

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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J. Edgar Hoover
Director

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD St Louis Mo	Albert Benny Pepper #78932-3	8-30-58	inv sus steal	
PD St Louis Mo	Albert Bennie Pepper #78932-3	8-25-60	susp steal & no St veh lic	
PD St Louis Mo	Albert Benny Pepper #78932-3	1-10-61	Susp Steal	
St Hwy Pat Kirkwood Mo	Albert Benny Pepper #C-10670 A	11-8-61	Inv of Burg & L	Rel 11-9-61
PD St Louis Mo	Albert Bennie Pepper #93598	10-20-63	numerous traffic offenses burg	rel
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The following identifying information was obtained from the police records:

Name	ALBERT BENNIE PEPPER
Sex	Male
Race	White
Born	[REDACTED] at Chicago, Illinois
Height	5'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	117
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Build	Slender
Complexion	Ruddy
Occupation	Laborer
Marital status	Married
Addresses	1713 Lafayette (October 1963); 3731 North Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois
Wife	CAROL PEPPER
Parents	CHARLES and ERNIE MAE PEPPER, 1713 Lafayette, St. Louis
Sister	ALICE PEPPER, 12th and Russell Streets, St. Louis, Missouri
Brothers	ROBERT PEPPER, Armand Place, St. Louis, Missouri; JOHN PEPPER, with parents; WILLIS PEPPER, Waverly Place, St. Louis, Missouri
St. Louis Police Department Number	93598
FBI Number	581 723

No record of arrests pertaining to CAROL PEPPER was found in records of the St. Louis Police Department by IC DYER.

IC DYER located in the records of the St. Louis Police Department the record of a theft which occurred on February 20, 1968, at the Grapevine Tavern, 1982 Arsenal, as follows:

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METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT—CITY OF ST. LOUIS
SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

RECORDS SECTION
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FILE NO.—FOR RECORDS SECTION

COMPLAINT NO. *63658*

CONCERNING <u>Stealing O/\$50.00</u>		2. ORIGINAL C.N.	3. DISTRICT REPORTING	4. DATE OF THIS REPORT
TYPE OF ORIGINAL REPORT		63-261	3rd	2-21-68
DATE AND TIME OF OCCURRENCE	5. PLACE OF OCCURRENCE	7. DISTRICT	8. LOCATION CODE	
2-20-68 9:05 P.M.	1982 Arsenal	3rd		
VICTIM (IF FIRM, NAME AND TYPE OF BUSINESS)		10. HOME ADDRESS		
Haynes, Clarence		1822 North 21st		
		11. BUSINESS ADDRESS		

12. ADDITIONAL DETAILS

PRISONER: VanHorn, James Edward A.R.#3-840

CHARGES:

- A. STEALING O/\$50
 B. Common Assault
 C. Destruction of Property *Refused*
 D. Discharging Firearms in City *Refused*
 E. Public Disturbance of the Peace *Issued*
 F. Resisting Arrest *Issued*

ISS/REF

ATTORNEY

REASON IF REFUSED:

C & D insuff evid

PRISONER: VanHorn, Mimmy Doil A.R.#3-841

CHARGES:

- A. Stealing O/\$50
 B. Common Assault
 C. Destruction of Property *Refused*
 D. Discharging Firearms in City *Refused*
 E. Public Disturbance of the Peace *Issued*

ISS/REF

ATTORNEY

REASON IF REFUSED:

C & D insuff evid

PRISONER: Vaughn, Eugene Bufford A.R.#3-842

CHARGES:

- A. Stealing O/\$50
 B. Common Assault
 C. Destruction of Property *Refused*
 D. Discharging Firearms in City *Refused*
 E. Public Disturbance of the Peace *Issued*

ISS/REF

ATTORNEY

REASON IF REFUSED:

Insufficient Evid

DATE *2-21-68* TIME *11:00pm*
 OFFICER *DAUGHERTY*
 DSN *5531* ASSIGN. *303*

PRISONER PROCESSING

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Item #30 Continued: Person Arrested

C. Vaughn, Eugene 902 N. Wingshighway
W-M-43

A.R.#3-8428842A

At approximately 9:09 this P.M. Patn. Douglas Daugherty, DSN 5531 and Patn. Gary Pratt, DSN 5934, in charge of car Adam-3 received a call to Illinois and Arsenal, at the tavern, for a report of a "Disturbance"

Upon arrival at that location the officers were met by the barmaid of the Grapevine Tavern at 1982 Arsenal, one Neoma Regazzi, who stated that three subjects had just ran out of the tavern after coming in and starting a fight, beating one man, firing a shot in the tavern and then taking approximately Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) from the cash register. Regazzi further stated the subjects, one known to her as James VanHorn, entered a residence at 1963A Arsenal and were at that location at this time.

Investigation at 1963A Arsenal was conducted by the above officers and upon entering the building, same being an apartment building, heard the sound of persons yelling and cursing coming from the third floor apartment. Proceeding there the officers knocked on the door and informed the occupants they were Police Officers at which time one of the occupants told the officers to get lost. After repeated attempts to gain entrance to the apartment the officers were finally admitted.

Upon being admitted to the apartment the officers observed the three arrested subjects who were arguing with each other and appeared to be intoxicated. The officers also observed abrasions and blood on the subject's faces and clothing.

Upon viewing the subjects the officers then informed the subjects they were under arrest for ~~At Stealing Over \$50.00~~ ^{Ill} at which time all three subjects were immediately advised of their rights per MPD Form 200-19.

At the time the subjects were placed under arrest Patn. Daugherty observed subject #1, James E. VanHorn, walk out of the kitchen toward the front of the apartment at which time Patn. Daugherty again informed the subject he was under arrest and James VanHorn stated "Fuck you, I'm not going anywhere". At this time Patn. Daugherty attempted to take hold of James VanHorn's left arm and VanHorn then jerked free backing away from the officer stating "You keep you hands off me". VanHorn was again taken by the arm and again attempted to break away from the officer by flailing his arms around. At that time the officers grabbed both arms of the subject and pushed him against the kitchen wall to handcuff him. As the officers were attempting to handcuff the subject

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he again began pulling away from the officer to keep from being handcuffed. The officer then forced the subject, face first, against the wall and handcuffed the subject, at which time the subject's face struck the wall causing injury to his lower lip.

All of the arrested subjects were then conveyed to City Hospital #1 where they were treated by Dr. Goldman who pronounced James E. VanHorn suffering from a Laceration of the right index finger" and Laceration of the lower lip, treated and released. Jimmy D VanHorn was given a diagnosis of "No apparent injuries". Eugene Vaughn was treated as a Laceration of the right hand.

