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Mrs. MARGIE E. GRIFFITH, Manager, Hertz Rent-A-Car, Lake Charles Municipal Airport, advised her records show part-time employee BRENDA CONOVER, 208 West Spring Street, Lake Charles, was on duty at 7:49 PM, December 17, 1967. She stated BRENDA attends McNeese State College, Lake Charles, and is out of town on a school trip until the morning of May 2, 1968.

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Miss BRENDA CONOVER, 208 West Spring Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana, advised she is employed part-time at the Hertz Rent-A-Car Office at Lake Charles Municipal Airport. She stated the manager checked the records and determined that she was working on the night of December 17, 1967.

She stated that she does not recall having received a telephone call from Houston, Texas, at 7:49 PM on December 17, 1967, and she checked the office telephone log and found that no such call was recorded on that date.

Miss CONOVER examined photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI number 409 942G. She stated that the photographs did not look like anyone she has ever seen.

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Re Telephone Call from Yuma, Arizona,
December 15, 1967, to Shreveport, Louisiana,
telephone number 318, 746-9200

On April 29, 1968, the Phoenix Office of the FBI
advised that on December 15, 1967, a telephone call had been
made from a pay telephone at Yuma, Arizona, to Shreveport,
Louisiana, telephone number 318, 746-9200.

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PAY PHONE CALL FROM YUMA,
ARIZONA, DECEMBER 15, 1967

The following investigation was conducted by SA's WILLIAM P. GREAVES and THURMAN P. KELLEY at Bossier City, Louisiana, on April 29, 1968:

A check of the current city directory for Bossier City, Louisiana, determined that phone number 746-9200 was listed to the Curtis Park Bar in Bossier City.

BIRDIE STRINGFELLOW, bartender, Curtis Park Bar, 2152 East Texas, was displayed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and she advised that she had never seen this individual before. STRINGFELLOW stated that the phone number 746-9200 is the number of the pay phone located in the bar. She stated that she was not working at the bar during the period December 15, 1967, and that the manager would have to be contacted for the employees of that period.

GLADYS ULLRICH, owner, Curtis Park Bar, was displayed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and she advised she had never seen this individual before. She stated that during the period December 15, 1967, she was working nights as a bartender THELMA RUSSELL. She stated she did not know the current address for RUSSELL but believed she was residing somewhere in Bossier City. ULLRICH advised that the day bartender during that time was a JERILE GARRETT who is currently residing at 833 Benton Road in Bossier City. She stated that the clientele of the bar consisted mainly of transients and that she would have no idea who might have received a call from Yuma, Arizona, on December 15, 1967. She stated that her husband, HANNO ULLRICH, also worked the bar on occasions and that he might have further information.

HANNO ULLRICH, owner, Curtis Park Bar, was displayed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised he had never seen this individual before. He stated he had no idea who might have called the bar from Yuma, Arizona, on December 15, 1967. ULLRICH stated he did not know a current address for THELMA RUSSELL who was formerly the night bartender but that possibly ANN HULLAND who worked at the Bossier Bottle Shop might know a current address.

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ANN HULLAND, Bossier Bottle Shop, 1316 East Texas, advised that she was a steady customer at the Curtis Park Bar and that she knew THELMA RUSSELL. She stated RUSSELL was residing as of a week ago somewhere on MacArthur Drive in Bossier City. She stated she did not know the house number; however, RUSSELL drove an old gray colored Plymouth. A photograph of RAY was displayed to HULLAND and she stated she had never seen this person before.

LINDA BONNER, 616 MacArthur Drive, advised that she had resided at that address for several years and did not know THELMA RUSSELL.

MYRTIS FREEMAN, 708 MacArthur Drive, advised that she had been residing at that address for about 13 years, but she did not know a THELMA RUSSELL.

Several attempts were made to contact JERILE GARRETT at 833 Benton Road with negative results.

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TOLL TELEPHONE CALL FROM YUMA, ARIZONA, DECEMBER 15, 1967

The following investigation was conducted by
SAs WILLIAM T. GREAVES and THURMAN P. KELLEY at Bossier City,
Louisiana:

On April 30, 1968, JERILE JARRETT, 833 Benton Road, advised that she was the day bartender at the Curtis Park Bar in Bossier City, during the period of December 15, 1967. She was displayed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that she had never seen this individual before. She stated that the customers at the bar often answer the pay phone and that it could have been any number of persons that might have received the call from Yuma on December 15, 1967. She stated that she had never overheard anyone in the bar mention having acquaintances in Yuma, Arizona. JARRETT stated that in view of the fact that the phone call was received at the bar in the evening, that possibly the night bartender, THELMA RUSSELL might be able to provide information. She stated that she did not have an address for RUSSELL, but believed she lives somewhere on Benton Road.

After several contacts, THELMA RUSSELL was located at 1609 Benton Road and advised that she had received a telephone call from her boy friend on December 15, 1967, from Yuma, Arizona. She advised that he is a trucker and had carried a shipment to California and had stopped in Yuma to telephone her. RUSSELL stated that she did not recognize the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as anyone that she had ever seen before.

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Re: Call Made From Coin Telephone,
Alpine, Texas, on December 16, 1967,
to Telephone Number 938-5638,
Greenwood, Louisiana

On May 1, 1968, the Dallas Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation advised that on December 16, 1967, a telephone call had been made at 12:43 a.m., from a coin telephone located at Alpine, Texas, to telephone number 938-5638, Greenwood, Louisiana.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA PATRICK R. COONEY, at Shreveport, Louisiana:

On May 2, 1968, a review of the current Shreveport, Louisiana, City Directory, revealed that R. L. HAMMETT and wife CATHERINE reside at Rural Route 2, Box 580, Greenwood, Louisiana. City directory shows HAMMETT's employment as Service Dispatcher for Southwestern Electric Power Company, Shreveport, Louisiana.

The records of the Bureau of Identification of the Shreveport, Louisiana, Police Department contain no record of R. L. HAMMETT.

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R. L. HAMMETT, Rural Route 2, Box 580, advised that he is the subscriber to telephone number 938-5638. Mr. HAMMETT stated that he was unable to recall who placed the call to his home from Alpine, Texas, on December 16, 1967. Mr. HAMMETT stated, however, that his father was quite sick about that time and he was receiving telephone calls from his uncle, ED HUNSUCKER, from various parts of Texas. HAMMETT stated that ED HUNSUCKER is a truck driver for Hill and Hill, Houston, Texas, and as such travels quite extensively throughout the state of Texas. Mr. HAMMETT stated that it must have been Mr. HUNSUCKER making the call to inquire as to his father's health condition. HAMMETT viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated this individual completely unknown to him.

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On 5/2/68 at Greenwood, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673

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SA JAMES W. SMITH PRC-kat Date dictated 5/2/68

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On May 7, 1968, information was received from the Houston Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that EDWARD L. HUNSUCKER, 1901 Florida Street, Baytown, Texas, had advised on May 3, 1968, that he may have made a long distance telephone call from a telephone booth on Interstate Highway 10 in East Texas on December 16, 1967. HUNSUCKER further advised that during mid-December, 1967, his nephew, R. L. HAMMETT, of Greenwood, Louisiana, was seriously ill and, therefore, HUNSUCKER made several long distance calls to the HAMMETT residence.

