BLAA to the Fedco store in East Pasadena in another car which SIMPKINS believed to possibly belong to CARL SEIMAN, an attorney in the Tishman Building, believed to be about 615 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles. SEIMAN had attempted to befriend BLAA and BLAA was believed to owe him money. Following the visit to the Fedco store, BLAA said that he had to meet a couple of buddies, so they went to a bar, name and exact location SIMPKINS could not recall but remembered it was in downtown Pasadena, California. While in the bar, SIMPKINS struck up acquaintance with a man and woman at the bar about West Virginia, and when the woman learned that SIMPKINS was out of work, the possibility that this woman who identified herself as AVIS KIRKWOOD, 908 Buena Vista, Duarte, California, might aid SIMPKINS in obtaining a job at a hospital in Duarte where KIRKWOOD worked. The latter had said that a Mrs. LESLIE at this hospital would be the person to contact if seeking employment.

While in the bar in Pasadena, EARL and PAUL came in and there was considerable conversation between BLAA, PAUL, EARL, the KIRKWOODS, and SIMPKINS. All were drinking and they were in the bar roughly an hour and a half.

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From conversations overheard between EARL and BLAA, SIMPKINS gained the impression that BLAA and EARL had known each other in Chicago, Illinois, in the past and they spoke of pulling capers together. During the visit to SIMPKINS' apartment in November of 1967, BLAA, EARL, and PAUL were discussing ways to make money and mentioned going to the Harbor area in Long Beach, California, and frequent the bars and roll drunk sailors. SIMPKINS was of the opinion that BLAA, EARL, and PAUL had actually taken a trip to Long Beach for this purpose but no further details had been developed by her to substantiate this opinion.

SIMPKINS reiterated that EARL was a "dead-ringer" look-alike for JAMES EARL RAY.

On May 2, 1968, SIMPKINS advised SA LESLIE F. WARREN that she had been trying to find an automobile which resembled the off-white sports car in which BLAA, EARL, and PAUL had been driving in November and December, 1967. She recalled that the car had a long hood and a stubby rear end and was convinced that the car was a Mustang.

SIMPKINS accompanied agent to the street in front of SIMPKINS' apartment where she examined several Mustang automobile two-door coups, which appeared to be 1966 and 1967 models. She said that she was of the definite opinion that the off-white car in question was a two-door Mustang of similar model and she recalled that the car in question had wire spoke wheels not the fine wire spokes but large wire spoke wheels, which was the only distinguishing feature about it. She said that she did not see the off-white car in question to the extent that she noted whether it had California license plates or out-of-state license plates. She did not recall any discussion about the white car she believed to be a Mustang as to who may have owned it or where it came from.

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Date 4/30/68

SIDNEY KORNHEISER, Superintendent, Santa Monica-Western Station, United States Post Office, 1385 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California, advised that his station sold United States Postal Money Orders on February 1, 1968, series with beginning No. 1, 908, 183, 856 through No. 1, 908, 183, 999 on February 5, 1968. He said that on February 5, 1968, his station began selling series beginning with No. 1, 916, 210, 000 and continued selling this series until April 4, 1968 ending with No. 1, 916, 211, 999.

KORNHEISER said that the only record of money orders kept at the station, is the money order number sold, the date of sale, and the amount. He said that no names of individuals are maintained to whom these respective money orders were sold.

KORNHEISER advised that according to his records, United States Postal Money Order No. 1, 916, 211, 078 was sold at the Santa Monica-Western Station and was for the amount of \$15.00. He said his records further reflected that this money order was sold by ROBERT CORTEZ, Post Office Clerk, who is presently working at the Osborn Station, 1767 North Highland, Los Angeles.

On 4/22/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574 A 111
by SA E. RHEAD RICHARDS^{see} and *DC*
SA DENNIS C. LEMASTER/DCL/dp Date dictated 4/26/68

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Date 4/30/68

EDWIN L. TYRELL, Clerk, United States Post Office, Los Angeles, California, advised that the determination of the purchaser in a given series of money orders could only be obtained by observation of the canceled money orders at Washington, D. C. He said the address where these canceled money orders can be observed is United States Post Office, Money Order Division, GAO Building, 441 "G" Street, Northwest Washington, D. C., 20260.

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Date 5/10/68

ROBERT LEE HOFFMAN, 229 South Ardmore, Los Angeles, was interviewed at his place of employment, Alpha Beta Food Store, 9619 West Pico, Los Angeles, California. HOFFMAN advised that he was not familiar with the club, Local Swinger, nor was he a member. HOFFMAN stated that he did not know how his name got on the mailing list of the club and stated that he had never received any mail from a social club of any kind.

