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Mr. CHARLES J. STEIN voluntarily appeared at the Los Angeles FBI Office, 1340 West Sixth Street, and after being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents was interviewed regarding a newspaper article authored by LOUIS LOMAX, which had appeared in the New Orleans, Louisiana "Times-Picayune Newspaper" on April 24, 1968.

STEIN was asked whether or not he had furnished information to LOMAX regarding his and JAMES EARL RAY's trip to New Orleans in December, 1967, which he had not furnished previously to the FBI. STEIN commented that he had been working with LOMAX in trying to develop information regarding people who knew RAY while in Los Angeles and regarding the present whereabouts of RAY. In this connection, STEIN advised that he and LOMAX have recently interviewed several people in the Los Angeles area whom STEIN stated had information concerning RAY but who were afraid to furnish this information to the FBI because they were involved in "other things" and believed these "other things" would come to the attention of the FBI if they furnished what they knew concerning RAY. STEIN stated that he knew these people, that they would talk to him, and that he was helping LOMAX interview these people. He stated these people were not afraid of him as they would be afraid of an agent of the FBI or any other law enforcement officer. STEIN stated that LOMAX was also paying good money for information from these people and that they were talking to him.

STEIN was then asked the identity of these people, and he advised that he did not wish to reveal their identities because they did not want their identities to be revealed and he did not want to misplace their trust in him. STEIN also stated that he felt it would be morally wrong to furnish information to the agents which he had obtained while in the company of LOMAX, and in affect, he would consider himself as having stolen this information from LOMAX. When pressed further to reveal the identities of the persons whom he and LOMAX had interviewed and whom allegedly knew RAY while in

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Los Angeles, STEIN asked "If you are so anxious to learn who these people are, why don't you go see LOMAX. He knows who they are and he has the whole picture."

When asked whether he had furnished information to LOMAX to the effect that RAY had been seen in the parking lot of the Sears and Roebuck's Company Store located on Pico Boulevard on or about Valentine's Day, 1968, STEIN advised that he had not furnished LOMAX with this information. When asked where he thought LOMAX obtained this information, STEIN stated it was possible that his sister, RITA STEIN, gave this information to LOMAX.

When asked what information he had regarding a woman by the name of JERI, STEIN advised that JERI is a blonde girl, about 5'2", and according to information developed by he and LOMAX, JERI lived with RAY while RAY resided in Los Angeles. According to STEIN, JERI was presently in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and has used several names in the past, one of which he believed was DARELL. When asked to furnish the source of this information, STEIN declined to furnish the identity of the specific source but claimed this information had been developed by he and LOMAX during interviews of people who claimed to have known RAY while RAY was in Los Angeles.

STEIN then advised he and LOMAX had also determined that there was a girl who worked out of the Vegas Club located on Hollywood Boulevard across from the St. Francis Hotel who had dated RAY one time while he was in Los Angeles. STEIN further described this girl as a white female, short and fat in stature who goes by the name of HELENA, the Greek Goddess. According to STEIN, this girl continues to reside in the Los Angeles area.

When asked about a second trip RAY made to New Orleans, Louisiana, from Los Angeles, California, several days following Valentine's Day, 1968, STEIN advised that here again, he and LOMAX had developed information

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concerning this trip. He stated that on this trip, RAY took a box of clothes to MARIA MARTIN's daughter, who resides in New Orleans at the present time. According to STEIN, RAY obtained these clothes from MARTIN. STEIN stated he believed MARTIN's daughter went by the name of MARION EISMAN (phonetic), but he did not know exactly where she resided in New Orleans. He was of the opinion she could be located through her grandmother, who is also STEIN's aunt. Her grandmother's name is LORRAINE (last name unknown), who resides in a house located on the downtown side of Bartholomew Street, between Chartres and Royal Streets in New Orleans. To the best of STEIN's recollection, LORRAINE's house is the only house having a large iron gate on the entrance way.

When asked whether he had any additional information concerning the engineer or contractor whom RAY claimed to have visited in New Orleans during the first trip to New Orleans in December, 1967, STEIN advised he believed this individual had an Italian name and worked or lived in the area of the Industrial Canal in New Orleans. STEIN advised that MARIA MARTIN has told him that this same person lived on or near Chef Menteur Highway in the area of Jackson Barracks in New Orleans.

At this point in the interview, STEIN stated that he had to leave immediately as he had a 4:00 p.m. appointment with LOUIS LOMAX that he had to keep. Because of this, the interview was terminated at this point.

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1Date 4/16/68

Records of the Paramount Pictures Corporation, 5451 Marathon Street, Hollywood, California, disclosed that VINCENT DE PAUL STELLY, Social Security Number [redacted] had been employed by the Paramount Pictures Corporation September 18, 1968 as an equipment operator in the Data Processing Department and was terminated October 10, 1967 for failure to show up for work. He furnished an address of 4434 Fifth Avenue, Los Angeles, California. No phone was listed in the payroll records. A W-2 Form sent to him following his termination of employment carried the same address. The person listed to notify in case of illness was CATHERINE STELLY, of the same address, mother.

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Mr. RAY STRUCK, Data Processing Department, Paramount Pictures Corporation, 5451 Marathon Street, Hollywood, California, advised by phone that he recalled that during the Fall of 1967 there was an employee in the Data Processing Company by the name of VINCE STELLY who could have been reached by calling 469-5911, Extension 725. This extension went into the key punch operators room and that while STELLY worked on Univac Equipment, he could have been classified as an IBM operator. STELLY was employed only a short period and according to available records in the processing department, resided at 4434 Fifth Avenue, Los Angeles, California, telephone 291-8375.

STRUCK described VINCE STELLY as:

Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Complexion	Light
Height	5' 11"
Age	28-30
Weight	170-180
Build	Slender

He suggested a check of the payroll records for further data.