HUNSUCKER advised he is a truck driver and travels throughout the country and often makes calls from roadside telephone booths. HUNSUCKER advised that JAMES EARL RAY is unknown to him by name, aliases and photograph.

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Re: WANDA's Seven Seas Restaurant
New Orleans, Louisiana

On April 30, 1968, information was received from the Jackson Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that a person closely resembling photographs of JAMES EARL RAY had been observed in Wanda's Seven Seas Restaurant, New Orleans, Louisiana, in December, 1967. On this particular occasion a minor brawl resulted and several arrests were made as a result of a dog being brought in by one of the customers. It was not recalled whether the individual resembling RAY was one of those arrested.

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The following investigation was conducted at New Orleans, Louisiana, by SA KEVIN J. HARRIGAN on April 30, 1968, and May 1, 1968:

A review of New Orleans City and Suburban Directories and current New Orleans Telephone Book failed to contain a listing for a Wanda's Seven Seas Restaurant in New Orleans; however, listed was a Wanda's Seven Seas Bar, 608 Iberville.

WANDA LORMAND, owner, Wanda's Seven Seas Bar, 608 Iberville, advised that she recalls no disturbance at her place of business during December, 1967 involving an argument over a dog brought into her bar. She also advised she does not recall any arrests being made at her bar during the past six months. She viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY but with negative results.

ANN UHLICH, 1819 Cleveland, and who is employed as a night barmaid at Wanda's Seven Seas Bar, advised that she does not recall any disturbance at that bar in December, 1967 involving an argument over a dog brought into the bar. She advised that sometime during December, four or five persons were arrested outside the bar one night for fighting. However, she stated she could recall no specific details regarding this incident. She advised after viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY that he was unknown to her by either name or photograph.

BONNIE (LAST NAME UNKNOWN), who declined to furnish her last name or address and who is employed as a barmaid at Wanda's Seven Seas Bar, advised after viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY that she is certain this person has never been served at that bar. She also advised she does not recall any incident occurring during December, 1967 in which arrests were made following an argument involving a dog brought into the bar.

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BILL KILEEN, Manager, Marian's Bar, 615 Iberville, was contacted and subject's photograph displayed. KILEEN advised photographs of RAY unknown to him, and he is certain this person had never been observed by him either at his own bar or at any of the other bars he frequents on Iberville Street.

DANA BARGER, who frequents on a regular basis Wanda's Seven Seas Bar, and who is currently employed at Handy-Dandy Labor Agency, and who has been known to SA HARRIGAN for two years, advised after viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY that he is certain he has never observed this person at Wanda's Seven Seas Bar.

CHARLES TAYLOR, also known as Cookie, who frequents Wanda's Seven Seas Bar on a daily basis and who resides at 803 St. Charles and who also has been known to SA HARRIGAN for over a year, advised after viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY that he is certain he had never observed RAY at either Wanda's Seven Seas Bar or at any of the other bars he frequents in the 600 block of Iberville Street.

Detective LARRY VIGUERIE, Robbery Detail, New Orleans Police Department, advised that he can recall no incident involving several arrests at Wanda's Seven Seas Bar in December, 1967. He advised he would discuss the matter with other detectives, and if any persons contacted could recall the incident he would immediately advise the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Detective VIGUERIE further advised that the New Orleans Police Department maintains on a daily basis a master list of all complaints received and arrests made in the New Orleans area. This list would contain the address at which an arrest was made or from which a complaint was received, the date this occurred, and the New Orleans police item regarding the incident. He advised that these usually number several hundred each day, and for the month of December, 1967 would total approximately five thousand. He advised he would have one of his detectives check this list for any arrests made during December, 1967 at Wanda's Seven Seas Bar.

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Detective GENE EISENMANN, Robbery Detail, New Orleans Police Department, advised that a check by him of the master list of all complaints and arrests made by the New Orleans Police Department during December, 1967 showed that on Sunday, December 17, 1967, at 9:53 PM, four persons had been arrested for fighting outside Wanda's Seven Seas Bar, 608 Iberville. This information was listed under Item #12 544-67. Detective EISENMANN further advised that the arrest involved three white males and one Negro male who were all released the same day on bond. None of the arrested persons were photographed or fingerprinted.

A check of records at the Record Room, New Orleans Police Department, under Item #L 12 554-67, showed that the following persons were arrested on December 17, 1963, at 9:53 PM outside of Wanda's Seven Seas Bar, 608 Iberville:

ROBERT TRILLET

White male

Born [REDACTED]

At Springvalley, Illinois

New Orleans Address--2511 Almonster Street

RONALD TAPLETTE

Negro male

Born [REDACTED]

At New Orleans, Louisiana

New Orleans Address--1930 Andry Street

THOMAS LEE LEWIS

White male

Born [REDACTED]

At New York City

New Orleans Address--2919 Elysian Fields

WILLART NETTERVILLE

White male

Born [REDACTED]

At Baton Rouge, Louisiana

New Orleans Address--1711 Jackson Avenue.

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It was also noted under this item number that the arresting officers were Patrolmen PAUL FLEMING and RONNIE CAMPBELL.

PAUL FLEMING, Patrolman, New Orleans Police Department, advised that he recalls making an arrest in mid December, 1967 outside Wanda's Seven Seas Bar. He advised that a fight occurred between a white and Negro male outside the bar and that two other white males attempted to interfere. All these persons were arrested and charged with fighting, and in addition one of the white men was charged with firing a pen gun and resisting arrest. FLEMING viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY but with negative results. However, he advised he is certain none of the persons arrested by him on that date was RAY or even resembled him.

RONNIE CAMPBELL, Tactical Unit, New Orleans Police Department, advised that he recalls making an arrest in December, 1967 involving three white males and one Negro male who were charged with fighting outside of Wanda's Seven Seas Bar. He advised that he could not specifically recall what these persons looked like and after viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY stated he is fairly certain none of the persons resembled RAY. He also advised that he regularly works in the area of town where Wanda's Seven Seas Bar is located and is certain he has never observed RAY in that part of town.

Detective JAMES MILLER and Detective EUGENE FIELDS, New Orleans Police Department, who work in the French Quarter area of New Orleans, and have several reliable sources in bars located in the 600 block of Iberville Street, were contacted and furnished their observations on available photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. Both these detectives advised subject's photographs were unknown to them and they stated they would make discreet inquiry regarding RAY among their sources on Iberville Street and that if any positive information developed indicating RAY at any time had been to any of these places they would immediately contact SA HARRIGAN.