Above arrested subjects were then conveyed to the District Station via car 39A where James E. VanHorn was again advised of his rights per MPD Form 200-19 at which time he stated he was aware of his rights and signed Waiver MPD Form 200-18. James E VanHorn was then questioned relative to the above incident and stated he and his brother Jimmy VanHorn along with arrested subject Eugene Vaughn went to the above tavern for a beer and after arriving there he and the other two subjects got into a family argument. Vanhorn stated they did get boisterous and the barmaid told them to be quiet or leave. After a few minutes VanHorn stated his wife Tina entered the tavern and the barmaid refused to serve his wife as she had no identification. VanHorn continued by stating they then decided to leave and the barmaid began cursing him and another man in the bar, later identified as victim Clarence Haynes, began arguing with him at which time they got into a fight. Vanhorn stated as they were fighting he heard a shot and thought Haynes did the shooting at which time they then got out of the tavern. Vanhorn was then questioned relative to the money taken from the cash register and stated he knew of no money taken during the fight.

Subject Jimmy D. Vanhorn was again advised of his rights per MPD Form 200-19 and stated he was aware of his rights and signed Waiver MPD Form 200-18. When questioned as to the above incident Jimmy VanHorn stated he and his brother James Vanhorn and Eugene Vaughn went to the above tavern and were having a family argument when the barmaid began cursing them. VanHorn stated another man in the bar (Haynes) also began arguing with them at which time they began fighting with Haynes and while fighting he heard a shot fired at which time they then ran out of the tavern. Jimmy Vanhorn was also questioned relative to the money taken and refused to make any statement concerning the money.

Subject Eugene Vaughn was advised of his rights per MPD Form 200-19 and stated he was aware of his right and signed Waiver MPD Form 200-18. Vaughn was then questioned relative to the incident and stated they had gone to the above tavern and while there had gotten into an argument among themselves and after a while the barmaid told them she could not serve them any more and began cursing them. At that time another person in the bar (Haynes) also began arguing with them and they got into a fight. While fighting Vaughn stated he heard a shot and they all left the tavern. 248

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shot and they then left the tavern. Vaughn was also questioned concerning the money taken and stated he knew nothing of any money taken.

The barmaid of the tavern, Neoma Regazzi, came to the District Station and was questioned relative to the incident and stated at about 9:05 this P.M. the three arrested subjects entered the tavern where she works. Same subjects being apparently intoxicated. Regazzi further stated after being in the bar for a while one of the subjects wives entered and asked to be served and she refused to serve her as she could produce no identification. Regazzi stated when she refused to serve her the men began arguing with her and cursing her and she told them to leave. After telling them to leave they then told her she had better serve them or they would get the drinks themselves and get her too. She stated she again told them to leave at which time one of the subjects then jumped over the bar and began throwing glasses around at which time a customer, Clarence Haynes attempted to stop them and the three subjects then began beating Haynes. Regazzi stated All three of these subjects continued beating Haynes until he fell to the floor behind the bar after which she ducked down to avoid being injured and she heard a shot fired by one of the subjects. Regazzi stated after the fighting stopped she then heard the cash register drawer open and the subjects then ran out of the tavern. Regazzi also stated to the officers that at the time she refused to serve them any longer prior to the fighting she also gave them their money back and asked them to leave.

Victim Calarence Haynes was interviewed and stated he was seated at the far end of the bar when the three arrested subjects were seated in the bar and a young blonde girl joined them. Firthier stated that when the bar maid refused to served the young lady for a lack of proper identification the three men became argumentative and beligerant, shouting vulgar phrases one of which was "fuck you bitch, we'll get our own drinks". The three then proceeded to go behind the bar and he stood up and told the three to leave that woman alone, referring to the barmaid. One of the three subjects said "fuck you" and hit him in the face. Then all three proceeded to beat him to the floor with their fists. Haynes continued by stating after beaing beaten to the floor he pretended to be unconcious to avoid further injuries and while being beaten he heard a shot fired, but did not see anyone fire the shot nor did he see any gun. Haynes stated while faking unconciousness he heard the cash register ring open, however he did not look up to see who opened the cash register for fear of being beaten again.

Victim Ruby Wright was interviewed and corroborated the statement by Haynes adding that while the three subjects were beating Haynes she attempted to pull two of them off and they then turned and hit her twice in the face with their fists.

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Witness to the incident, Leonard Young, residing 1925 Virginia, stated he had entered the tavern as the fight was going on and as he entered he heard a shot fired, however he neither saw nor observed anyone with a gun. Young further stated after the shot was fired the three subjects ran out of the tavern.

Owner of the above tavern, Carol Pepper, could not be located at this writing. Licenses are issued to the above Carol Pepper and are as follows:

City	#5056	Full Drink	Expires 5-28-68
State	#6243	Full Drink	Expires 6-30-68
Federal	#249659	Full Drink	Expires 6-30-68

Wish to state at this time that victim Clarence Haynes was also conveyed to City Hospital #1 where he was treated by Dr. S. Eduardo who gave a diagnosis of Laceration and abrasions of the face, treated and released.

Victim Ruby Wright was also conveyed to City Hospital #1 via 39A and treated by Dr. S. Eduardo who gave a diagnosis of Contusion of the left eye, and released.

A further investigation was conducted at the scene by the officers at which time the officers observed a large amount of broken bottles and glass behind the bar, located along the east wall. Also found at the scene by Patn. Pratt was a .38 Calibre Iver-Johnson, five shot, blue steel revolver, serial #D10558. Same revolver was found in a store room south east corner of the building, lying on a shelf behind stacked beer cases in the north east corner of the store room. Same revolver contained four (4) live cartridges.

Also recovered at the scene by Patn. Pratt was a .32 Calibre spent pellet embedded in the wall south wall of the store room approximately seven (7) feet from the floor and three feet from the east wall. A one half inch diameter hole was also found in a metal venetian blind on a door leading to the store room.

The above recovered revolver was brought to the District Station at which time the three arrested subjects were questioned as to the ownership of the revolver and all three denied any knowledge of same.

The victims Haynes, Wright, and witness Regazzi also viewed the revolver and all three denied seeing the revolver or any knowledge of ownership.