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ANGELA ROBERTS, Data Processing Department, Paramount Pictures Corporation, 5451 Marathon Street, Hollywood, California, advised by phone that she recalled that VINCE STELLY was employed a couple of months in the Fall of 1967 in the Data Processing Department at the Desilu-Paramount Studios. He would normally have been reached on phone number 469-5911, Extension 725. He worked a later night shift briefly and was released for not showing up for work on a regular basis. Her personal descriptive recollection of VINCE STELLY was as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Age	30-35
Height	About 5' 10"
Weight	180 pounds
Build	Well build figure
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Dark
Complexion	Very light, but did not look too much like a Negro.

He claimed to have been formerly employed by Liquor Wholesale Outlet in Culver City, California and had been an IBM operator in the past.

ROBERTS said she recalled VINCE asking her on one occasion as to whether she knew a mutual acquaintance, MARGE MESSENGER, who apparently had worked at the Liquor Wholesale Outlet at the time VINCE claimed to have worked there. MESSENGER's husband BUDDY MESSENGER, now deceased, was a former film producer at Desilu Studios. MARGE MESSENGER was last known to be residing in the Playa Del Rey area of Los Angeles and from what VINCE had said, she might possibly be well acquainted with VINCE.

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LUCILLE JACKSON, Chief Telephone Operator, Paramount Pictures Corporation, 5451 Marathon Street, Hollywood, California, advised by phone that neither the Paramount Pictures Corporation nor the recently merged Desilu Studio Corporation had any extension 125 past or present which was utilized if someone called the number 469-5911, an old Desilu Studio number and ask for extension 125. She explained further that there was an extension 125 off the Paramount board, however, it went to Stage 5 and that persons could call out from that extension but the operators on incoming calls did not ring calls into that extension.

JACKSON said that she could not identify anyone by the name of VINCE, an IBM operator, who may have been associated in any way with the Data Processing Department at the old Desilu Studios or at the Paramount Pictures Corporation.

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Mr. JOHN REEVES, Chief of Security Officers, Paramount Pictures Corporation, 5451 Marathon Street, Hollywood, California, advised by phone that the Paramount Pictures Corporation and the Desilu Studios had been purchased by the Gulf-Western Corporation and the two studios had been merged effective August of 1967 and the firm was now known as Paramount Pictures Corporation. The former Desilu Studios located at 780 North Gower Street, Hollywood, had telephone number 469-5911, and up until just the past few weeks a person calling this latter number would be brought into the Paramount Pictures Corporation switchboard, and channeled to the proper department. Recently the telephone number has been changed and calls now are made through 463-0100.

During 1967, the Desilu number of 469-5911 would have been a good number. He, however, from available directories did not identify an extension 125 as being in existence on the Desilu switchboard or later on the Paramount board following the merger. He suggested that inquiry be made in the Data Processing Department of Paramount Pictures and also with the Chief Telephone Operator who might furnish any additional information concerning a possibility of an extension 125 being utilized.

Mr. REEVES said that he had no personal knowledge of anyone by the name of VINCE, having been employed in the Data Processing Department at the old Desilu Studios or the Paramount Studios.

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JOHN DOUS, owner and operator of "Angeleno's", a cocktail lounge located at 1657 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California, advised that he knew HARRY ELWOOD LUNSFORD, also known as "Woody". He said that "Woody" was employed by him to paint during a recent remodeling of the cocktail lounge. DOUS said that ANN SCHELL is a female associate and is in no way involved in the ownership of "Angeleno's" as stated by LUNSFORD. He said that the reason SCHELL is a frequent customer at the bar, is that she is a friend.

DOUS was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. After observing these photographs, he said that this individual is not familiar to him. DOUS was asked if the names "Ginger Nance," "Ginger Day," and/or "Anita Katzwinkel," were familiar to him concerning female "hustlers" in the Hollywood and Western vicinity. He said that they were not.

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FLORENCE THOMPSON, occupant, Room 424, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. After observing these photographs, she said that the individual portrayed was identical to a recent occupant of Room 403. She said that the photograph that she liked best was the one in which he was wearing sun glasses. She advised that the occupant of Room 403, ERIC GALT, habitually wore sun glasses. She also said that he was a neat dresser and normally wore dark suits.

THOMPSON said that she remembered JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric S. Galt, in that he always slammed the door to his room when entering or leaving. She said that she reported this to the desk of the St. Francis Hotel on one occasion. Because of his habit of slamming the door, she said she knew of his arrival and departure. She said he left the room about 7:30 AM and returned about 5:00 PM. She said because of this regularity, she believed him to be employed, but did not know of any specific employment.

THOMPSON said that she saw RAY with no male or female associates. She advised that she knew of him having no unusual habits. She remarked that must have eaten within his room, because of the frequency in which he carried groceries.

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are several elderly males residing at the hotel who are incapacitated for some reason or other. He advised that the individual best fitting this description is MURRY ROSENMAN. THOMPSON said ROSENMAN utilizes a cane and has lived at the hotel for approximately 15 years. He advised that any association between ROSENMAN and JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric Starvo Galt, is unlikely.

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ALAN O. THOMPSON, Manager, St. Francis Hotel, advised that HARRY ELWOOD LUNSFORD, aka Woody, is known to him as a painter, who lived at the hotel for approximately one year. He advised that LUNSFORD worked intermittently at the St. Francis Hotel. THOMPSON said that LUNSFORD drinks alcoholic beverages excessively and frequently. He said in his opinion LUNSFORD has difficulty in recalling past events accurately. He advised "if LUNSFORD wasn't in a mental fog from turpentine fumes, he was from drinking". He said that LUNSFORD is sickly with a chronic stomach illness.

THOMPSON said the assistant manager at the St. Francis, who was fired in December, 1967, is, in fact, MARTIN GETZ. He advised that GETZ was hired by the hotel management on a temporary basis to administer the hotel operation during the absence of THOMPSON who was going to Oakland, California. He stated that GETZ's employment was terminated because of the return of THOMPSON to the St. Francis.