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Re: Investigation Concerning
ROBERT HOOD STRADER, who Alleged
KING Assassination Plot in Baton
Rouge, Louisiana, area in
Summer of 1967

On May 6, 1968, information was received from the Springfield Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that ROBERT HOOD STRADER, of Lexington, Illinois, alleged that he had previously been informed during the Summer of 1967, by RAYMOND STARNES, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, that a group of ~~businessmen~~ in the Baton Rouge, Louisiana, area had taken up a collection to obtain money to have KING assassinated.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA EDWARD J. CARNEY, JR.:

RAYMOND HENRY STARNES was interviewed at his residence, King David Apartments, Apartment F, 2816 David Drive, Metairie, Louisiana, on May 9, 1968. STARNES, who stated his business address is Suite 120, Courtland Plaza, 3900 Veterans Highway, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, advised as follows:

STARNES is a native of Denham Springs, Louisiana, and is currently associated in a business partnership with EARNEST C. DONNELL, Owner of the Earnest C. Donnell Construction Company, at Denham Springs, Louisiana. Denham Springs is located nine miles distant from Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

STARNES is well acquainted in Denham Springs and knows nearly all of the businessmen in that community, including those who are reportedly members of the Ku Klux Klan and who are considered to be strong segregationists.

STARNES was in Denham Springs in the Summer of 1967, at which time there was considerable racial strife taking place, including marches by Negro groups and opposition being presented to these marches by those individuals with strong segregation beliefs. STARNES stated that he himself is a liberal in his view towards Negroes and that he did not participate in any of the activities that took place in Denham Springs in the Summer of 1967. He stated, however, that he did frequently converse with individuals whom he considered to be members of the Ku Klux Klan, these persons having been individuals that he grew up with in Denham Springs.

STARNES stated that at no time during this period did any information come to his attention that there were businessmen in Denham Springs, Louisiana, or in Baton Rouge,

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Louisiana, who were taking up a collection to obtain money to have MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., assassinated. STARNs does not recall of having heard the name of KING even mentioned during the Summer of 1967, nor does he recall any information which would indicate there was a plot to kill any particular Negro or any individual of any race for that matter.

STARNs is against violence and if any information such as a plot to kill anyone had come to his attention, he would promptly notify an appropriate law enforcement agency.

During the Fall of 1967, STARNs recalls that an individual subsequently known to him as ROBERT STRADER appeared at the Earnest C. Donnell Construction Company in Denham Springs making claims to EARNEST DONNELL that he could obtain considerable financing from a SHAPIRO family in Miami, Florida. DONNELL became interested in STRADER's proposition and ordered STARNs to accompany STRADER to Miami, Florida, which he did and at which time he and STRADER met with a Mr. and Mrs. SHAPIRO. It developed, however, that STRADER did not previously know the SHAPIRO family and further that STRADER actually had no contacts or was not in a position to obtain financing for the Donnell Construction Company.

It was during the trip to Miami, Florida, that STARNs realized that STRADER had an apparent mental problem. STARNs recalled that while staying in motels in Florida, STRADER at times became most irrational and envisioned that he was being followed by Federal Agents.

After the Florida trip, STRADER continued to hang around the Donnell Company in Denham Springs, Louisiana, at which time STRADER's wife was also present. In STARNs' opinion, STRADER's wife is also an irrational person.

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On one occasion, STRADER, who was doing some work for the Donnell Company, took STARN'S' personally owned vehicle with the permission of STARN'S on a business trip. STRADER's wife accompanied STRADER on this trip and they did not return as scheduled. The vehicle was subsequently located in Mississippi in an abandoned position. Also at this same time, STARN'S and EARNEST DONNELL discovered that STRADER had stolen some property from the company, such as a portable electric typewriter, a brief case full of valuable engineering fittings, a telephone credit card and other miscellaneous items. Also taken from the STARN'S vehicle was a .38 Police Special Revolver which was a sentimental keepsake which had been given to STARN'S by his father.

The theft of these items was reported to law enforcement agencies but DONNELL subsequently decided not to press charges. The revolver has never been recovered by STARN'S and he does not presently know its whereabouts.

STARN'S heard from some unrecalled source several months ago that STRADER either was or is presently confined to a mental institution. He has not seen STRADER since late Fall of 1967.

STRADER was a braggart by nature, frequently announced his animosity towards Negroes but was never known to STARN'S to have specifically mentioned MARTIN LUTHER KING or any other particular Negro. STRADER frequently bragged that he had contacts with the underworld but never specifically mentioned anyone by name.

STARN'S concluded that he is at a loss to explain why it is alleged that he possessed information concerning a plot to raise money to kill MARTIN KING. He stated that he wanted to cooperate fully with the FBI, which agency he admires considerably and that if any further recollection

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concerning the Summer of 1967 in Denham Springs came to him, he would promptly advise the New Orleans Office.

STARNS described STRADER as a white male, six feet two inches tall, 36 years of age and possessing blonde wavy hair. During the Summer of 1967, STARNS personally owned a 1967 Oldsmobile, white over black, bearing Texas license KLX or K LW 491.

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Title: JAMES EARL RAY,
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UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION -
ROBBERY

Synopsis:

Two white males using names W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLAW departed Memphis 1:47 AM, 4/5/68 via Delta Flight 157 non-stop to Houston. Prior to flight departure two white males taken to Memphis Municipal Airport by taxi from William Len Hotel, Memphis and subsequently identified from hotel records as VINCENT WALKER, San Francisco and LAWRENCE RAND (or REND), Kansas City, Kansas. Delta Airlines hostesses, limousine driver and logical hotel inquiries unable to identify DAVIS or CHIDLAW. Elimination of look-alikes set forth. Name of JOHN WILLARD located in records for Itaska Dance Studio, League City, Texas. Manager recalls WILLARD at studio in April, 1967 taking four weekly lessons. Telephone company records reflect 969 telephone calls from pay phones along I.S. 10, Houston Division, 12/15-17/67. NEAL ABBY, former inmate Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) with subject stated subject worked in Bread Room, MSP, as slicer; subject because of stomach trouble quit smoking and partial to egg diet. Houston Bartending School, labor unions, ship departures, credit, criminal, street and telephone directories negative for subject. SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

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This investigation is predicated on the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, April 4, 1968 at Memphis, Tennessee.

On April 5, 1968 at approximately 12:05 AM, J.W. FARRIS, a Yellow Cab Company driver, Memphis, Tennessee, advised the FBI that he made a pickup of a white male at the William Len Hotel. FARRIS was directed to go in the first instance to West Memphis, Arkansas. Shortly thereafter he was re-directed by his passenger to drive to the Memphis Municipal Airport. Upon arriving at the airport, FARRIS was told by his passenger to wait while the passenger checked flight departure schedules. According to FARRIS, this passenger also made an inspection of the inside and immediate area outside the airport terminal. FARRIS then was directed by his passenger to return to the William Len Hotel and there to wait for the passenger. Shortly thereafter the passenger returned accompanied by another white male and FARRIS was directed to take them to the Memphis Municipal Airport.

Investigation by the FBI determined the following:

Records of the William Len Hotel revealed that a VINCENT WALKER, 449 Steiner Street, San Francisco and a LAWRENCE RAND, or REND, 2532 Polk, Kansas City, Kansas, checked into that hotel at 2:38 PM, April 4, 1968 and checked out at approximately 12:10 AM, April 5, 1968.