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James Edward VanHorn was then booked per A.R.#3-840 & 840A charged

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- B. Stealing 0/\$50.00
- C. Common Assault
- D. Destruction of Property
- 840A
- A. Discharging Firearms
- B. Public Disturbance of the Peace
- C. Resisting Arrest

Jimmy Doil VanHorn was then booked per A.R.#3-841 & 841A charged

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- B. Stealing 0/\$50.00
- C. Destruction of Property
- D. Public Disturbance of the Peace
- 841A
- A. Discharging Firearms in the City
- B. Common Assault

Eugene B. Vaughn was booked per A.R. #3-842 & 842A

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- B. Stealing 0/\$50.00
- C. Destruction of Property
- D. Public Disturbance of the Peace
- 842A
- A. Discharging Firearms in City
- B. Common Assault

The above recovered revolver, cartridges, and spent pellet were all properly marked and packaged to be delivered to the Police Laboratory in the A.M. of 2-21-68 by Patn. Pratt.

It should be noted that prior to the statements given by the three arrested subjects and victims all were confronted with each other and victims Haynes, and Wright along with Regazzi positively identified the arrested subjects as being the subjects who committed the above offense.

Department Photographer Sid Braff, 6014, came to the scene where photographs were taken of the interior of the above tavern.

Records check per records clerk Dickerson, 6352, revealed No Wanted on all three subjects. No record on James E VanHorn, prior records on Nimmy D. VanHorn and Eugene Vaughn.

Criminal Information Sheets and Alibi Sheets have been properly

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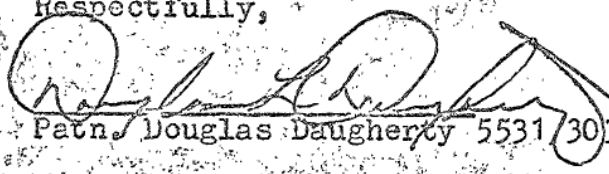
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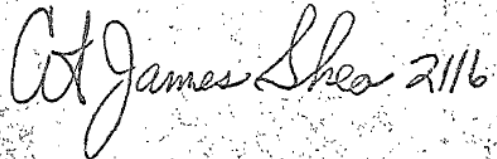
prepared to be presented to the office of the Circuit Attorney at the time of Warrant Application.

Station 225, News Desk, was notified of the above incident per clerk Slaton, DSN 3558.

Neoama Regazzi stated she was positive as to the amount taken from the cash register due to the fact she remembered the denominations of the currency.

Respectfully,


Patn. Douglas Daugherty 5531/303

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WAIVER OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

INDIVIDUAL'S NAME JAMES EDWARD VANHORN

LOCATION OF WARNING 2727 So 12th

I understand and am fully aware of my right to remain silent, my right to a lawyer, and my right to have a lawyer provided for me if I am too poor to hire one. I also understand and am fully aware that anything I say can and will be used against me in a court of law.

I am willing to answer questions and make a statement. I do not want a lawyer at this time. No promises or threats have been made to me and no pressure of any kind has been used against me.

James E. VanHorn 2-20-68 11:00 P.M.
Signature of Individual Date Time

Patricia L. Pratt D.S.N. 5934 DIST. 303 2-20-68 11:00 PM
Witness Date Time

☐ REFUSED TO SIGN

Patricia L. Pratt 5531
Officer's Signature DSN

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WAIVER OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

INDIVIDUAL'S NAME EUGENE BUFFORD VAUGHN

LOCATION OF WARNING 2727 So 12th

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Eugene Vaughn 2-20-68 11:00 P.M.
Signature of Individual Date Time

Pat. Gary L. Pratt DSN 5934 DIST. 303 2-20-68 11:00 PM
Witness Date Time

☐ REFUSED TO SIGN

Pat. Gary L. Pratt 5934
Officer's Signature DSN

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WAIVER OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

INDIVIDUAL'S NAME JIMMY DOIN VANHORN

LOCATION OF WARNING 2727 SO 12TH

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I am willing to answer questions and make a statement. I do not want a lawyer at this time. - No promises or threats have been made to me and no pressure of any kind has been used against me.

Jimmy Doin VanHorn 2-20-68 11:00 P.M.
Signature of Individual Date Time

Pete Gary L. Pratt DSN 303 2-20-68 11:00 P.M.
Witness DSN 5934 Date Time



REFUSED TO SIGN

Pete Gary L. Pratt DSN 5934
Officer's Signature DSN

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IC DYER also located in the files of the St. Louis Police Department a report by that department pertaining to its investigation on the application of CAROL ANN PEPPER for a liquor license. This report is as follows:

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METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT - CITY OF ST. LOUIS
LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

1. Application for a Full Denial Liquor License.
2. Date(a) 11-14-67 Complaint Number(b) 442277

APPLICANT INFORMATION

3. Name of Applicant:(a) PEPPER, CAROL ANN Nee:(b) RAY
4. Address: NEW ADDRESS- 2025 BELLE AVE, MAPLEWOOD, MO.
5. The above applicant was interviewed by me this date and verified the information contained in the enclosed Excise Division Application. His (her) Records and Identification Division report is enclosed. If the Excise Division Application is not verified or if applicant disagrees with Records and Identification Division report, indicate under "Comment".

PREMISES DESCRIPTION

6. Address: 1982 ARSENAL
7. Is there a clear view of the interior from the street? Yes ☒ No ☐
8. Are schools, playgrounds or churches within 100 feet of building? Yes ☐ No ☒
9. If Yes, list: _____
10. List existing licenses on the premises: _____

EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

List below employees on premises at time of inspection who are not listed on employee sheet enclosed with application. (Attach Records and Identification Division reports on all employees.)

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|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. Name:(a) _____ | Nee:(b) _____ | | |
| 2. Address:(a) _____ | Date of Birth:(b) _____ | Race(c) _____ | Sex(d) _____ |
| 3. Name:(a) _____ | Nee:(b) _____ | | |
| 4. Address:(a) _____ | Date of Birth:(b) _____ | Race(c) _____ | Sex(d) _____ |
| 5. Name:(a) _____ | Nee:(b) _____ | | |
| 6. Address:(a) _____ | Date of Birth:(b) _____ | Race(c) _____ | Sex(d) _____ |
7. If employee disagrees with the attached Records and Identification Division report indicate under "Comment".

PETITION INFORMATION

8. I have interviewed the signers of the attached petition (exceptions noted below) and those whose signatures are not genuine or who object to the proposed occupancy are listed herein:

Name(a) _____	Address(b) _____	Reason(c) _____
Name(d) _____	Address(e) _____	Reason(f) _____
Name(g) _____	Address(h) _____	Reason(i) _____

9. Signers not interviewed: _____

(a) Cpl Frank Vaughn 5765
Jim Joseph Ogata 19
Investigating Officer

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(b) Captain Walter Brown
District Commander

Applicant's application answers in the negative to the question "Are there any churches, schools, playgrounds or parks within a 300' radius of the premises?" A check discloses that Benton Park is directly across the street from the premises at the southwest corner of Illinois and Arsenal. Benton Park has a playground area in the park, this area is about 300' from the premises.