DAVID (LNU), as referred to by LUNSFORD, was identified by THOMPSON as DAVID P. BAILEY, Social Security Number [redacted] who formerly lived at 508 West Vines, Stowe, Pennsylvania and who provided a forwarding address as c/o R. N. BECK, 22 Belden Place, San Francisco, California, 94104. THOMPSON said that he does not recall the reason for the termination of BAILEY's employment at the St. Francis Hotel. BOB (LNU), as referred to by LUNSFORD, was identified by THOMPSON as being BOB EVANS. THOMPSON advised that EVANS resided at the hotel on an intermittent basis for approximately two years. He said that EVANS lived at the hotel during the time of LUNSFORD's residence but not during the time period of the residence of JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric Starvo Galt.

The individual described by LUNSFORD as "a crippled old man who has lived at the hotel for approximately 15 years", could not be determined, in fact, by THOMPSON. He said there

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DONALD M. MURPHY, 1729 Huntley Drive, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at "The Frolic Room", a cocktail lounge, owned and operated by him. He advised that he also owned both "Pampered Pup" walk-up eating stands located on North Western Avenue and Vine Street, Los Angeles, California, respectively. He advised that he leased this operation to CECIL PAYNE. He advised that this leasing operation is not a formalized agreement.

MURPHY was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. He said that the individual portrayed is identical to a caucasian male that frequented the "Rabbit's Foot" bar and the "Sultan Room" at the St. Francis Hotel, a few months ago. MURPHY advised that he also saw this same individual at the "Pampered Pup" located at 1715 North Western Avenue. MURPHY said that he may have conversed with this individual on occasion during casual "bar chatter". He advised that if he did, he does not recall the nature of the conversation. MURPHY stated he does not recall the individual's name or any of his associates. He said that usually this individual was alone.

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On May 2, 1968, Mrs. MARY SKOLICH, 11079 Sue Avenue, Lynwood, California, home phone 532-3918, business phone 636-1033, was contacted at the Hogebuilt Manufacturing Company, Lynwood, and she advised that she would make a search of her old records in an effort to determine for which company the National Casting Company made the Matrix in question. On May 3, 1968, Mrs. SKOLICH advised that the Matrix was made for the Garvin Tire Service Centers in the late part of 1962 or early part of 1963.

On 5/2-3/68 at Lynwood, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574-D-258
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 3, 1968

On May 1, 1968 a photograph and ink impression reflecting the tread design of the recapped tires found on the Mustang automobile abandon by JAMES EARL RAY in Atlanta, Georgia, were exhibited to the following tire mold company owners with the object of determining if their respective companies manufactured the tire mold from which the recaps were made. The following owners advised that their company did not make the mold in question.

RUDY PELUSI, Owner, L. A. Matrix Co.
5530 Borwick Street
South Gate, California

BERT HUGHES, Owner, Ace Tire Mold Co.
1817 Chico Street
South El Monte, California

PAUL TROBEMAN, Owner, General Equipment Exchange
354 Tennessee Street
Redlands, California

PETER KEADY, Owner, Balloon Tire Mould Corp.
4546 East Washington Boulevard
Los Angeles, California

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Date April 29, 19681

On April 18, 1968, Mr. RUDOLPH TELUSI, owner, Los Angeles Matrix Company, 5530 Borwick, South Gate, 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. TELUSI advised that his company manufactures tire molds and distributes them nationally. He added that 90 per cent of the companies distribution and sales of tire molds is in the Southern California area. He advised that there are over a thousand such tire molds sold by his company in California. Mr. TELUSI advised that his company does not place any type of identification marking or initials in its tire molds but he added that many of the people possessing such molds mark them with their own identification. Mr. TELUSI stated the initials "RGT" mean nothing to him. He stated that if he were to be able to examine the actual tires or a detailed duplication of the tread on the tires he would most likely be able to determine if the mold that made the tires was made and sold by his company.

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Date May 3, 1968

On May 1, 1968 a photograph and ink impression reflecting the tread design of the recapped tires found on the Mustang automobile abandon by JAMES EARL RAY in Atlanta, Georgia, were exhibited to MAURICE CLAPP, Owner, SMC, Inc., Colton at Wabash, Mentone, California. Mr. CLAPP advised that the mold that made the tire tread design in question was manufactured by National Casting Company which was in the tire mold manufacturing business in Lynwood, California until approximately three years ago. He stated that when National Casting went out of business he bought many of their mold designs. He stated that Mrs. MARY SKOLICH, 11079 Sue Avenue, Lynwood, California, maintained all of the records for National Casting. Mr. CLAPP described the tread design as a "New Safety 8" design that was about five years old.

On 5/1/68 at Mentone, California File # 44-1574-D-261
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Date 4/18/68

PATTY HARRIS, 2027 Junipero Avenue, Long Beach, California, GE 8-9691, a student at Long Beach City College, telephonically advised she was formerly employed as a dancing teacher at the National Dance Studio at Long Beach and had as a student, ERIC GALT. She stated that as she recalls he had a course of some 50 hours, and she taught him on the average of about one hour a week for about a month and a half during the early part of this year. He did not finish all of his dance lessons.

During this period, on several occasions, she and he discussed Mexico in general. He told her that he was from Mexico and that he had a business there with someone else. She said he said he was in business with a friend. He told her something about being in the Los Angeles area to attend school but that he had not obtained any employment. He told her that he intended to return to Mexico.

She said he had a very limited knowledge of the Spanish language. In their discussions, he indicated that he had been in Mexico City and to Cuernavaca, Mexico. He did not tell her where his business was nor where he was living in Mexico.

Through conversation, he indicated that at least on one occasion he had visited a night club in Mexico City known as Senoryel (phonetic), which she also has visited. She stated that this night club had three separate rooms or lounges with different types of music in each. She stated that she thought he was in his early 30s and about 5'8" or 5'9" in height. She noted that she is 5'5" herself and did not regard him as too much taller than she.