HOFFMAN viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, but advised that he had never seen the individual, except for newspaper pictures.

The following description was obtained through interview and observation.

Name	ROBERT LEE HOFFMAN
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>
Place of Birth	Chicago, Illinois
Height	5'10"
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Red
Eyes	Blue

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by SA RICHARD H. ROSS/mmm Date dictated 5/10/68

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1Date 5/3/68

Miss ROXANNE KENNERLY, Apt. 9, 213 North Alexandria Street, Los Angeles, was contacted concerning her possible membership in The Local Swinger, a club arranging dates by mail. Miss KENNERLY stated she had never belonged to the club, but had run one advertisement in the "Los Angeles Free Press", advertising she was lonely and seeking dates. She presumed the above club had clipped her ad and sent it out to subscribers, as she received approximately ten letters through The Local Swinger. She stated in addition to the ten letters so received, she had received approximately seventy letters in response to her advertisement. She said she had personally met about ten men through all the letters, and was presently dating a man in his sixties.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, including the photograph made to be included in letters he sent in response to advertisements, were displayed to Miss KENNERLY. She stated he in no way resembled anyone she had ever seen, and he was definitely not one of the men she had met through her ad. Miss KENNERLY stated she had recently thrown out all the responses to her ad, and had no such letters in her possession. Miss KENNERLY stated she was past 50 years of age, and was not interested in being a swinger. She stated she had been married twice, and was presently a widow. She furnished her home telephone number as DU 4-0754, and her office telephone as MA 9-2814, and stated she would cooperate in any way possible.

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Date 4/29/68

ROBERT S. FIELDING, Assistant Manager, Hollywood-Highland Branch, Security First National Bank, 6777 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, provided all canceled money orders received by that branch subsequent to December 31, 1967. Review of these money orders showed none of them purchased by ERIC S. GALT and/or JAMES EARL RAY.

On 4/22/68 at Los Angeles, California

File # Los Angeles 44-1574-21

by SA E. RHEAD RICHARDS and
SA DENNIS C. LEMASTER/DCL/dp

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Date 4/30/68

HELOISA KELLER, 1737 North Sycamore, Hollywood, California, who is employed as a teller at the Hollywood-Western Branch, Bank of America, 5454 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. She was asked if the individual who appeared in the photographs was identical to the individual to whom she sold money orders on February 26, 1968. She advised that the photographs are not familiar to her nor does she recall the money order transaction.

On 4/22/68 at Los Angeles, California
by SA E. RHEAD RICHARDS ^{REV} and *pc*
SA DENNIS C. LEMASTER/DCL/dp

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Date 4/29/68

RALPH DE JESU, Manager, Hollywood-Western Branch, Bank of America, 5454 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, provided all canceled money orders as received by that branch on and including April 22, 1968. Review of these money orders, showed that none of them were purchased by ERIC S. GALT and/or JAMES EARL RAY.

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by SA E. RHEAD RICHARDS and ¹⁰⁰ *pc*
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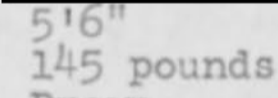
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1Date 4/18/68

A review of files at Los Angeles Police Department, Records and Identification Department, revealed the following information:

SUSAN LEE HARRIS, also known as Sue Harris, was arrested on January 21, 1966 and April 27, 1967 and charged with prostitution. She was also arrested on March 1, 1966 in connection with a robbery. The file showed a 1966 address of 1650 North Serrano, number 301, Los Angeles, California and a April 27, 1967 address of 1757 North Orange Drive, number 303, Los Angeles, California, where she was arrested on second prostitution charge.

HARRIS is described in the file as follows:

Sex	Female
Race	White
Age	25 years
Date of birth	
Place of birth	
Height	5'6"
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Hazel

Vice squad files contained no additional information concerning SUSAN LEE HARRIS.

On 4/17/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574-D-188
 by SA E. RHEAD RICHARDS, JR. /nmb ^{ERK} Date dictated 4/18/68

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Date 5/7/68

FREDERICK SEEBURG, 1515 Lindacrest, furnished the following information:

SEEBURG has not left the Southern California area for the past three months except for one trip to Phoenix, Arizona, in early March 1968. SEEBURG, to his knowledge, has never made the statement that he was in Memphis, Tennessee, during a march led by MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.