Record room indicates no prior record on the applicant, and when interviewed, she verified the fact that she has no record of arrests.

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RECORDS DIVISION

Record of Arrest

November 10, 1967

@Ray

Name searched Carol Ann Pepper, 1805 S. 11th, DOB [] St. Louis, Mo.
 The entries shown on this form are the result of a name search of the arrest card files.
 Fingerprint and other positive identification means were not a part of this search and there-
 fore, the Police Department assumes no responsibility for stating that this record belongs
 to the person for whom the inquiry was made since many individuals have the same name.

Respectfully, Commander, Records Division - per clerk

Shirley Thomas
 4978

Date of Arrest

Charge

Disposition

Bus address: 1982 Arsenal

NO RECORD
 11-10-1967
 CLERK *A. Thomas*
 Bureau of Records

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See Reverse Side for Disposition Key.

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Records of the Commercial Credit Rating Company, as checked on April 29, 1968, by IC DYER, disclosed no record in the name of CAROL PEPPER but did disclose a record of ALBERT B. PEPPER who was 17 years of age as of September 1960 and showed the following information concerning him:

Addresses	1700 block of Lafayette (February 1960); 2021 Bellview (February 1968)
Employments	Unemployed (February 1960); New Market Hardware (February 1968)
Inquiries	September 5, 1963, Liberty Loan Company (VI 2-2100); February 6, 1968, GMAC (Lindell) (Ha 9-3122)

This credit record also contained a news clipping in February 1960 reflecting a sentence of PEPPER to 30 days in the workhouse and a \$35 fine for 12 counts of traffic charges resulting from a high speed chase by the police.

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JOHN LARRY RAY - BROTHER

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JAMES EARL RAY
HOTEL CLERK

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ALBERT J. RUSHING and Special Agent RICHARD T. HRADSKY on April 19, 1968, at the MacArthur Hotel, 100 North Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri:

Mr. IRVIN SHATZMAN, Manager, MacArthur Hotel, made available records pertaining to the registration of guests at the hotel which were reviewed for the period January 26, 1968, to April 19, 1968. From this review the following registration cards were located:

Registration card number 8709, reflecting that JERRY W. RAY, 3535 Dundee Road, Northbrook, Illinois, registered at 10:00 p.m., February 2, 1968, in room 501, at a rate of \$4.00 per day. He was registered for only that one date.

Registration card number 8791, reflecting that JOHN RAY, 1912 Hickory, St. Louis, Missouri, registered into room 614 at 2:10 a.m., February 6, 1968, at a rate of \$4.00 per day. He was registered only that one date at that time.

Registration card number 8976, reflecting that Mr. and Mrs. JOHN RAY, 1886 Wyoming, St. Louis, Missouri, were registered into room 1203, at 2:10 a.m., February 17, 1968, at a rate of \$6.00 per day. They were registered for only that one date.

Each of the foregoing three registration cards had initials which were identified by Mr. SHATZMAN as the initials of CHARLES BREITWEISER, Clerk at the MacArthur Hotel, signifying that BREITWEISER was the clerk on duty at the time of each registration.

The following personnel of the MacArthur Hotel were contacted on April 19, 1968, at which time the original registration cards referred to above were exhibited to them and also photographs of subject JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to them:

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ROMEO WARD
Extra Bellboy

RAYMOND RILEY
Bellboy

LOUIS ZIRKEL
Clerk

BLOOMER A. HALL
Clerk.

Each of the foregoing persons advised he was unable to recall any circumstances relating to the persons who were registered at the hotel as indicated by the three registration cards and each advised he could not recall having encountered or seen any person similar in appearance to the photographs of subject RAY.

Mr. SHATZMAN, the manager of the MacArthur Hotel, advised that other hotel personnel, not then on duty and not available at that time for interview, included the following bellboys and clerks:

ENOCH KIGER
Bellboy

WILLIAM TYSON
Bellboy

CHARLES BREITWEISER
Clerk.

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Re: Ray Reinterview - MacArthur Hotel (Check)

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On April 23, 1968, SA RICHARD T. HANCOCK interviewed the following persons at the MacArthur Hotel:

CHARLES DEMITRYSHIN, Clerk, whose initials appeared on the registration cards;

WILLIAM TYSON, Bell-hop;

LOUIS BARNES, Clerk;

ERICK HUGHES, Bell-hop, was located and interviewed at his home, 4177 Dolmar, St. Louis, Missouri.

R. A. HANCOCK, Desk Clerk.

None of the above recognized the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as ever being a guest at the hotel nor did they know JOHN or JIMMY RAY or associate any incident at the hotel with either the names or the registration cards.

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GMP:paw

RE: JAMES EARL RAY
RELATIVES - NEIGHBORHOOD

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by SAs
GEORGE M. PEET and ALBERT J. RUSHING, April 19, 1968.

JOHN RAY, brother of subject, when registering at the MacArthur Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, February, 1968, showed one address at 1886 Wyoming, and on a second registration during February, 1968, he gave his address as 1912 Hickory.

From observation it was determined that the address 1886 Wyoming is non-existent; that the area where this address would normally be located is the north edge of Cherokee Part, a city park in St. Louis.

TONY CREAMER, 1915 Hickory, advised that the FBI had previously talked with his mother, HELEN CREAMER, attempting to locate JAMES RAY. He indicated that while he did not know them, he understood that the RAY family previously lived at 1913 Hickory Street and that the only people in the neighborhood who have been in the area long enough to remember the RAYs were the TURNBOUGHS at 1902 Hickory and Mrs. MARTIN at 1917a Hickory.

JUNE TURNBOUGH, 1902 Hickory, and Mrs. SOPHIE MARTIN, 1917a Hickory, were both contacted at the TURNBOUGH residence, at which time Mrs. TURNBOUGH indicated she had resided in the area for 21 years, while the MARTINS had resided there for 14 years. They recalled that about 1959 or so a woman named LUCILLE, her mother, and LUCILLE's son resided in and operated a rooming house at 1913 Hickory. Mrs. TURNBOUGH recalled that LUCILLE's son, who may have been the subject, was with her son when he was walking across the roofs of the houses on Hickory Street and fell through a skylight. Mrs. TURNBOUGH and Mrs. MARTIN advised there has been a high turnover of residents in the area during past years, that there is no one else in the neighborhood that was residing there during 1959, and that neither of them have heard or seen anything of or concerning the family occupying 1913 Hickory during 1959.