She advised that she did not date GALT herself nor does she know anyone who did date him or had any social contact with him.

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She said she believes that ROD, the owner of the dance studio, at one time or another had told her that GALT was a restaurant owner.

She stated that she could not recall if GALT smoked but believes that on several occasions she smelled liquor on his breath.

She stated that she would be agreeable to being re-contacted concerning this matter, and this was the only information she could recall at this time concerning GALT.

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1Date 4/29/68

JOHN F. PRICE, manager of the Time Out Cafe located at 2054 Pacific, several doors north of the National Dance Studios, advised that during the months of December 1967 and January 1968, as he recalled, an individual who appeared identical with JAMES EARL RAY appeared at his bar about two or three times a week. This individual, according to PRICE, always appeared at the Time Out Cafe alone and sat alone. He was a good tipper; dressed well, and in conversation with people always talked about dancing. PRICE stated that he firmly suspected that this individual was attending dance lessons at the National Dance Studios several doors south of the Time Out Cafe.

PRICE stated that, as he recalled, this individual always wore a dark tie and ~~on~~ occasion was invited by other patrons of the bar to enter a game of billiards or shuffleboard, always declined the invitation.

PRICE stated that this individual always entered the bar on foot, and he, PRICE, never saw a vehicle which this individual might have driven.

He stated that this individual had a Southern drawl, or perhaps more actually a country boy manner of speaking.

PRICE could furnish no further information about this individual. He was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, at which time he stated that he was certain that RAY was the individual who appeared at his bar during December 1967 and January 1968.

On 4/26/68 at Long Beach, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574-8263
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Although he gave his birthdate as [REDACTED], on the occasion of their first appointment, RAY impressed the doctor as being "young and immature."

In consultations subsequent to their first meeting, the doctor stated he felt that he and RAY developed a good rapport. RAY repeated his request that he wanted to overcome his shyness, and gain social confidence so that he would be able to talk to people. He was usually placid, cooperative, easily led in conversations, and did not fight against the doctor as some of his clients do. During either the second or third visit, the doctor asked RAY if he had any "deep dark secrets that he wanted to get off his chest." The doctor said he usually asks this question to determine if his clients have any criminal background or any sexual problems or aberrations. He said that RAY answered in the negative, and gave him no reason to doubt his answer.

RAY indicated he had read a lot of books on hypnosis. According to Dr. FREEMAN, "RAY had the old power idea of hypnotism. That is that you can go around looking people in the eye and can hypnotise them and make them do what you want them to." In subsequent appointments, Dr. FREEMAN placed RAY in a hypnotic state. He said he would have RAY lie down on a couch in his office, and stare at a little spiral on the ceiling. Then the doctor would talk to him. He was a very apt subject for hypnosis. Very eager, and very cooperative. He was an excellent hypnotic subject. He was likeable, and polite. He was making progress in overcoming his shyness. At the conclusion of each session, he thanked the doctor for his assistance; and indicated that he was satisfied with the progress he was making. He was learning to calm his body down, and overcome nervousness, and shyness. He usually did what the doctor wanted.

The doctor had no recollection of any particular habits or hobbies that RAY might have had. He did not recall any scars or peculiar physical characteristics that made any special impression on him with regard to RAY. He had no recollection of any discussions regarding sports, although their visits were during the height of the football season and the start of the basketball season. He was neat, and to the best of the doctor's recollection, usually wore a suit coat, without a tie. Two photographs of ERIC GALT (with eyes open and eyes closed) were exhibited to the doctor, who said they were excellent likenesses of his patient, JAMES E. RAY.

The doctor pointed out in his professional appointment book, entries for JAMES E. RAY covering six appointments and a seventh entry which was

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crossed through. These appointment dates and times, as noted in the professional appointment book, were:

November 27, 1967	5:00 p.m.
November 30, 1967	10:00 a.m.
December 4, 1967	9:00 a.m.
December 6, 1967	10:00 a.m.
December 11, 1967	3:00 p.m.
December 14, 1967	10:00 a.m.
December 18, 1967	3:00 p.m.

This latter appointment (12/18/67) was the one with the line through it. The doctor recalled that RAY had telephone him at the office, after making the appointment for December 18th, and told him that he would be unable to come to the office for the appointment as he had received information from his brother, that the latter had "found a job for him in the Merchant Marine in New Orleans, Louisiana." The doctor is not sure of the date or time that RAY telephone to cancel this last appointment; but feels sure that it was sometime after their 10:00 a.m. appointment on December 14, 1968.

Dr. FREEMAN said that RAY paid in cash, \$25.00 per visit. Except he has the recollection that RAY sent him a money order (he believes it was a postal money order) for the final \$25.00 payment.

Concerning his own personal history background and professional training, Dr. FREEMAN advised he had his college training at the University of Illinois (where he had a minor in Zoology), the University of Zurich, and graduate study at the University of Southern California. He said he was an agent in the Army's counter-intelligence corps in Europe during World War II. He is married, and has two children (a son and daughter) living with him. In addition to his travels and studies in Europe; he has travelled in Japan. His office is located at 9952 Santa Monica Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California, and his office telephone number is CRestview 6-2412. The doctor said that many of his patients come to him a referral from Mr. MELVIN POWERS of the Wilshire Book Company on the Sunset Strip in Hollywood, California; which he described as a publishing house that publishes numerous titles in the field of self-hypnosis. It was his recollection that RAY had indicated he had read some of these books and that he had been referred to the doctor from that source.