Investigation by the FBI has determined that WALKER and RAND, or REND, were identical to the individuals that Yellow Cab Driver J.W. FARRIS transported to the Memphis Municipal Airport.

Inquiry at Delta Airlines, Memphis, determined that two individuals utilizing the names W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLAW departed Memphis at 1:47 AM, April 5, 1968 via Delta Airlines enroute, Houston, Texas. These individuals had no reservations for that flight.

Mr. GLEN PARNELL, Reservations Manager, Delta Airlines, Houston, Texas on April 5, 1968 advised that the names of W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLAW had been computered into Delta Airlines records at 1:55 PM, April 4, 1968 which indicates their tickets were purchased shortly before that time and they were booked as a party of two. They traveled on Flight 157 non-stop, Memphis to Houston.

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They departed Memphis at 1:30 AM, April 5, 1968 and arrived at 2:50 AM, April 5, 1968. Their names were added to the manifest and no addresses were listed.

On April 5, 1968 Miss SUSAN KRAUSE, one of two stewardesses aboard Delta Flight No. 157, Memphis to Houston, referred to above, advised as follows. She stated that her flight was late in arriving at Memphis. She had gone to the operations division to pick up forms and upon her return to the plane she went about her normal business. Miss KRAUSE advised that the names of passengers aboard the plane are not taken and the only thing she looks for is the envelope of the passenger that contains the ticket showing the passenger's class of travel. Because of the late hour of the departure of the flight from Memphis, the lights inside the cabin were turned down for the convenience of the majority of the passengers and she was not able to get a close look at anyone and was unable to recall the passengers W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLAW.

On April 5, 1968, VICKIE MC LUCAS, Delta stewardess for Delta Flight 157, Memphis to Houston, Texas, referred to above, advised as follows: While Flight 157 was at the Memphis Airport several passengers came aboard and the lights were turned down low for the convenience of other passengers; consequently, she did not pay any specific attention to any of the passengers coming aboard. Miss LUCAS advised that she was unable to recall passengers named W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLAW as members of the passenger list, Flight 157, Memphis to Houston, April 5, 1968.

On April 8, 1968 JIM HAYDEN, Limousine Service, which service handles the Houston Municipal Airport, advised that his records disclose LUPY DELAO who is currently working for Delta Airlines at the Houston Municipal Airport was on duty at the airport when the Delta Flight arrived at 2:50 AM and his records disclosed that DELAO had six persons whom he transported in his limousine to downtown Houston, which persons presumably were from the Delta flight mentioned above.

LUPY DELAO, 1815 Louis, telephone CA 8-6119 advised that he did in fact transport passengers from the Delta flight which arrived at 2:50 AM and he recalled that there were six adult white males who requested transportation in his limousine. He stated he dropped three of the men at the Sheraton Lincoln Hotel in downtown Houston, two of the men were dropped at

the Rice Hotel in downtown Houston and one man was dropped at the Downtowner Motel in Houston, Texas. DELAO advised that the two men he dropped at the Rice Hotel indicated at first that they intended to be dropped at the Downtowner Motel however when getting in the vicinity of the Rice Hotel changed their minds and asked to be dropped off at the Rice Hotel. DELAO stated that these two men had very little luggage and each one carried only a small handbag. DELAO stated he could not furnish any descriptive data regarding the two men he dropped off at the Rice Hotel and did not in fact know if they actually stayed at the Rice Hotel or one of the other hotels in the area. DELAO stated that he would have arrived at the Rice Hotel at approximately 3:30 AM as this is the amount of time it normally takes to drive to the Rice Hotel from the airport via the route he took.

On April 8, 1968, Mr. JOHNNY RAGLEY, Credit Manager, Rice Hotel, personally checked all available logical records in an effort to identify two individuals who may have checked in the Rice Hotel approximately 3:30 AM on April 5, 1968. Further all available records were checked for the following names:

JOHN WILLIARD
VINCENT WALKER
LAWRENCE RAND or REND
W. DAVIS
B. CHIDLAW

No records were located which could possibly be identified with the two individuals possibly identical with the suspects who reportedly flew from Memphis to Houston, Texas on the morning of April 5, 1968.

Similar record checks were made at the Milby Hotel which is located across the street from the Rice Hotel and at the Downtowner Motel also in the vicinity of the Rice Hotel and the results of the checks were negative.

Records of the Houston Police Department, Harris County Sheriff's Office, Houston Credit Bureau and Houston street and telephone directories checked for any information for the above listed individuals were negative.

I. INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY LAUNDRY TAG MARK 02B-6

On April 10, 1968 HORACE F. KUHLEMAN, owner, Kuhleman Machinery Company, 2210 Taft, advised that the following laundry and cleaning concerns utilized the thermo seal marking machine which is manufactured by the Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York. KUHLEMAN has the exclusive franchise for the thermo seal marking machine for the territory of southeast and south Texas. It has been determined through KUHLEMAN that his distributorship area is inclusive of the Houston Division. Companies are:

Pilgrim Cleaning and Laundry, Galveston, Texas
Hi-hat Cleaners, Houston, Texas
Pilgrim Cleaners, Homestead Road, Houston
Pilgrim Cleaners, Baytown, Texas
Fame Cleaners, Pasadena, Texas
Wilkins Laundry, Conroe, Texas
Monarch Laundry, Houston

Mr. KUHLEMAN telephoned each of the above concerns and determined from the owner the type of laundry tag used.

KUHLEMAN's inquiry resolved the pertinent fact that none of the above cleaning or laundry establishments utilized the "dash" preceding the last digit six.

II. PERSONS CONSIDERED AS POSSIBLE SUSPECTS BUT ELIMINATED THROUGH INVESTIGATION

1. WILLIAM LEO BEIER Beaumont, Texas Police Department No. 23655

Inspector SNELL, Beaumont Police Department, on April 9, 1968 advised that BEIER was arrested on April 8, 1968 for investigation. BEIER had no identification and claimed he was an ex-convict from the State of Washington.

The Identification Division, FBI, advised that fingerprints of WILLIAM LEO BEIER, FBI No. 271131D are not identical with latent fingerprints developed in this investigation.

2. JAMES HERMAN SILVER

Information was received by the FBI, Houston, Texas that SILVER had been imprisoned at Leavenworth Penitentiary and that he has a strong dislike for Negroes and had visited Memphis in the past several times. He was described as an expert shot. On April 10, 1968 his whereabouts were unknown.

On April 10, 1968 a comparison of SILVER's fingerprints by the Identification Division, FBI, determined that his prints were not identical with those developed in this investigation and was eliminated as a suspect.

3. DONNIE LEON HARDEN

Information furnished by the Dallas Division, FBI, made DONNIE LEON HARDEN a possible suspect in this investigation.