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Re: Ray Relatives - JOHN RAY

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES E. LINDSAY and SA WALTER C. JOHNSON:

On April 20, 1968, Mr. GOERGE SVOBODA, JR., 1926 Allen Street, which is the property in the area where 2012 Mississippi Avenue would be located, was contacted. Mr. SVOBODA related that the address 2012 Mississippi does not exist. He advised that it would be the rear of his property if it did exist. He stated that his property is the Moydell Funeral Home and has been in existence for over thirty years. He advised that he has never had any person by the name of RAY employed by the company. He viewed a photograph of the subject JAMES EARL RAY and advised that this person was not familiar to him.

On April 20, 1968, Mr. and Mrs. WALTER SCHUESSLER, 2011A Mississippi Avenue, advised that he could not recall a JOHN LARRY RAY having resided at the address of 2011 or 2013 Mississippi in the last few years. He advised that he has resided at this address for the last 28 years and that he cannot recall any person by that name residing at the address.

On April 20, 1968, GEORGE CARDWELL, former owner, National Market, Russell and Mississippi Avenues, advised that he could not recall any person who resided in the vicinity of 2000 block of Mississippi Avenue who used the name of RAY. He advised that he had operated the above store for a period of 20 years and was familiar with most of the people in the neighborhood, and could not recall anyone answering the description of the subject JAMES EARL RAY either.

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RE: RAY RELATIVES

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent HARRY C. JUNG on April 23, 1968:

Through the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Kirkwood, Missouri, it was ascertained that 1968 Missouri license AE2-558, was issued on a 1960 Ford coach, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) 0Y71Y122630, to JOHN RAY, 1912 California Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

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JOHN LARRY RAY, also known as JACK, was located at the Grapevine Bar, 1982 Arsenal Street, St. Louis, Missouri, telephone Prospect 6-9417. RAY readily admitted his identity and also admitted that he is the brother of JAMES EARL RAY. He said that he had not spoken with anyone concerning the charges against his brother, and this includes other members of his family.

RAY stated that he last saw JAMES two to four years ago, when he visited his brother at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. Prior to this visit, he had not seen his brother for approximately fifteen years. On that occasion, JAMES EARL RAY had just been discharged from the United States Army and visited members of the family in Quincy, Illinois. RAY said that he has had no other contacts with his brother over these many years and has no knowledge of his whereabouts. He insisted that he has not been contacted by his brother since the latter's escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary in 1967 and, as a matter of fact, did not know of the escape.

JOHN RAY stated that he is commonly known as JACK. He said that his sister, CAROL ANN PEPPER, owns the Grapevine Bar and has operated the establishment since the fall of 1967. He claimed that he did not have any interest in the business other than to assist his sister. He said that she had had some trouble with patrons fighting and since that time he has tried to assist her in the operation of the bar.

JOHN RAY stated that the last time he was outside the City of St. Louis was three, four or possibly five months ago, when he went to Quincy, Illinois, to visit his sister.

During the interview, the following descriptive and background information was obtained:

Name	JOHN LARRY RAY, also known as JACK RAY
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Alton, Illinois

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SA ROBERT A. HESS HCH:klr Date dictated 4/23/68

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Height	5'10" to 5'11"
Weight	160 to 170 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium
Peculiarities	Slight speech impediment
Residence	1900a Cherokee Street, St. Louis, Missouri (rents two rooms above Cherokee Buffet)
Marital Status	Single
Military Service	None
Criminal Record	None admitted
Automobile	1960 Ford Thunderbird, two-door, hardtop, white over blue, bearing Missouri license AE2-558
Relatives	Mother LUCILLE RAY, nee MAHER Deceased Father Refused to identify Sisters MELBA RAY, Quincy, Illinois; Mrs. CAROL ANN PEPPER 2025 Bellevue Maplewood, Missouri; SUSAN RAY Current address unknown JERRY RAY Chicago, Illinois; FRANK RAY Deceased (killed in automobile accident in 1964);
Brothers	



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WILLIAM MAHER
1118 East Seventh Street
Alton, Illinois.

It is noted that RAY was initially uncooperative and said, "What's all the excitement about? He only killed a nigger. if he had killed a white man you wouldn't be here. King should have been killed ten years ago."

Special Agent JUNG informed JOHN RAY of the provisions of the Harboring Statute and cautioned him concerning withholding information concerning a Federal fugitive.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 29, 1968

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JOHN LARRY RAY was contacted at the Grape Vine Tavern, 1982 Arsenal Street, St. Louis, Missouri, where he was attending bar. RAY was asked to re-iterate when he last saw his brother JAMES EARL RAY, and he said that it was several years ago at the Missouri State Penitentiary. He was asked how many times he had visited his brother in the penitentiary and on this occasion said two or three times.

RAY was reminded that the records of the penitentiary reflected that he was a visitor on at least nine occasions the last of which was on April 22, 1967, the day before the brother escaped. RAY stated that he was confident that he had only been to visit his brother in jail on three or four occasions. He did not recall the date of his last visit. He stated that he formerly had a visitor's permit issued to JOHN or JERRY RAY. He and his brother JERRY possibly used the same permit. He said that the exact number of visits he made to the penitentiary could be determined through handwriting examination of the prison records.

RAY said that he himself was released from the Menard Penitentiary, Chester, Illinois, in February, 1960. Following release he came to St. Louis where the subject was incarcerated in the City Jail. RAY visited his brother at the jail prior to his being sent to the State penitentiary. RAY pointed out that he was in the Menard Penitentiary for seven years on a larceny conviction and thus he could have had no personal contact with his brother from 1953 until 1967, other than on prison visits. RAY insisted that he knew nothing of subject's plans to escape and that he has had no contact with his brother since the escape. He added that he did not know of his brother's escape from the penitentiary until several weeks or perhaps a month after the actual escape when he heard of same on the radio. He noted that no law enforcement officers have contacted him concerning his brother other than during instant investigation.

RAY stated that after coming to St. Louis in February, 1960, he remained here for two or three months and then went to Chicago, Illinois, where he worked as a bartender. His most

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SA HARRY C. JUNG H CJ:bam Date dictated April 26, 1968

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steady job was at the White Pine Golf Course, Bensonville, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago where he worked for approximately four years. He also worked briefly at the Greyhound Bus Depot, Chicago. He said that he returned to St. Louis approximately one year ago and has had various part-time jobs one of which was as a bartender at the Arena Bowl for several weeks, and another as a bartender at 901 N. Kings-highway Boulevard.