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The doctor concluded by stating that JAMES E. RAY came to him seeking psychological help in the nature of self-hypnosis to gain confidence, overcome shyness, learn to sleep better, and to be able to talk to people. Following each session, he was instructed to go home and practice the methods of relaxation they had gone over in the office. He was shy, introverted, and withdrawn, but not psychotic or plagued with any deep seated neuroses. Although he indicated he was unemployed, he never seemed to lack money to pay in cash for his consultations during the period of their appointments. When he called to cancel their last appointment, he indicated he was going to New Orleans to accept a position his brother had obtained for him; but he told the doctor he hoped they would meet again sometime.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 19, 1968

Dr. MARK O. FREEMAN, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist, was interviewed at his residence, 227 South Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills, California, April 19, 1968, at which time he furnished the following information:

On November 27, 1967, he received a telephone call from a JAMES E. RAY, who said he wanted to overcome his shyness, gain social confidence, and learn self-hypnosis in order that he could relax, sleep and learn to remember things better. As there was an open appointment that afternoon, an appointment was made for RAY to come to the doctor's office, 9952 Santa Monica Boulevard, Beverly Hills, at 5:00 p.m.

RAY did report for the scheduled appointment on November 27th, at 5:00 p.m. Dr. FREEMAN exhibited a leaf from his consultation notebook (approximately 3"x5" in size), on which he said he had made some notes regarding RAY on the occasion of their first appointment. This notebook page contained the name JAMES E. RAY; address, 1535 North Serrano; telephone 469-8096; and notations indicating the patient was single; had said he was from East St. Louis, and had worked on boats on the Mississippi River. Born

In this first appointment and in subsequent appointments, RAY had very little to contribute about his personal family background. He said that he was unemployed. That he had worked as a cook on a Mississippi river steamer, but did not like the work, so had quit.

The doctor said he got the impression that RAY was an early riser, as he wanted early appointments, where ever possible. He also usually arrived at the office early, considerably ahead of his scheduled appointment time. He was not "shaky," when he arrived for the early morning appointments. No indications that he was suffering from "hang-overs," on those occasions.

RAY had no physical distresses. No headaches. Was in excellent health, trim and handsome. He gave no indications of being psychotic or of being plagued with neuroses. Impressed the doctor as having an average intelligence quotient. No evidence of any deep animosity.

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by SA GILBERT G. BENJAMIN:GGB Date dictated 4/18/67 GGB

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1Date 4/19/68

FRANK DEERSON, Chief of Intelligence and Law Enforcement, U. S. Coast Guard District Office, Number 19 Pine Street, furnished the following information:

The office does not keep a record of incoming telephone calls which come through telephone number 437-2941. Any person could call the building through the switchboard and call anyone in the building by name or extension.

DEERSON advised that there are 132 Coast Guard employees in the District Office.

DEERSON advised that many inquiries are made by persons seeking a license as a marine cook or steward, or for information on how to obtain seaman's papers.

Persons checking information concerning marine cooks and stewards positions are referred to the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union, Long Beach, California. Persons inquiring about a seaman's license are referred to Commander HERB JOHNSON, Marine Inspection Office, Wilmington, California.

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1Date 4/17/68

R. J. WEILER, Owner, Office Building, 751 South Figueroa Street, furnished the following information:

Miss E. J. KELLY, Secretary to Mr. WEILER, handles the hiring and paying of all employees. WEILER does not have personal contact with the maintenance employees at 751 South Figueroa Street.

WEILER advised that he has never employed anyone using the name ERIC S. GALT and he could not identify artist drawings of ERIC S. GALT as a prior acquaintance.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/10/681

On May 9, 1968, RODERIC BURNS DUFF, 131 North Ivy Street, Monrovia, California, furnished the following information:

He is the President of the Los Angeles chapter of the Citizen's Council of America and is employed as a leadman in the plastic department of Mapo Productions, 1400 Grand Central Avenue, Burbank, California.

The Los Angeles Citizen's Council holds monthly meetings, usually at Embassy Hotel Auditorium, Los Angeles, which are open to the public but not advertised in the newspapers due to potential picketing. DUFF viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, and could not identify RAY as ever attending any of these open meetings.

In addition, DUFF advised that he is very active in support of the 1968 Presidential Campaign of Governor GEORGE C. WALLACE and is frequently at the WALLACE headquarters in Arcadia, California and Bell Gardens, California, and at the former office on Lankershim Boulevard, Los Angeles. He advised that he never saw anyone resembling RAY at these offices nor heard the name of ERIC STARVO GALT mentioned there.

DUFF concluded by stating that JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, is completely unknown to him by either photograph or name and he had no idea of who else could possibly be involved in the ~~assassination~~ of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

On 5/9/68 at Monrovia, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574-D-267
by SA NATHANIEL N. GILLAM and
SA RICHARD F. KILCOURSE/RFK/rem Date dictated 5/9/68

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1Date 5/8/68

JONATHAN YOST, Northwestern Company, 466 North Western, Los Angeles, California, advised that his firm purchases the names and addresses of mail order subscribers from Barnett and Hersh. He said this is a common practice in the mail order sales business and a common price is \$20.00 per thousand names. He said that his firm, upon purchasing these names, sends brochures to these individuals. He stated that if they receive no answer they no longer send any further brochures. He advised that after the initial mailing the names and addresses are destroyed. YOST stated that having purchased these names and addresses from Barnett and Hersh in November, his firm would have mailed the brochures to the names and addresses and thereafter would have destroyed them. YOST reviewed his files for the names JAMES EARL RAY and/or ERIC STARVO GALT. He could locate no such names.

On 5/3/68 at Los Angeles, California File # LA 44-1574 -D-268
by SA DENNIS C. LEMASTER/pcl/kaf Date dictated 5/7/68

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1Date 5/8/68

MILDRED GREENE, Receptionist, Barnett and Hersh, 7551 Melrose Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, said that E.Z. Formulas, 6311 Yucca Street, Hollywood, California, is a subsidiary of Barnett and Hersh. She stated that E.Z. Formulas pertains only to a magazine mail order business selling a single formula for making glass into a two-way mirror. She stated again that E.Z. Formulas sells only this single formula, not including the ingredients, for making glass into a two-way mirror. She provided a copy of the formula which consisted of a single printed yellow piece of paper of standard size.