SEEBURG has expressed the personal opinion in public that he did not like Negroes and specifically that he did not like MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. He said that he was a patron of Morley's Drugstore in Beverly Hills and that he had arguments there with persons that he called Negro sympathizers.

SEEBURG was displayed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that he had never seen RAY.

On 5/1/68 at Beverly Hills, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574-1
by SAs WILLIAM S. BURTON and
THOMAS E. LAVIN/WSB/eb Date dictated 5/7/68

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Date 4/16/68

ALAN ROY PETERSON, "USS Mackenzie," Long Beach Naval Station, was interviewed aboard this vessel. At the outset of the interview Special Agent RICHARD B. GEORGE asked him if he had received a letter from a relative or anyone else which stated or had anything to do with someone's desire to shoot MARTIN LUTHER KING. It was explained to PETERSON that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was conducting an investigation in the death of Reverend KING.

PETERSON denied having received any such letter. SA GEORGE asked him if he had told anyone that he had received such a letter. PETERSON stated that he had not.

SA GEORGE then asked PETERSON the same questions again. He also told PETERSON that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had received information that he had received such a letter. PETERSON admitted having made such a statement and advised as follows:

On the night MARTIN LUTHER KING was killed, he was aboard this vessel at sea. He passed the mess decks where a movie was being shown, and saw ANDY DIERLAM. He stated to DIERLAM something to the effect that he had received a letter from a cousin who wrote that he was going to shoot MARTIN LUTHER KING. He stated that he also said something about when this cousin says he might do something, he does it.

PETERSON was asked if he had received such a letter. He stated that he had not received any such letter, and he does not know why he made these statements to DIERLAM. He stated that he could not explain it.

PETERSON advised that the only correspondence he receives is from his mother, and that from time to time he bundles up his mail and sends it to his mother, who is saving it for him.

PETERSON was repeatedly asked why he had made the statements to DIERLAM and if there was any truth to them. He

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by SA's RICHARD B. GEORGE and
STEPHEN L. DURKIN, RBG/SJG Date dictated 4/12/68

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continued to state that he does not know why he made these statements and that there was no truth to them at all. He does not know anyone who would make this kind of statement. He heard that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had been aboard looking for him. He stated that he telephoned his mother this morning and told her that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had made an inquiry and wondered whether the Federal Bureau of Investigation had been in touch with her.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	ALAN ROY PETERSON
Sex	Male
Race	White
Nationality	American
Birth Data	<input type="text"/>
	Brooklyn, New York
Height	5' 4"
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Blue
Characteristics	Blond mustache
Scar	8" (eight inch) scar showing stitches on shin of right leg
Parents	GUSTAF and RUTH PETERSON 721 72nd Avenue Forest Hills, New York Phone: BO5-1200
Sister	LUELLE KEIPER 220-16 Bayside New York, New York
Friend	JACK O'CONNOR Student at Santa Monica City College Address: 1600 Appian Way Santa Monica, California (He frequently spends weekends here)
Friend	ARTHUR DIETRICK (Evangelical Minister) 1010 10th Avenue Huntington Beach, California

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Date 4/16/68

ANDREW DIERLAM, DC2, "USS Mackenzie," Long Beach Naval Station, advised as follows:

On the evening of April 4, 1968, he was aboard this vessel which was at sea operating. Sometime during the evening, word was passed around the crew that the Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING had been killed. That evening, while attending the movie on the mess decks on the vessel, a fellow shipmate, ALAN PETERSON, approached him and said something to the effect, "My cousin wrote me and said he was going to shot MARTIN LUTHER KING, and when he says he might do something, he does it." DIERLAM stated that PETERSON, he believes, stated that his cousin's name as either "Cousin Jack" or "Cousin John". Because of the noise of the movie, he could not hear this clearly.

DIERLAM stated that he did not think anything further about PETERSON's remarks, nor did PETERSON say anything more himself.

He stated that he has known PETERSON for some time as a fellow crew member and has, until four or five months ago, always regarded him as a reliable person. During these past four or five months, he has gathered from conversations with PETERSON, that PETERSON has been running around with some sort of hippie crowd on shore. PETERSON has even bragged to him about his using marijuana. He stated that he has told PETERSON that if he ever caught him smoking marijuana on board, he would turn him in.

DIERLAM stated that this vessel returned to Long Beach on Friday, April 5, 1968, and that evening he returned to his home, 2676 Hoyt Avenue, Apartment T, South El Monte, California. That night he saw his girl friend, MARY JANE LOUGE, who resides with the manager at this apartment. He told his girl friend about the statement made to him by PETERSON concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING. Also present was a neighbor, ROY (Last Name Unknown).