He has been working at the Grape Vine Tavern since it opened in December, 1967. He claimed that his sister, CAROL PEPPER was the owner of the tavern, but admitted that he himself had \$1,800 invested in the business.

The interview was terminated when other patrons entered the establishment and RAY had to attend bar. He indicated that the barmaid he usually has working during the day became ill and went to a hospital for treatment.

The provisions of the harboring statute were re-iterated to RAY but he insisted that he did not know the whereabouts of his brother JAMES EARL RAY.

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Date May 9, 1968

1.

JOHN LARRY RAY interviewed in the vicinity of the Grapevine Tavern, 1982 Arsenal Street, St. Louis, Missouri, at which time he advised that his brother, JERRY RAY, arrived here from Chicago about 9:30 AM on April 30, 1968, at which time he woke him up at his residence. He stated during the time JERRY remained in St. Louis they spent most of their time around the tavern, however, did visit their sister, CAROL PEPPER in Maplewood, Missouri.

He stated that the majority of the conversation concerned harassment of sister CAROL and brother JERRY by newspaper reporters. JOHN RAY related that JERRY indicated if the harassment in Chicago continued he would quit his job.

JOHN RAY stated that his brother JERRY left to return to Chicago driving his own automobile, a light green DeSoto, about 11:00 AM, May 1, 1968.

JOHN RAY specifically stated that during the conversation there was no indication that either JERRY or CAROL had any knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY's location or contact with him directly or indirectly since his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary.

JOHN RAY pointed out that the only one member of the family whose location would be known to JAMES EARL RAY would probably be JERRY because the rest of the family have all moved at one time or another since the escape, and JERRY RAY's address would be the only stable address known to JAMES EARL RAY.

When questioned regarding amounts of money sent to the Missouri State Penitentiary for JAMES EARL RAY, JOHN RAY stated that he would on occasion send his brother money while a prisoner at Jefferson City, however, could not specifically recall the amounts or the number of times he sent money. He stated that he did this because of the realization by himself having been a prisoner how hard it is to come by the necessities while a prisoner and also due to the fact that his brother JAMES EARL RAY had sent him money while he (JOHN RAY) was a prisoner at the Menard Penitentiary.

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by SA F. JACK WILLIAMS
SA PATRICK W. BRADLEY PWB:bam Date dictated 5/7/68

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With regard to his brother, JOHN RAY stated that JAMES EARL RAY appeared to be a normal person as far as he recalls until he returned from the Army in Germany when on contact subsequent to this return he gathered the opinion that JAMES EARL RAY became a narcotics user while in the Army or else had some other cause to act crazy on occasion.

JOHN RAY further pointed out that it was his belief that if his brother, JAMES EARL RAY, killed Dr. KING he was either crazy at the time or was paid for this act of violence. He conjectured that if it was a crazy act or an act while he was mentally unstable he felt that JAMES EARL RAY would never then contact any member of the family. Further, if this killing were for money he would not contact any of the family because he would not need any help financially. He indicated that it was his opinion that if he were paid by any person or group for this assassination that they in turn would kill his brother to seal his lips forever and prevent any connection between the individuals responsible for the contract and the assassination of KING.

JOHN RAY stated that he knew of no close friends of his brother, that his brother was a loner, and any friends he would make would be short term acquaintances.

JOHN RAY again emphatically denied any knowledge of, direct or indirect contact with his brother, JAMES EARL RAY, since his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary. He reiterated that in the event he should garner any knowledge concerning his brother's whereabouts he would immediately contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation inasmuch as he was well aware of the provisions of the harboring statute and does not want (himself) to return to prison over something that he could avoid.

JOHN RAY stated that he has not been contacted by anybody regarding money in connection with paying or collecting any amounts owed by or to his brother while his brother was an inmate in the Missouri State Penitentiary. Further, that he

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never furnished any money to an attorney, in fact did not even know the name of any attorney that might have been in previous contact with his brother, JAMES EARL RAY. He noted, however, that he vaguely recalls his brother mentioning during one visit to the penitentiary that he had an attorney either in Columbia, Missouri, or Jefferson City, Missouri, however, he was very unspecific regarding this and it may have been that he just wrote to one of those from the prison in an effort to get some brief set forth, and there would be a record of this communication in the Missouri State Penitentiary correspondence records.

With regard to correspondence JOHN RAY stated that he does not recall receiving many letters but may have received one or two letters from JAMES while one or the other of them was a prisoner, but believes that JERRY RAY may have corresponded more frequently with him.

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Date May 10, 19681

JOHN LARRY RAY was contacted at his residence, 1902A Cherokee Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

He advised that his brother, JERRY RAY, arrived in St. Louis last night from Chicago driving his own car and getting to the Grapevine Tavern about 9:30 p.m.

After remaining at the tavern for a short period of time he left indicating he was tired and was going to go to a hotel (name not mentioned) and would meet tomorrow about noon at the Grapevine Tavern with JOHN.

JOHN RAY stated that JERRY indicated he wanted to get away from Chicago for awhile because of harassment from newspaper reporters and did not know how long he intended to stay in St. Louis. JOHN RAY pointed out that there was no statement made by JERRY that would lead him to believe that JERRY had any knowledge of the whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY.

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SA F. JACK WILLIAMS PWB: pdp Date dictated 5/8/68

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JERRY RAY - BROTHER

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

RE: RAY RELATIVES

Major JOHN DOUGHERTY, Chief of Detectives, St. Louis Police Department, advised SA ROBERT L. BENDER on April 19, 1968, that information had been received from a Police Department informant, reliability unknown, that subject JAMES EARL RAY had a brother, J. RAY, residing in East St. Louis, Illinois, with telephone number UPTon 1-3336 or UPTon 4-3336. He stated that according to the informant this individual formerly resided at 1512 College Street, East St. Louis, Illinois, but had recently moved.

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RE: SUBJECT'S RELATIVE JERRY RAY

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On April 30, 1968, the following investigation was conducted by SA PATRICK W. BRADLEY:

At 9:54 a.m., a white over light green, four door, 1960 DeSoto automobile, bearing Illinois license KX 5820, was parked facing north on the east side of Illinois Avenue, approximately one-third of a block south of Arsenal Street. This car had men's clothes hanging in the rear seat area behind the driver's side of the front seat.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

RE: RAY RELATIVES

At 11:15 a.m. on April 30, 1968, SAs ALBERT J. RUSHING and EARL E. BROWN observed the 1960 DeSoto bearing Illinois license KX-5820, said to be operated by subject's brother JERRY RAY, parked in front of the residence at 3118 Illinois. It was on the east side of the street, headed north. This residence is the third house south of the Grape Vine Tavern, owned by subject's sister CAROL PEPPER.