She said that her firm has no record of any type of sale to a person using the names of ERIC STARVO GALT and/or JAMES EARL RAY. She said that when any subsidiary firm of Barnett and Hersh obtains a mail order, they immediately dispatch the item sold. They maintain no receipt or record of shipment. She said that they retain the addresses for a short period of time until a sufficient quantity has been accumulated to sell them to other mail order firms. She advised that all of these addresses have been sold, up to and including November 1967. She advised that these addresses were sold to Northwestern Company, 466 North Western, Los Angeles, California.

She advised that Barnett and Hersh utilize the addresses as provided by Postel, a mail box house and answering service located at 6311 Yucca Street, Hollywood, California.

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Date May 10, 1968

On May 10, 1968, LORRAINE MARTIN of Futura Books, Inc., Torrance, California was telephonically contacted at 830-7903 for the purpose of acknowledging receipt of a Xerox copy of an order received by her concern on 7/26/67 from ERIC GALT, 2584 Notre Dame, Montreal, Canada, which she had mailed to Agent at the FBI Office in Los Angeles.

MARTIN explained that the initials of "SH" in the upper right-hand corner of this order means "SPECIAL HANDLING". Just to the left of this is their ink stamp date of receiving this order of 7/26/67 and on the right center margin is the time of receipt, 9 a.m.

MARTIN explained that the way their concern keeps records on what magazines an ad was taken from is in the address itself. In this particular one, "Dept. 17" is set forth. MARTIN states their records reflect that "Dept. 17" is for their ads placed in MEN'S REAL ADVENTURE magazine.

This order is checked for the following titled books:

SEXUAL ANATOMY
UNUSUAL FEMALE SEX PRACTICES
SEX FEELING IN MEN & WOMEN

On the back of this order it is indicated the order was received and mailed on the same date, July 26, 1967.

On 5/10/68 at Los Angeles, California File # LA 44-1574-D-270
LA 145-187
by SA HOMER E. YOUNG:hey Date dictated 5/10/68

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Date May 6, 1968

On May 6, 1968, Mr. GORDON W. SCHINDLER, President of Monogram Publications, Inc., and Futura Books, Inc., 21839 South Avalon Boulevard, Torrance, California upon hearing Agent introduce himself to the female clerk at the front desk, stated that he wanted to handle this matter personally.

SCHINDLER said that before he would answer any questions or make any matters available to the FBI with reference to ERIC S. GALT having made purchases from his concern, he wanted to ask some questions; (1) Did the Governor of Tennessee invite the FBI into this matter? (2) He had read in the newspapers that the Chief of Police in Memphis was unhappy with the FBI being there and just what jurisdiction did the FBI have in this matter?

As to the first question, Mr. SCHINDLER was advised that the President of the United States and the Attorney General had ordered the FBI into this matter in Memphis at which time Mr. SCHINDLER stated it appeared that the States have no rights anymore and that the Federal Government is taking over all their rights.

As to the second question, Mr. SCHINDLER was advised that the Chief of Police in Memphis was personally known to the interviewing Agent and did not believe the Chief of Police would have made such a statement. Secondly, Wanted Flyer 442-A dated April 19 1968 was displayed to Mr. SCHINDLER and the violations of Federal law set forth in this Wanted Flyer was explained to Mr. SCHINDLER.

Mr. SCHINDLER stated that so far as he was concerned, this whole matter was a waste of the taxpayer's money, that so far as he was concerned, the Federal Government had no jurisdiction in this matter,

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that his type of books which he sells does not fall within the realm of being subversive or teaching someone how to shoot a gun, so therefore he shouldn't have to furnish any information in this regard. Further, he didn't like the idea of the FBI investigating his concern. Mr. SCHINDLER was informed that his concern was not being investigated by the FBI, that the FBI was seeking his cooperation as a good American citizen to furnish information about this matter voluntarily.

Mr. SCHINDLER then stated that he has had trouble with the United States Government in the past, that he sustained a conviction on a matter which was the publishing of a book that was declared to be obscene and now, under the present day standards, it is being sold on the open market in book stores. Further, that if the United States Government wanted anything from him or his records that they would have to appear there with the proper papers or subpoena.

A Secretary of the corporation, whom the interviewing Agent had dealt with on the previous interview came into the room and Mr. SCHINDLER turned to her stating that she was to give the FBI nothing without his authority.

It was pointed out to Mr. SCHINDLER that during the previous interview, one of the clerks had indicated that the name of ERIC S. GALT had sounded familiar to them and believe perhaps he had a previous order, that now it had been determined that a money order in the amount of \$9.00 dated 7/24/67 had been sent to:

FUTURA BOOKS
4533 Lennox
Inglewood, Calif.

Mr. SCHINDLER was advised by his Secretary that during the foregoing period of time she did not believe they kept track of their money orders, however she would make a diligent search for this order. Mr. SCHINDLER stated that he would agree to allow his Secretary to call the FBI and report whether or not they had such an order and to where it had been sent.

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Mr. SCHINDLER stated that he would allow the FBI to make notes or a copy of this document, if it could be located, and that he intended to have the original document framed and hung on his office wall.

Mr. SCHINDLER claimed that he had not formed any personal adverse feelings towards the FBI other than it was another Governmental Agency involved in matters over which it has no jurisdiction.

Mr. SCHINDLER stated that he had just returned from New York and was amazed at the number of pornographic books he had observed in the book stores there, that he was sure that these books must have traveled in interstate shipments and thought the FBI and Postal Inspectors could spend more time in these types of cases rather than becoming involved in the matter in Memphis.

Through further conversations with Mr. SCHINDLER it was apparent he is aware of the activities of MARVIN MILLER of Covina Publishing Co., Covina, California and LOUIS LENITSKY. He did deny knowing EDDIE MISHKIN of New York.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/19/68

JOHN DE CUIR, Public Information Officer, U. S. Coast Guard District Office, Number 91 Pine Avenue, Long Beach, California, furnished the following information:

Telephone number 437-2941 is the number on which all incoming calls to the U. S. Coast Guard District Office are received. No record is maintained for incoming calls. A person calling this number could call anyone of 132 employees in the building by name or extension.