Investigation by the FBI at Jackson, Mississippi determined that DONNIE LEON HARDEN, an employee of the Ingalls Ship Yard, Pascagoula, Mississippi, was at work on his job at that ship yard on April 4, 1968. He worked an hourly shift from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

4. CLAUDE CHESTER MC CLAREN, JR.

Mexican Police, Mexico City, Mexico, furnished the following information: CLAUDE CHESTER MC CLAREN, JR., US Passport [REDACTED] arrived in Mexico City from Tegucigalpa, Honduras April 8, 1968. He was enroute Houston, Texas. Airport police noticed a close resemblance of MC CLAREN to sketches of the suspect killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

On April 19, 1968 CLAUDE C. MC CLAREN, JR. was interviewed at Commodore Cove, Shreveport, Texas, where he was employed as a heavy equipment operator. He furnished the following information:

He is working with his brother, CARL MC CLAREN on a construction job at Commodore Cove, Freeport building beach type homes. Their employer is the Drexel Industry located at 1500 Bank of the Southwest Building, Houston, Texas, and JAKE CLEGG is associated with this company. He presently resides at 119 Jolley Boat Lane, Commodore Cove, Freeport, Texas and his permanent address is 5405 Wichita Street, Ft. Worth, Texas which is the home of his sister, JUSTINE PRESTON. For the past two years, he has worked in Honduras returning to the U.S. in December, 1967 and lived in Ft. Worth for awhile. He began his employment at Freeport sometime around March 27, 1968. He went to Honduras on March 30, 1968 leaving Houston, Texas via National Airlines and from New Orleans, Louisiana flew to Honduras via Sahsa

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Airlines. He remained at the Hotel Bolivar, San Pedro Sula, Honduras from March 30, 1968 to April 7, 1968 at which time he flew from Honduras to Mexico City, Mexico via Tan Airlines and from Mexico City to Houston, Texas via Pan American arriving in Houston April 7, 1968 thus was in Honduras from March 30, 1968 to April 7, 1968.

The following description of CLAUDE CHESTINE MC CLAREN, JR. was obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	
Place of birth	Ft. Worth, Texas
Height	5'9"
Weight	145 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Marital status	Single
Complexion	Tanned
Military service	U.S. Navy, August, 1954 - September, 1958
Serial No.	

It was noted from observation that MC CLAREN does not resemble the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT.

5. JOHN A. GAULT

On April 12, 1968 the Miami Office of the FBI after reviewing records of Eastern Airlines determined that a JOHN A. GAULT employed by Associated Pipeline Contractors, Houston, Texas, had departed Greensboro, North Carolina on Eastern Flight 621 on April 9, 1968 destined for Atlanta, Georgia. He departed Atlanta, Georgia on Flight 341 on April 9, 1968 and traveled to Houston, Texas. GAULT was interviewed at Houston, Texas and it was determined that he is 24 years old and is in fact employed by Associated Pipeline Contractors and he in no way resembles JAMES EARL RAY, also known as.

6. DON TURNER

Information furnished by the Conroe Police Department, Conroe, Texas was the basis for investigation of DON TURNER. Mr. KEN ANDREWS, Springville, New York, advised the Conroe Police Department that on April 13, 1968 while driving from Conroe to California, he picked up a person furnishing the name DON TANNER at Benson, Arizona. TANNER was dressed in an Army uniform. Because of TANNER's statements ANDREWS became suspicious of him. - 7 -

Information furnished by the Los Angeles Office determined that TANNER was eliminated on the basis of information furnished by SHIRLEY KAHN who stated that DONALD TANNER was a friend and associate of her son and that TANNER was not identical with JAMES EARL RAY, also known as.

7. HENRY RICHARD GILES

Information furnished to the FBI determined that GILES had been under observation at Vera Cruz, Mexico in mid-April, 1968. He had been seeking information concerning travel to Cuba and had come to Mexico by the coast having entered Mexico at Tampico. He represented himself as being an employee of Braselton Construction Company, Corpus Christi, Texas.

On April 20, 1968, BILLY BRASELTON, Braselton Construction Company, Corpus Christi, Texas confirmed that HENRY ROBERT GILES is an employee of that company. He was not aware of GILES' visit to Mexico or Cuba. GILES upon interview April 20, 1968 advised he left Corpus Christi on April 16, 1968 by Trans-Texas Airways and traveled to Vera Cruz, Mexico. He departed Vera Cruz on April 17, 1968 by bus traveling to Mexico City. He returned to Corpus Christi, April 18, 1968 via Braniff Airlines. He denied making any inquiries while in Mexico regarding travel to Cuba. He was born August 6, 1918 at Corpus Christi.

8. G.L. GALLAGHER
5505 Briar Drive, Houston, Texas

Information received by the FBI at Miami, Florida alleged that G.L. GALLAGHER, a visitor at the C Ranch Hotel, Miami, April 23, 1968 resembled a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as.

On April 23, 1968 SHIRLEY MAYON, Domestic, residence of G.L. GALLAGHER, 5505 Briar Drive, Houston, advised that Mr. and Mrs. GALLAGHER are presently in Florida on a vacation. GALLAGHER is an executive with an oil company at Houston, Texas.

9. Driver of Auto Bearing Louisiana License
25E930

An anonymous call received by the Dallas Division claimed that the driver of the above described automobile bore a strong resemblance to ERIC STARVO GALT. A check of Louisiana license records, Baton Rouge, Louisiana reflected that the above mentioned Louisiana license checked out to a car leased to Texas Services, Inc., Alexandria, Louisiana. Inquiry at Alexandria, Louisiana, determined that Texas -8 -

Services is a licensee of Hertz Rent-A-Car, Alexandria, Louisiana. Inquiry at Hertz Rent-A-Car determined that the aforementioned automobile had been turned back to the Hertz Main Office at Brian, Texas, approximately three months ago.

Inquiry at Hertz Rent-A-Car, Brian, Texas on April 24, 1968 revealed that the aforementioned automobile bearing 1968 Louisiana license 25E930 is maintained by Capps Car Rental, 3717 Inwood Road, Dallas, Texas.

10. TOM ROSELL

Information furnished by the FBI, San Francisco Office, made TOM ROSELL a possible suspect. A Miss TRUDIE WALMARK, San Francisco, California stated she had attended a study group at the First Baptist Church, Market and Octavia Streets on April 22, 1968. While at that meeting she met a man named TOM ROSELL who stated he came from Beaumont, Texas. It was her opinion that ROSELL closely resembled photographs of JAMES EARL RAY.

On April 24, 1968 inquiry made at 405 Threadneedle Street, Beaumont, Texas determined that TOM ROSELL is a resident at that address. ROSELL's mother stated that her son was enroute to San Francisco and was probably in that city by now. She stated that her son is employed as a barber at Beaumont, Texas. Beaumont street and telephone directories confirm that ROSELL is a barber with residence at 405 Threadneedle Street, Beaumont.

11. GRAHAM ROBERT SMITH

Information furnished the San Francisco Office of the FBI was as follows:

Deputy Sheriff ANGEL STICKE GAULT regarding passengers who left Nuevo Laredo on April 6, 1968 enroute to Monterrey, Mexico made SMITH a possible suspect. SMITH was described as age 22, a British subject studying at Rice University, Houston, Texas.