At 2:55 p.m. the same agents observed this vehicle parked across the street from CAROL PEPPER's residence, 2025 Bellevue, Maplewood, Missouri.

On May 1, 1968, SAs F. JACK WILLIAMS, PATRICK W. BRADLEY, ALBERT J. RUSHING and EARL E. BROWN observed this same vehicle parked on Illinois near the Grape Vine Tavern at 8:00 a.m. At 10:21 a.m. SAs WILLIAMS and BRADLEY observed subject's brothers JOHN and JERRY RAY arrive at the Grape Vine Tavern in JOHN's Thunderbird. Both went into the tavern.

At 10:51 a.m. JERRY RAY entered the DeSoto and proceeded west on Arsenal to Gravois, which is U. S. Highway 66, and turn northeast on Gravois. He crossed into Illinois from Missouri on the Poplar Street Bridge at 10:59 a.m. He continued in a northerly direction on U. S. Highway 66, and was last observed crossing the Madison County, Illinois, line. This observation was likewise made by SAs WILLIAMS, BRADLEY, RUSHING and BROWN.

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1Date 5/3/68

During the course of a check of a 1960 white over light green Desoto bearing Illinois license KX5-820 observed at Illinois and Arsenal Street the following was noted:

7:50 a.m. auto observed parked facing north on the east side of Illinois Avenue approximately three car lengths south of Arsenal Street.

9:59 a.m. JOHN LARRY RAY and JERRY RAY were observed arriving at the intersection of Illinois Avenue and Arsenal Streets in a white over light blue Thunderbird automobile bearing Missouri license AE2-558. After parking this automobile they entered the Grape Vine Tavern, 1982 Arsenal Street.

10:35 a.m. Schlitz beer truck making delivery at Grape Vine Tavern.

10:46 a.m. JERRY RAY observed approaching the Desoto automobile.

10:47 a.m. checked left front tire with a tool taken from the trunk of automobile.

10:49 a.m. entered car and drove north on Illinois, west on Arsenal and north on Jefferson Street.

10:54 a.m. was observed proceeding east on Gravois to Mc Nair.

10:55 a.m. he entered Interstate 55 proceeding north from Gravois and at 10:58 a.m. entered the ramp of the Poplar Street Bridge heading east.

10:59 a.m. he crossed over the Illinois State Line marker in center of Poplar Street Bridge.

11:04 a.m. he was observed to go on Highway 66 toward Chicago, Illinois, at Madison County Line, Route 111 in Illinois.

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SA PATRICK W. BRADLEY
by SA F. JACK WILLIAMS PWB:hcv Date dictated 5/1/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date May 9, 1968

JERRY RAY advised telephonically at 9:25 a.m. on May 7, 1968, that he had arrived in St. Louis on the evening of May 3, 1968, and that he had, after conferring briefly with his brother JOHN RAY, gone to the MacArthur Hotel in St. Louis where he had registered using the surname of RYAN.

He spent the following day with his brother, JOHN, and stayed at the St. Regis Hotel in St. Louis that night under the name of RYAN.

He spent his waking hours on Sunday, May 5, 1968, with his brother, JOHN, at his residence and the Grape Vine Tavern and that evening both he and his brother, JOHN, traveled in JERRY's automobile to the residence of their father, JERRY RAYNES, Center, Missouri, where they spent the night and returned to St. Louis on the morning of May 6, 1968.

He spent his waking hours on May 6, 1968, with his brother, JOHN, and stayed at JOHN's apartment that night.

He stated he contemplated contacting his Chicago employer telephonically later on the morning of May 7, 1968, to determine if reporters had left his employment and whether or not it might be safe for him to return. He indicated he would contact Special Agent HAROLD R. DOBSON later in this regard.

He stated that, if the press was still active at his employment, he would either spend a few days with his father in Center, Missouri, or go to the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, area. He is using the surname RYAN and had experienced no difficulty with reporters since leaving Chicago.

He had contacted his sister, CAROL PEPPER, telephonically but had not seen her personally up to that time. He was aware that she had visited her father in Center on Sunday, May 5, 1968, but stated she had left prior to the arrival of himself and his brother, JOHN, which he estimated was approximately 8:00 or 9:00 p.m., after dark.

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He indicated his intention of personally contacting his sister, CAROL PEPPER, on the afternoon of May 7, 1968.

He was convinced from his conversations with his father, his brother - JOHN RAY and his telephonic contact with his sister, CAROL PEPPER, that none of them had any information as to the whereabouts of the subject.

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1Date May 9, 1968

JERRY RAY telephonically advised Special Agent HAROLD R. DOBSON he had just called his Chicago employer and had learned no reporters had been seen in the vicinity of his employment on the previous day. This employer had indicated that he was welcome to return if he so desired.

He expressed the belief it would be desirable to remain in the St. Louis area for one additional day and that if a check with his employer showed his employment area free of reporters on May 8, 1968, he contemplated returning to Chicago on that date.

It was intention to stay with his brother, JOHN, that night.

He stated that at the time of making contact with Special Agent DOBSON he was en route to his sister's, CAROL PEPPER, residence to spend the afternoon with her and that he would later advise Special Agent DOBSON of the results of his conversations with her.

He stated he had never lived at Lancaster, Missouri, and had never used that city as a mailing address.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date May 9, 1968

JERRY RAY telephonically contacted Special Agent HAROLD R. DOBSON at 6:30 p.m. on May 7, 1968, following a visit with his sister, CAROL PEPPER.

He stated she had indicated she had nothing specifically against the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) which prevented her cooperation but that she and her husband were both angry with law enforcement generally because members of the St. Louis, Missouri, Police Department had disclosed the PEPPER relationship to subject to her husband's employer who had proceeded to advise other employees with the result that her husband had been regarded with suspicion by them, particularly by Negro fellow employees.

He had assured her that the FBI had not disclosed any information concerning the relatives and that the FBI had assured him that it was interested in preventing harassment of relatives by the press. He pointed out that his own harassment by the press had not been caused by the FBI and he attributed the relative lack of press harassment experience by Missouri relatives to the FBI policy of secrecy.

She told him she and her husband had even talked seriously of selling their home and leaving the area.

She also expressed her beliefs to him that subject was not guilty of the KING assassination.

He stated that he would stay with his brother, JOHN, the night of May 7, 1968, and would recontact his Chicago employer telephonically on the morning of May 8, 1968. He stated that in the event the area surrounding his employment was free from reporters at that time it was his intention to leave St. Louis for Chicago at approximately noon on May 8, 1968. He stated he would telephonically contact Special Agent DOBSON prior to his departure.