DIERLAM stated that PETERSON said nothing more than what he has stated above.

On 4/6/68 at Long Beach, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574

by SA RICHARD E. GEORGE/SJG

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PETERSON did not give him any particular contents of a letter, did not state the method in which KING was to be killed was contained in the letter, nor any details at all of KING's killing. Only the statement above.

DIERLAM stated that ROY (Last Name Unknown) mentioned to him Friday night, that if he (DIERLAM) ever needed any protection (from Negro riots) that he should contact the occupants in Apartment 4 of the Caprice Apartments, which are next door to DIERLAM's apartment, and should be at the address of 1674 Hoyt Avenue. ROY (Last Name Unknown) gave him a business card, which contained an organizational name of "STAFF," and "LLOYD PUTTEN, Director, phone number 434-7008, Post Office Box 1-448, Long Beach, California."

DIERLAM stated that he got the impression that this card represented some sort of organization with which ROY (Last Name Unknown) was associated.

ROY also asked DIERLAM if he could get for him hand grenades, small arms, and .45 cartridges from the ship. DIERLAM stated that he told ROY that he would not be able to do this.

DIERLAM stated that he is usually at home at his South El Monte apartment on weekends, and could be reached by calling on the manager's telephone, phone number 442-7435.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date April 29, 1968

On April 18, 1968, Mr. BERT HUGHS, Ace Tire Mold Company, 1817 South Chico, South El Monte, California, was interviewed in an effort to determine if the recap tires found on the auto abandoned by ERIC S. GALT in Atlanta, Georgia, were made from a mold manufactured and sold by his company.

Mr. HUGHS advised that his company makes tire molds and distributes them both nationally and internationally. He stated that his company has been in business for some twenty years and there are hundreds of tire molds that were made by his company and distributed in the Southern California area alone. He advised that his company does not maintain any record of identifying marks placed on tire molds at the request of a customer. He stated that the tire molds from his company are not marked with any identifying marks unless a specific request is made by a customer. He stated that any such mark requested by a customer may or may not be the customers initials and may be some type of identification code only known to the customer.

Mr. HUGHS stated that he would have to examine a photograph of some type of reproduction of the tire tread in order to determine if the tread was made by a mold manufactured by his company.

On 4/18/68 at South El Monte, California

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by SA's FREDRICK E. BECKER & ~~W~~
WILLIAM ATHERTON /dey

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Date 4/17/68

ANTHONY HARRISON, 2134 West View Street, Los Angeles, California advised he played guitar at the Paul Vegas Club, 5510 West Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles until February 1968. He advised that he was acquainted with ANITA KATZWINKEL and GINGER NANCE only to the extent that he thought two girls by those names were customers of the Vegas Club. He stated that he had absolutely no information pertaining to either girl. HARRISON advised that he had no information pertaining to any person using the name of ERIC GALT, but he thought that the person depicted in the artist conception received from Memphis, Tennessee resembled an unknown caucasian male, whom he thought he had seen as a customer in the Vegas Club. HARRISON stated that the word "OLKAHOMBE" was completely unfamiliar to him and when shown a photograph of a note bearing names GINGER DAY and ANITA KATZWINKEL HARRISON stated he had no knowledge concerning the note.

HARRISON advised that during the months of January and February 1968, he had a partner playing guitar with him at the Vegas Club. HARRISON stated that a male caucasian using the name of ALLAN LEE and who had the true name of ALLAN LEE STODDARD was from the State of Oklahoma and it is very likely, he stated, that STODDARD was known to some of the Vegas Club customers as "Oklahoma". HARRISON stated that in February 1968, STODDARD reportedly left California in order to return to his home in Enid, Oklahoma. HARRISON stated that he had no further background information pertaining to STODDARD and did not know his whereabouts.

HARRISON described STODDARD as follows:

Name	ALLAN LEE STODDARD
Alias	Allan Lee
Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Age	25 - 27
Height	5'10" - 5'11"

On 4/16/68 at Los Angeles, California

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by SA FREDRICK E. BECKER and
SA WILLIAM G. ATHERTON/mmc

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Weight	165 to 170 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Home	Enid, Oklahoma

HARRISON was shown artist composite drawings received from Memphis, Tennessee and Birmingham, Alabama and he advised that STODDARD did not look similar to either of the composite drawings.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 19, 1968

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ALLAN ROSS, Representative, Squire's Inc., 6725 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California, was interviewed at which time he advised as follows:

He had reviewed his sales records and ascertained that he had sold a hair piece to one MARTIN LOHMEYER or LOHMEIR, who resided at 6711 Cedros Avenue, Van Nuys, California, telephone HO 6-7771.