On April 29, 1968 Mrs. ATKINSON, Secretary, Office of the Dean of Men, Rice University, advised GRAHAM ROBERT SMITH is an Abraham scholar and a British exchange student studying economics at Rice University. Rice University

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records reflected that SMITH was at Rice University until on April 4, 1968 departing Houston April 5, 1968 over Easter vacation for the purpose of making a mountain climbing trip to Mexico.

On May 4, 1968 photographs of GRAHAM ROBERT SMITH were sent to San Antonio for the purpose of eliminating SMITH as a suspect.

12. EARL RAY,
RAY EARL
WARREN RAY
RAY WARREN

On April 29, 1968, A.E. BROWN, Hampshire, Texas, advised that his ex-wife presently resides at 170707 Jamiaca Boulevard, Spring Valley, California adding she had received a letter in 1960 from a person who was then incarcerated at the Missouri State Prison, Jefferson City, Missouri. BROWN was not sure of the name of the person who had written to his then wife but he seemed to recall it as EARL RAY or any of the following: RAY EARL, WARREN RAY or RAY WARREN. In the letter received by his wife was a photograph which BROWN claimed closely resembled that of the 1960 photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, suspect in this investigation. BROWN's former wife, DORIS DEAN JONES was interviewed at San Diego on April 29, 1968. She stated that she formerly knew a RAY EUGENE WARREN who during 1954 or 1955 had been incarcerated at St. Louis City Jail for a period of one year prior to being sentenced to a 30 years sentence at State Prison, Jefferson City, Missouri. She stated that in her opinion RAY EUGENE WARREN was not identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

13. CHARLES RAY JOHNSON

Information received by the FBI at Tampa, Florida made CHARLES RAY JOHNSON a possible suspect. JOHNSON had been described in information furnished to the Tampa Office as being employed by Heart of America Shows, a traveling carnival.

On May 1, 1968 the following investigation was conducted at Houston:

V.E. BROWN, Business Manager, Ted Corey, Owner and P.L. PATTERSON, Concessions Owner, all with Heart of America Shows advised that they could find no record for a CHARLES

RAY JOHNSON as an employee with that show. They advised that Heart of America has no other branch shows on the road. They further advised that they had been operating in the State of Texas for the past month. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY displayed to them were not identified as being similar with any show personnel.

14. JAMES W. HAMMONS

Information received by the FBI, Pittsburgh, is as follows. A Mr. KELVIN PLYER, Gulf Service Station, operator, Bartow, West Virginia, stated that on April 22, 1968 two white males driving a 1961 or 1962 white Chevrolet Impala, Louisiana license unknown, purchased gas and tires at PLYER's service station using Gulf Credit Card No. [REDACTED]. The purchaser signed the purchase slip in the name JAMES HAMMONS. On May 2, 1968 PLYER concluded after reading in the newspaper descriptive data concerning JAMES EARL RAY that HAMMONS might possibly have been RAY.

On May 8, 1968 JIM ABSHIER, Agent in Charge, Security Division, Gulf Oil Corporation, Houston, Texas advised as follows: Gulf Credit Card No. [REDACTED] is issued to a JAMES W. HAMMONS, Route 1, Antler, Oklahoma. On April 22, 1968 HAMMONS made a purchase at Bartow, West Virginia for an automobile, Louisiana license 9H067.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

1. JAMES STEDMAN

On April 11, 1968, NORVIL WILSON, construction superintendent, Houston, advised that the previous day he had overheard JAMES STEDMAN stated that he, STEDMAN, had an idea who killed MARTIN LUTHER KING but he hoped he was wrong.

STEDMAN is employed by the T.R.Waldrop Company, air conditioning contractors who are sub-contracting on an apartment project. Houston. Waldrop records reflect STEDMAN was born [REDACTED] and was employed by Waldrop since February 27, 1968. He came to Houston from Memphis, driving a 1962 Chevrolet station wagon, Tennessee license KN 3666, Shelby County with wife listed as BETTY. STEDMAN is a diabetic.

On April 12, 1968 STEDMAN was interviewed on his job. when tactfully approached for any information or observation about the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING he replied he,

his family and friends in Memphis were capable of committing the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING but he had no idea or information regarding the murder. When confronted with the alleged statements he made he stated he may have been shooting off his mouth but still contended he had no information. When pressed for identities of possible suspects he became antagonistic and stated he wanted to talk to an attorney if agents persisted in questioning him.

At the outset when agents identified themselves STEDMAN thought the inquiry regarding him was due to arrears on car payments to a finance company. With this in mind, STEDMAN was advised of the reward for information identifying the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING. STEDMAN quickly advised he was not a stoolie.

STEDMAN denied Klan affiliation.

As a result of interview, STEDMAN became extremely upset and belligerent and indicated that he now had reason to get a permit to buy a gun in order to kill anyone who might give him trouble.

2. Investigation at Dancing Schools,
Houston Division

On April 18, 1968 Mrs. ITASKA WEINSTEIN, 5503 Yacht Club Drive, Dickinson, Texas, operator of the Itaska Dance Studio, Highway 3, League City, Texas, furnished the following information. Mrs. ITASKA WEINSTEIN had been contacted on April 16, 1967 regarding any information she might have in her records indicating that ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as, might have been a student at her dance studio.

On April 18, 1968 Mrs. WEINSTEIN stated that she had researched her records and located a 3 x 5 card bearing the name of JOHN WILLARD, no address or description. She stated that the card had been completed by herself and merely shows that a man named JOHN WILLARD appeared for four dancing lessons, three lessons being on a Wednesday and one on a Friday, month and date not indicated. Mrs. WEINSTEIN does recall that these lessons for JOHN WILLARD were given before her annual recital which is held in May, and to the best of her recollection this person took the dancing lessons during April, 1967. She stated she has no other record pertaining to a JOHN WILLARD and was unable to locate any record which could contain his signature or handwriting.

Her overall impression of JOHN WILLARD as best

she can recall was that he was not neat, lacking in personality and was an extremely poor dancer. She recalls him as being quiet and difficult to teach because he had poor balance. No one else at her studio at the present time would know him. She stated that it was possible that SHIRLEY CARROLL formerly a bookkeeper for Mrs. WEINSTEIN at the studio might have had contacts with JOHN WILLARD when he came for lessons and may have conversed with him. She stated that SHIRLEY CARROLL resides at an address in care of J.L. HOECK, Patton Road, Box 81A, Forest Hill, Maryland. Mrs. WEINSTEIN was shown photographs of ERIC GALT, also known as James Earl Ray, and she commented that the photograph of GALT with his eyes closed most closely resembled the JOHN WILLARD that she vaguely recalls. She stated the eyes drawn into the photograph do not resemble those of the man who took lessons from her. In addition the hair of the JOHN WILLARD that she knew was not as dark as that in the photograph and his complexion was olive, not fair.