DE CUIR advised that personal inquiries made at the office would be handled through himself or his Assistant HARRY BOLEN. When exhibited an artist conception of ERIC STARVO GALT, DE CUIR advised that GALT was unfamiliar to him. DE CUIR advised that GALT had not made an inquiry using the name HARRY LOWMYER or JOHN WILLARD.

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GONZALES stated he never saw GALT's car and he was led to believe that GALT usually drove his car to school. GONZALES stated however that on at least one occasion did not drive his car to school because he, GALT, had allegedly lost his billfold, which contained his driver's license and it was not known if this billfold was ever recovered.

GALT claimed the reason he was taking this bartending course was because as a chef he had occasion to serve cocktails on board ship. He stated he did not feel qualified to mix these drinks properly and so was taking this course.

Concerning descriptive information on GALT, GONZALES furnished the following information:

He stated GALT never used profanity and talked like a fairly educated person. GALT was not observed wearing any rings although did wear a watch which had no distinguishing characteristics. He usually wore a short sleeves with his business suit and no tattoos or scars were observed. GALT's hair was brown with some graying on the sides. GONZALES stated that GALT wore dark brown wing tipped shoes and had a slight southern accent. He stated GALT had a medium frame although somewhat of a large stomach. He never mentioned being in the military and did appear to know a few words in Spanish and what words he did say in Spanish were correctly pronounced.

GONZALES stated that within the next two weeks he is going to move to Oakland, California and will be taking up permanent residence at 1640 Sixth Avenue, Oakland, California. He stated that his mother, Mrs. NINA GONZALES, who lives at 1625 Sixth Avenue, Oakland, California, telephone 832-3723, will always know his whereabouts.

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Date 4/16/68

RICHARD GONZALES, 1404 North Manzanita was interviewed at his residence at which time he furnished the following information:

He advised he is a former student of the International School of Bartending, 2125 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California at the same time that ERIC GALT, known to him as ERIC, attended the school. He stated they both graduated from the school on the same date and he has not seen GALT since. During conversations with GALT, while attending school, he learned from GALT that GALT had lived in Mexico for about three years, the exact dates and places unknown. GALT claimed to have gotten along well with Mexicans, liked Mexico very much and planned to return there to live.

On the date that graduation took place, in response to a question from TOMAS LAU, Director of the above school, as to what he, GALT, planned to do, GALT stated he was going to go to Birmingham, Alabama to visit his brother for about two weeks. He did not mention the name of his brother or his exact address. He indicated he would possibly return to Los Angeles after this trip to Alabama. GALT indicated he had been a chef in the Merchant Marines, sometime in the past, serving on seagoing vessels. GALT never mentioned any other type of employment or members of his family but did imply he had been married once though was not presently married.

At the bartending school, GONZALES found GALT to be very quiet and one who kept to himself. He was also quite slow in mastering the bartending school curriculum and often displayed nervousness. GONZALES stated he thinks that GALT is right handed.

GONZALES stated that GALT never mentioned any women and it was not known whether he drank much. He did not smoke. GONZALES stated that GALT usually wore a business suit to school, however, gave the appearance of one who felt ill at ease in such clothing and it would be more fitting to his personality for him to wear more casual clothing.

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TOMAS LAU, Director, International School of Bartending, 2125 Sunset Boulevard, advised ERIC GALT was not fluent in Spanish and could only say a few words in Spanish. These words, however, were correctly pronounced by him. LAU stated he now recalls that GALT had mentioned to him that he had lived in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico for about three years. The exact dates of this residence are unknown. LAU could not recall GALT ever mentioning the reason he had been living in Mexico.

LAU stated he thought it rather peculiar that someone would spend three years in Mexico and would not take the trouble to learn the language. He never questioned GALT in this regard.

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SA JAMES R. PACE JRP/nmb Date dictated 4/16/68

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1Date 4/17/68

ELSIE SNELLING was interviewed in Apartment 9, 1535 Serrano Avenue, Los Angeles, California where she resides with her husband. She stated she could not recall the occupant of Apartment 6 and was shown composite drawings of ERIC GALT. She stated that she could not recognize this individual. She stated she had no information concerning the resident of Apartment 6.

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1Date 4/17/68

GEORGE E. SNELLING was interviewed at Room 210, 1150 South Olive, Los Angeles, California. He stated he resides along with his wife in Apartment 9, 1535 Serrano Avenue, Los Angeles, California. He stated he could not recall the occupant of Apartment 6 and was shown composite drawings of ERIC GALT. He stated that he could not recognize this individual. He stated he had no information concerning the resident* of apartment 6.

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1Date 4/17/68

DIANE M. DI GENOVA was interviewed in regards to any information she might possess concerning ERIC GALT. She stated that she resides alone at Apartment 16, 1535 Serrano Avenue, Los Angeles, California and has lived there for more than a year. She stated she could not recall the occupant of Apartment 6 and was shown a composite drawings of ERIC GALT. She stated that she could not recognize this individual. She stated she had no information concerning the resident of Apartment 6.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/20/68

Mr. JAMES T. MOORE, Field Manager, Kirby Field and Service, 11329 South La Mirada Boulevard, Whittier, California, advised he did not recognize the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and did not recognize any of RAY's aliases:

Eric Starvo Galt

Harvey Lowmyer

John Willard

MOORE did not recognize any of RAY's aliases as being a customer, a member of the sales department, or an applicant to Kirby's Sales and Service.