His records reflected that LOHMEIER had blue eyes, Social Security Number was [redacted] and California Operator's License was M-59475. He paid \$290.25 in cash for the hair piece. He was fitted by ROSS on February 23, 1968, and he listed his occupation as a Pastry Maker, out of work at the time of the fitting.

ROSS stated that he caused a credit check to be made on LOHMEIER, and ascertained that he was a poor credit risk. After telling LOHMEIER that he could not sell the hair piece to him on credit, LOHMEIER promptly paid his bill in cash.

ROSS stated that on April 18, 1968, he telephoned LOHMEIER at the telephone listed above, and ascertained that he was currently residing at the residence given. He further stated that LOHMEIER spoke with a heavy German accent, and ROSS did not consider him a suspect except that when he originally contacted SQUIRE's he used the last name of RAMIREZ.

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CHARLES J. STEIN, 5666 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, California, was reinterviewed and advised that he can recollect one telephone call made by JAMES EARL RAY while they were enroute to New Orleans. STEIN advised that the call was made from a telephone booth located near Houston, Texas, west of Houston. He advised that at approximately 9:00 p.m. on December 16, 1967, RAY was driving and turned off the freeway onto an access road paralleling the freeway heading toward Houston. He stated RAY stopped at a phone booth by a service station. He does not recollect the particular gas sold at this station. He advised that a liquor store was next to the service station, but does not recollect on what side. He stated that at the point they turned off, the freeway was eight lanes across, and there was a fence between the freeway and the access road. He stated that he does not remember how far away from Houston they were at the time of the phone call. STEIN advised that at the time of the call he bought a cup of coffee in the service station and some candy or gum in the liquor store. STEIN advised that the above information is accurate. He advised that he did not intentionally withhold this information upon prior interviews, and only recently remembered the details of the phone call.

STEIN also advised that he has been contacted by LOUIS LOMAX, a Los Angeles newspaper man. STEIN stated that LOMAX told him he was the "key" to the KING case. STEIN stated LOMAX told him that if they solved the case, they would split the reward. STEIN advised that he told LOMAX he did not believe they could capture RAY. STEIN advised that LOMAX then told him that they need not capture RAY to collect the reward, but only obtain the information giving the solution to the case. STEIN also advised that four thousand dollars had been mentioned to him as payment for his cooperating with a newsman in investigating this case. STEIN refused to state whether this newsman was LOUIS LOMAX. He advised that LOMAX was to contact him at 4:00 p.m. today. STEIN stated that he has been

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truthful in all prior interviews by the FBI, and will remain cooperative with the FBI. He stated that he will report all information that comes to him, but he also fears that the FBI could prevent him from collecting half of the reward by immediate investigation of information he obtains.

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JOHN ROBERT GUERIN, security officer of the building located at 3223 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles, was interviewed at his business address, at which time he furnished the following information:

GUERIN stated that he moved into Apartment 6 at 1535 Serrano Avenue, Los Angeles, on July 28, 1967. He moved from this apartment on October 1, 1967. He related the names ANITA KITZWINKEL and GINGER DAY do not mean anything to him. He related that to the best of his knowledge he has never met either of the above two persons. He recalled that when he moved into the apartment there was a woman's magazine, the exact title he does not recall, but similar to McCalls, and another article, which he could not describe, which contained some names written on it. So far as Mr. GUERIN is aware, the above articles were left in the apartment by himself when he moved from this apartment in October 1967.

Mr. GUERIN related that he came back to the apartment building at 1535 Serrano Avenue on a couple of occasions to visit with tenants he became acquainted with while a tenant. He could not recall having ever seen the individual who moved into Apartment 6 after he had moved out.

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CHARLES SALCEDO, occupant, room 425, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. He said that he saw the individual in the photograph at the Sultan Room of the St. Francis Hotel on several occasions. He said that he did not know the name of this individual or knew of any of his associates. SALCEDO said that he never talked to this individual, nor did he know him as being a tenant of room 403, St. Francis Hotel.

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Mrs. FRANK VALDEZ, occupant, room 405, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. She advised that the individual in the photographs is familiar to her, however she cannot identify the individual or associate him with any set of events. She said that she cannot relate him to any former or present tenants of the St. Francis Hotel.

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