During their very limited conversations WILLARD stated he worked "at NASA" and did not get off from work until 5:30 PM. He also stated that he was called back to work on overtime on occasion. She stated that he did not appear to be a highly educated man, definitely not the "engineering type". WILLARD had remarked to Mrs. WEINSTEIN that he went from work to his apartment or room, took a shower, changed clothes and then came for his dancing lesson. She recalled that he usually wore a white shirt and dark pants but on one or two occasions wore a suit. At no time did Mrs. WEINSTEIN observe a badge or identification tag with WILLARD's photograph on it as do all employees working at NASA possess. WILLARD had stated to Mrs. WEINSTEIN that he owned a record player and he once borrowed one of her records. He had mentioned that he had bought a record of Fred Astaire Dance Instructions which he said he purchased at the NASA Bay Shopping Center, Webster, Texas. Mrs. WEINSTEIN recalled that she told JOHN WILLARD that she would not dance with him while teaching him ballroom dancing as it was against her policy. On at least two occasions JOHN WILLARD brought with him a woman who acted as his partner while he took lessons. This woman was described as name "LOU", age in her 40s and definitely older than JOHN WILLARD, height 5'4", average build, dressed in ordinary cotton dresses, not slacks, with hair being dark with a reddish cast and had a poor personality. To the recollection of Mrs. WEINSTEIN, WILLARD's dancing partner supposedly worked as a waitress, cafe or establishment unknown.

According to Mrs. WEINSTEIN, WILLARD told her that he, after having taken this woman to a lesson or two, would not be able to bring her back with him because she worked too late and she wanted him to pick her up after work. Mrs. WEINSTEIN although not ever seeing WILLARD drive a car was confident that he had one but she was unable to describe it other than to say it must have been an older car. Although she is not certain she thinks that perhaps on the last time that she gave him a lesson WILLARD told her he was going to "visit his mother". She can recall no further information regarding JOHN WILLARD. Mrs. WEINSTEIN further furnished the following descriptive data concerning JOHN WILLARD:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	Approximately 5'9" - 10"
Age	In his 30s
Hair	Brown, ordinary cut, combed straight back
Eyes	Gray or brown, definitely not blue, and did not wear glasses
Build	Stocky, but not fat or heavy
Complexion	Olive
Teeth	Cannot recall
Carriage	Posture not good, slouched and not that of a well groomed man
Speech	Average, no accent
Jewelry	May have worn ring and wrist-watch
Shoes	Black, round toed, not alligator; feet of average size
Habits	Cannot remember if he smoked; does not remember habit of pulling ear
Dress	When wearing slacks, wore belt and slacks much too long, dragging on floor, belt worn low
Miscellaneous	Did not seem clean or well educated

On April 19, 1968 Special Agents LEON F. BROWN and HENRY L. WILLIAMS contacted the following employees and proprietors of restaurants and bars on Old Galveston Road north from Webster to South Houston:

CECIL RAMSEY, Goliad Bar
7722 Old Galveston Road

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Mrs. W. MULDER, Mulder's Courts,
7806 Old Galveston Road

Mrs. BEATRICE PAIGE, Ellington Motel
7822 Old Galveston Road

RICHARD GALIMBO, WW Rance Bar,
9002 Old Galveston Road

BARBARA FRENCH, Eunice's
9136 Old Galveston Road

NELSON BLAND, Singing Wheel,
603 N. Commerce (Webster)

JEAN BRADFORD, Five B's Cafe,
16516 Old Galveston Road

JIMMY STUBBS, Lone Star Beer Salesman,
Pasadena

NELL KAMPER, Coconut Grove Lounge
9322 Old Galveston Road

Shangri-La Inn, NINA ESPEANSE
9410 Old Galveston Road

S.L. HARLOW, Hollywood Inn
10638 Old Galveston Road

FAYE ETZEL, Roy's Tune-Up,
10010 Old Galveston Road

The following investigation was conducted by SAs
TIMOTHY DONOVAN and KENNETH B. JACKSON on April 19, 1968:

Mr. M.L. CASSIDY, Proprietor, League City Bar,
Old Galveston Road, League City, Texas, advised he had not
known of a female named "LOU" working at this bar in recent
years and that photographs of ERIC GALT was unfamiliar to
him.

MARGARET MOORE, Manager, Diamond Apartments, 628
Highway 3; Mariner Apartments, 1100 E. Main; Todd-Diamond
Duplexes, 7th and Danna Streets, all League City, Texas,
advised after viewing photograph and description of ERIC
GALT that GALT was unknown to her.

Mrs. JULIUS LOOSIER, Hacienda Cafe, 3817 Highway 3, Dickinson, Texas, advised one LUCILLE G. MERKA who was more commonly referred to as "LU" worked as a waitress at this cafe for about two months, terminating about September 4, 1965. LU was a white female, age about 40-43, 5'6", dark hair, slender build. She was married to one LUM HOLLAN or HALLAN of Dickinson for awhile prior to her death from cancer in a hospital about one and one half to two years ago in Beaumont, Texas. Mrs. LOOSIER was unable to identify photograph of ERIC GALT as anyone she had known or seen before.

The following persons were contacted in efforts to locate and/or identify the unknown waitress described only as first name "LOU". Each of these persons reviewed subject's Wanted Flyer and each advised they could offer no information concerning "LOU" or subject.

L.B. WRIGHT, owner, Flintlock Inn,
810 Nasa Boulevard

ELIANE HUDSON, Manager, Monterrey House,
914 NASA Boulevard

D.W. ROBINSON, Manager
BETTY COPELAND, Berger Town Restaurant
No. 2, 918 NASA Boulevard

RAYMOND E. HANKAMER, JR., Manager,
Holiday Inn Motel, 1300 NASA Boulevard

LESLEY C. BARCLAY, Manager, Sveden House
Restaurant, Nassau Bay Shopping Village

BARRY FLEISHCHMANN, Manager, Nassau Bay
Hotel, 1622 NASA Boulevard

On April 19, 1968, Mrs. LOUISE CASEY, Waitress, Nassau Bay Hotel, 1622 NASA Boulevard was interviewed at the hotel. Mrs. CASEY furnished the following information concerning herself:

Mrs. CASEY advised that she was born LOUISE ANETTE BOLEENO, [redacted] at Buffalo, New York. The following physical description was noted:

Height	4'11"
Weight	100 lbs.
Eyes	Green
Hair	Blond with reddish tint

Mrs. CASEY advised that she has been employed by the Nassau Bay Hotel as a waitress since May, 1965 and at no time has she dated anyone. Mrs. CASEY advised she has been married to RICHARD CASEY for 19 years and has a 17 year old son. She advised that subject's name and photograph were completely unfamiliar to her, with the exception of recent press coverage and that at no time has she ever taken dancing lessons. Mrs. CASEY advised she currently resides at 98 Bayou Lane, Kamah, Texas, and that her husband RICHARD is employed as an engineer by Link, Temple and Vault, contractors at the Manned Spacecraft Center. Mrs. CASEY advised that during the spring and summer of 1967 she was employed full-time working evenings in the Club Seville at the Nassau Bay Hotel. Mrs. CASEY advised she has never been arrested and that the only time she has ever been fingerprinted was in 1951 or 1952 when she was employed as a part-time clerk at the Post Office in Buffalo, New York, during the Christmas season. She advised subsequently she and her husband have resided at Columbus, Ohio; Baltimore, Maryland; Granada Hills, California; and League City, Texas, prior to her present residence. She advised she and her husband moved to League City in February, 1965 and while at League City lived at the Diamond Apartments, 613 Texas Highway No. 3. Mrs. CASEY advised the only other waitress in the area that she knows whose first name could be LOU is Mrs. LOUISE WALLACE who is also employed as a waitress at the Nassau Bay Hotel.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs FRANK M. IVEY and DAVID W. HEDGECOCK:

On April 19, 1968 BARRY FLEISCHMANN, Manager, Nassau Bay Hotel, 1622 NASA Boulevard, advised that he employs two waitresses whose first name is "LOU". He advised that Mrs. LOUISE CASEY is employed as a waitress in the hotel restaurant and Mrs. LOUISE WALLACE is employed in the hotel coffee shop.