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1Date May 10, 1968

JERRY RAY telephonically contacted Special Agent SPURGEON J. PETERSON at 1:45 PM on May 8, 1968. He stated he had decided not to return to Chicago until approximately 2:00 PM on May 9, 1968. He indicated he would be required to go to work at the club where he is employed by 9:00 PM on that date. He stated further that he would be living at a new address in Chicago as the club had obtained new living quarters for him. He was not aware of the address at that time but would determine same on his arrival in Chicago.

He stated he contemplated spending the afternoon and part of the evening at the residence of his sister, CAROL PEPPER, and that he planned on having his evening meal there.

He stated he would call Special Agent HAROLD R. DOBSON following his visit with the PEPPERS and that he would contact Special Agent DOBSON between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM prior to his departure on May 9, 1968.

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RE: RAY RELATIVES

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent HARRY C. JUNG on April 23, 1968:

JOHN J. QUINN, Excise Commissioner for the City of St. Louis, City Hall, 12th and Market Streets, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that CAROL ANN PEPPER was issued a City Full Drink License, number 5056, on November 27, 1967, for the operation of a tavern at 1982 Arsenal Street, St. Louis, Missouri. In her application, PEPPER indicated she was born [redacted], Ewing, Missouri, and resides at 1805 South 11th Street, St. Louis, Missouri. She indicated previous residences at 712 and 713 Shenandoah Street, and claimed no arrest record. Her husband, ALBERT BENNY PEPPER, was born on [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois, and was employed as a property maintenance man by the New Market Hardware Company, Laclede and Sarah Avenues, St. Louis, Missouri. PEPPER stated that she rented the premises and fixtures from SHARON M. STOCKMAN for a two-year period commencing October 1, 1967, through September 30, 1969, for \$80 per month.

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RAY RELATIVES
PEPPER LIQUOR LICENSE

The following investigation was conducted by
SA PATRICK W. BRADLEY:

On April 23, 1968, Special Agent ROBERT W. FODDE, State Liquor Control Office, Continental Building, Grand and Olive Streets, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that all applications for retail liquor dealer licenses are forwarded along with the investigation regarding the application to the State Liquor Control Office, Jefferson City, Missouri, where they would be under the control of State Liquor Control Supervisor HARRY WIGGINS.

Mr. FODDE pointed out that the application for retail liquor dealer license in the State of Missouri is very detailed, including questions such as residence of the owner and operator for the past 10 years and details as to where the money for the purchase or commencing of business was obtained.

Mr. FODDE stated that from his limited records maintained at this office it would appear that CAROL PEPPER was issued a license under their control number 6243, doing business as Jack's Place at 1982 Arsenal Street, St. Louis, Missouri. A notation in the file indicates that applicant's husband has a police record.

At time of application a surety bond of \$2000 is required and this bond was signed by professional bondsman HENRY GRIESEDIECK.

With regard to this tavern location, it was previously operated as a tavern by one GEORGINE AUDREY MC GUIRE, which license was issued July 1, 1966; however, was not renewed July 1, 1967, and, therefore, assumed to be discontinued as a business on or before June 30, 1967. Mr. FODDE pointed out that their records indicate that this particular license of CAROL PEPPER's was applied for as "sole owner and operator" and, therefore, hidden ownership or operation by someone else under her license would be a violation of the Liquor Control Laws of the State of Missouri subjecting the license to suspension or revocation.

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RAY RELATIVES
PEPPER LIQUOR LICENSE

The following investigation was conducted by
SA PATRICK W. BRADLEY:

On April 23, 1968, Mr. DAN PFIEFER, Acting Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service, Alcohol, Tobacco and Tax Unit, 200 North Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that Form 11 Special Tax Return must be filed with the Special Tax Unit of Internal Revenue Service prior to the issuing of a Federal Liquor Tax Stamp. Mr. PFIEFER pointed out that in the event such return were filed under the name of one person who was merely a "front" whereas in reality another person was the true owner and the individual liable for the Special Tax Return for the operation of a tavern, then the one making the return would be liable under Title 26, Section 7206, Paragraph 2, U. S. Code, for filing a false Special Tax Return and subject to \$5000 fine and/or three years imprisonment or both.

Mr. PFIEFER pointed out that no background information to any extent is obtained at the time of filing Form 11 merely requesting the name of the owner or partner, the trade name of the business, the address of the business and whether or not this is a new business, a renewal of tax stamp, a change of location or a change of ownership.

Miss KATHERINE BURKE, Special Tax Unit, Internal Revenue Service, 12th and Market Streets, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that a Form 11 Special Tax Return was filed under the name CAROL PEPPER, doing business as Jack's Place, 1982 Arsenal Street, St. Louis, Missouri. The tax was paid in the amount of \$31.50 for a retail liquor dealer class of tax. This return was signed CAROL PEPPER and under title of the individual signing this return the word owner is circled with the date being shown as November 27, 1967. The form is checked for a new business with the date of commencement shown as December 1, 1967. The date of issue is reflected as December 1, 1967, with the stamp number being reflected as 249659.

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JOHN DE LEONARDO, Credit Manager, General Motors Acceptance Corporation (GMAC), 8961 Page Boulevard, furnished the following information to SA EARL F. BROWN:

Contract number 3239 was signed by JOHN RAY, 1982 Arsenal, St. Louis, Missouri, as principal mortgagor on February 7, 1968, for an Ideal Draft Beer Cooler for a cash sale price of \$658 with a down payment of \$58. The terms of the chattel mortgage provide that 36 payments of \$38 and one payment of \$34.94 are to be made, payable \$1.25 per day in the meter. The cooler is to be located at the Grape Vine, 1982 Arsenal. The seller was Frigid Sales and Service Corporation, 7589 Olive Boulevard, St. Louis. The signer as co-mortgagor was CAROL PEPPER, 2025 Bellevue, Maplewood, Missouri.

GMAC records reflect that CAROL PEPPER has a checking and savings account at Manufacturer's Bank, St. Louis, Missouri.

Since JOHN RAY is first signer of the mortgage, GMAC looks to him as being legally liable for payments on this cooler, which was sold by MIKE BURK of Frigid Sales, and who is said to be well acquainted with JOHN RAY.

GMAC records further reflect that CAROL PEPPER's husband is a plumber employed by New Market Hardware, Sarah and Laclede.

A Xerox copy of the chattel mortgage in question is attached.

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On 4-26-68 at St. Louis, Missouri File # SL 44-775

by SA EARL E. BROWN /ral Date dictated 4-29-68

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