On 4/20/68 at Whittier, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574-Q-278
by SA FREDERICK L. BIGGERS/yfs Date dictated 4/20/68

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1Date 4/20/68

Mr. GEORGE MAC DONALD, Owner, Kirby Field and Service, 11329 South La Mirada, Whittier, California, advised he did not recognize the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and did not recognize any of RAY's aliases:

Eric Starvo Galt

Harvey Lowmyer

John Willard

MAC DONALD did not recognize any of RAY's aliases as being a customer, a member of the sales department, or an applicant to Kirby's Sales and Service.

Mr. MAC DONALD stated that on November 27, 1968, he placed an advertisement in the Los Angeles Herald Examiner advertising for service and sales personnel. The ad asked for men 18 to 45, no experience necessary, pertaining in field and service and setting forth the salaries that would be given. He advised that they had over 100 calls through the telephone listed in the advertisement, 941-8767. Of these 100 calls they eliminated approximately 50 of the applicants by phone. Of the approximately 50 remaining, applications were mailed to them and out of these approximately 20 people were called back and brought in for interview. Of the 20 interviewed, half were eliminated through the interview, and the remaining ten were trained in either sales or service. MAC DONALD stated that none of those that were interviewed resembled JAMES EARL RAY and he reviewed all names obtained through the phone calls and applications and none of them were similar to JAMES EARL RAY, ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, or JOHN WILLARD.

Mr. MAC DONALD pointed out that he opened his shop on November 4, 1967 just three weeks before the ad was placed.

On 4/20/68 at Whittier, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574-8279
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Date 5/15/681

Mrs. ELIZABETH MONICA ZWOLINSKI, 18712 Nordoff Street, Northridge, California, advised that POPSON is her maiden name and that she is a widow. She has resided at this address for 16 years. She stated she was a guest at the Rosarita Beach Hotel, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, during March, 1968, but was not in Puerto Vallarta during October or November, 1967. She continued that she travels extensively, however, she does not utilize her maiden name. She related that she has relatives named POPSON, but none with the initials V.J. and she does not know V.J. POPSON.

On 5/14/68 at Northridge, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574-0-280
by SA PAUL E. QUINN/dey Date dictated 5/15/68

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1Date 5/22/68

JOSEPH KWASNY, owner and operator, the "Plaid Room," 5903 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. After observing these photographs, he said that they appear to be similar in appearance to a Caucasian male who frequented the bar for approximately a two-week period during March 1968. He described this individual as being sloppy in appearance; usually wore a T-shirt, and enjoyed playing pool. He advised that this individual habitually drank beer. He said the man was 30 - 35 years of age, approximately 5'9" in height, and weighed approximately 155 pounds. He advised that this individual spoke with a Southern accent. He said on one occasion this individual advised that the reason that he was frequenting the "Plaid Room" was that the "Sultan Room" did not want him any more as a customer.

KWASNY could not establish whether this individual was in fact identical with the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY.

On 5/16/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574-Q-281
by SA DENNIS C. LEMASTER and
THOMAS G. MANSFIELD/DCL/eb Date dictated 5/17/68

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1Date 5/22/68

THOMAS FLIKEID approached Bureau Agents as they were departing the "Rabbit's Foot Club." He said that he and his wife are living at 1735 Kingsley, Los Angeles, California. He advised that his telephone number is HO 3-1285. He said that his telephone is listed to the name of ANITA KATZWINKEL.

Mr. FLIKEID advised that he anticipates no travel from the Los Angeles area in the immediate future. He requested that if it is necessary for Bureau Agents to contact him, they call prior to coming to his residence.

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WILLIAM L. ALLEN, owner and operator of the Black Horse Inn, 1532 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California, advised that he did know a "GINGER," whom he believed to be a prostitute, that occasionally frequented the Black Horse Inn. He advised that "GINGER" was a friend of BERNICE MOORE. He said that both of these girls worked at the Orchid Gal located in the 1900 block of West Sixth Street.

He advised that he knew of no prostitute by the name of "ANITA." He said that he does not know of any prostitutes working out of the Black Horse Inn. He advised that his establishment does not make a practice of furnishing names and addresses of prostitutes to customers.

ALLEN was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. After observing these photographs, he said that the individual portrayed was not familiar to him.

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Mrs. JOAN KEPP, 305 Loma Vista, Apartment One, El Segundo, California, telephone 322-0398, furnished the following information:

She is a ticket agent for United Airlines (UAL) at the Los Angeles International Airport. She was working at the front ticket counter in the UAL ticket building at about 7:45 a.m. on May 3, 1968. A man came up to her and stated he wanted to make reservations for one round trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, for his wife, and a one way passage for Honolulu for himself. He stated he wanted to travel first class on May 8, 1968. Mrs. KEPP noted the man bore a strong resemblance to a Wanted Flyer she had seen for JAMES EARL RAY. She went ahead and made reservations and asked him where he could be reached. The man stated he was staying at the International Hotel across the street from the airport but did not know his room number. He stated his name was CARL RAY. He wanted to exchange two tickets, which had been purchased at Denver, Colorado, on May 1, 1968, for a Frontier Airlines flight from Las Vegas to St. Louis and return to Las Vegas. The two tickets were for first class passage, one of them being for his wife, Mrs. RAY. The tickets had been purchased on a temporary credit card issued by Frontier Airlines.

Mrs. KEPP was suspicious of the transaction, and since the man bore such a strong resemblance to the Flyer, she told him she would have to check on the validity of the tickets he was attempting to exchange. She took the tickets and credit card and went behind the counter to see her supervisor. She related the story to her supervisor, and when he looked out to see RAY, RAY was gone. The tickets abandoned by RAY were numbers 829753 and 829754. They bore the names, Mr. and Mrs. C. RAY. They were for Flight 710 on Frontier Airlines from Las Vegas to St. Louis to Las Vegas and were issued May 1, 1968, at Denver. The credit card abandoned by RAY was Frontier Airlines temporary Air Travel Card 31088 issued April 26, 1968, to Mr. CARL RAY, Ray Land and Cattle Company, Route 4, Box 868, Pecos, Texas. It was to expire May 25, 1968.

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