Mrs. LOUISE CASEY was interviewed on April 19, 1968 and it was determined she is not identical with the (LOU) (Last Name Unknown) previously determined in this case. Mrs. LOUISE WALLACE was on a day off on April 19, 1968 and efforts to locate her at her home, 1410 Farm-Market Road 518, Kemah, Texas met with negative results.

the following investigation was conducted in this case at Dickinson, Texas by SA HOLLIS Q. BOONE and SA M. CLAY BLACKMAN on April 19, 1968:

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Attempts to locate a waitress by the name of LOU (Last Name Unknown) were negative and photograph of subject was shown to all persons interviewed also with negative results. In the course of this investigation the following persons were contacted:

FRED GRIEGER, Deputy Sheriff,
Galveston County Sheriff's Office

ROBERT BRUCE, Galveston County Sheriff's
Office

MARY WILD, Mary's Cafe

CARLO EMMETT, T&C Night Club and Motel

LAVON BOOTH, Colonial Rooms
All 1967 room receipts were reviewed

E.R. COOK, owner, rooming house,
4401 Gore

Mrs. PRESTON G. NORTHRUP, Northup Trailer
Park, Highway 517

LUCILLE GRAHAM, Railroad Cafe

Mrs. JACKIE ROSS, Railroad Cafe

Four Seasons Beauty Salon, TINA VAN HOY

FRANK BOSTICK, Bostick Restaurant,
Texas City, Texas

LINDA SKEPTER, Pete's Cafe
LaMarque, Texas

Closed accounts, Security Savings and Loan and Miss VIRGINIA WEIGELT, Citizens State Bank, were checked for possible accounts of subject with negative results.

On April 23, 1968 BARRY FLEISHMAN, Resident Manager, Nassau Bay Hotel advised as follows:

Mrs. WALLACE has been employed by that hotel as a waitress for an extended period. She was not at work April 23, 1968. He described her as being in her middle or late 40s, married and has seven children. Her husband is an invalid. Mrs. WALLACE is definitely not a "swinger" but on the contrary, is a quiet, stable and refined person

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who is a dedicated housewife and mother with outside employment to support her family. She is not the type who would be interested in or have the time for extra marital affairs in view of her heavy responsibilities as housewife to an invalid and mother of seven children.

On April 19, 1968 the following individuals were interviewed by SA PHILIP W. SWISHER and SA OTTO VAN RY, and were exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as. All individuals interviewed advised after viewing photographs of RAY they had never seen him.

LOU KENNEDY, 1805 Wesley, Houston, Texas, employed as a waitress at Denny's Restaurant, 3137 Southwest Freeway. White female, 5'2", medium build. hair brown with reddish tint, date of birth [REDACTED], place of birth Dickens County, Texas.

LOU RAWZA, 5209 Clay, employed as a secretary for E.O. Henson Company, 5209 Clay, Houston, Texas. Previous employment at Astoria Lounge, 1106 St. Emanuel, Houston. White female, 5'5", complexion medium. build medium, eyes brown, hair brown, date of birth [REDACTED] place of birth Silorm Springs, Arkansas.

Mrs. ADA CAMARON, Manager, Larabee Apartments,
1914 Larabee Road

ALICE ENTEGERMEIR, Assistant Manager
King Kastle Restaurant, 5114 Nasa Road

R.L. FARMER, Manager, Ebb Tide Apartments,
4521 Nasa Road

J.F. PASCHALL, Manager, Dobbs House
Restaurant, 1311 Nasa Road

The following investigation was conducted by SAs JOHN LEONARD RYAN and GEORGE T. SULLIVAN on April 19, 1968 on Nasa Highway 1. All bars, restaurants, and cafeterias on Nasa No. 1 were contacted to determine if the proprietors or employees of these establishments knew a waitress by the name of LOU, who is described as a white female, age 40, 5'4", brown hair with red tint. The following individuals were also contacted to determine if they had ever seen the individual known as ERIC STARVO GALT or JOHN WILLARD or LOWMYER. These individuals were unable to furnish any positive information.

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LEON DYER
JAMES H. ROSSER, proprietor
1705 Second Street
Seabrook, Texas

Paul's Cafeteria
1913 NASA #1
ELLEN PERRY, Waitress
PAUL HAYES, Manager

Lake Side Seafood
6031 NASA #1
P.C. LARRYBEE, Proprietor

The Lake House
5500 NASA #1
Mrs. HAROLD LEHMAN, Assistant Manager

Clear Lake Motel
5222 Nasa #1
H.W. WHITE, Manager

Eric Restaurant
5014 NASA #1
ERIC WILLIAMS and JAMES BOLDS, proprietors

Pier 7 Diner
4525 NASA #1
EVELYN SMITH, Manager

The Landing Apartments
4420 NASA Road #1
ED RAY, Manager

Port of Call Apartments
#1 Porifito Strip
MARION PETERS, Manager

Ramada Inn Restaurant
NASA Road #1
V.LITTLE, Manager
DIANA HANDS, Bookkeeper

On April 19, 1968 the following persons were contacted at their respective establishments by SAs WILLIAM G. MORRISSEY and JOHN MICHAEL MC CABE in Seabrook, Texas with negative results. Wanted Flyer 442 dated April 17, 1968 was exhibited to these individuals and they were

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questioned regarding subject's possible whereabouts in Seabrook during April, 1967 and their knowledge of a waitress named "LOU" who allegedly is from the Texas Gulf Coast area.

C.J. ESHLEMAN
1309 Todville Road

B.A. HEIMANN
1618 Todville Road

R.A. MILLER
1705 Todville Road

HARRY FRIEDMAN
1901 Todville Road
Spaceway Apartments

B.L. GUNDERSON
1921 Todville Road

ALICE JACKSON
Bayview Apartments, Incorporated.
1822 Todville Road

Todville Apartments
905 Todville Road
RICHARD E. PEACOCK

Wes Nuecke's Bar
618 Todville Road

J.S. FOVILE
519 Todville Road

RACHEL MC DOWELL's Restaurant
Box 342-906 Todville Road

LEON DYER's Bar
313 Todville Road

JOSEPH HACK's Beer Lounge
~~112 11th Street~~

LEO MASTERS
Pier 8 Market
104 Houston Street

Regatta Inn
Highway 146
PHILLIP LONG