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RE: JAMES DAVID DAILEY

On April 21, 1968, the St. Louis Division advised that DAILEY, FBI Number [REDACTED], is an alleged former friend and associate of the subject and also allegedly harbored the subject briefly following the Missouri Pen escape. DAILEY is an operator of a restaurant in Portageville, Missouri, and allegedly owns a farm near Portageville or Wardell, Missouri, in boot heel and to be type of individual who would harbor subject. DAILEY denied contact with subject on initial interview and is currently being re-interviewed in an effort to determine if he has a farm and its location.

DAILEY's sister, HAZEL TERRELL, Wardell, Missouri, advised on April 21, 1968, that among his sister is ADA GILES, 1812 North Washtenaw, Chicago.

On April 21, 1968, ADA HORN, formerly ADA GILES, 1517 West Erie, advised SA CHARLES E. BRUNNER and SA ROBERT A. GACCIONE that she and JAMES DAILEY grew up in the vicinity of Wardell, Missouri, and DAILEY very familiar with that area. Any ownership of farm or property in vicinity of Wardell by either DAILEY or the family is unknown to her. She said that JAMES operated the Half Way Cafe, 1514 South Jefferson, St. Louis, Missouri, until about six weeks ago when he moved to Portageville, Missouri, where he purchased a gas station and restaurant, the identity unknown to her. She furnished the following other relatives for DAILEY:

HAZEL TERRELL, General Delivery, Wardell;
LILLIAN JOHNSON, 2012 Sidney, St. Louis;
MAMIE HOOKER, Pascola, Missouri; and
VIDA NEWTON

VIDA NEWTON, who resides with ADA HORN, advised substantially the same information as set forth above. The subject is not known to either HORN or NEWTON by name, description, or photograph. Both claim no knowledge of the subject's association with DAILEY if, in fact, any such association exists.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/1/68RE: FELLOW INMATES

LEE MILLER, 6150 North Kenmore Avenue, Chicago, telephone 338-0153 (unlisted), advised SA LOUIS S. CRAIG on April 30, 1968, that he was an inmate at the Illinois State Penitentiary, Pontiac, Illinois, from about 1951 to 1953. He spent his last year on the honor farm and worked in the kitchen during that time. He stated JAMES EARL RAY was unknown to him by name; however, he recalls a fellow prisoner who worked in the kitchen at the same time he did who resembled RAY by physical description. This individual was older than he was, somewhat on the heavy side and walked with a waddle with his feet pointing out. This individual had foot trouble and when he came to the honor farm, he remembered the front portion of both shoes had been cut out. He continued that this individual was quiet, slow talking, somewhat sluggish and kept to himself. He did not come to know him well and has had no contact with him since he was discharged from Pontiac. He stated he knew nothing of this individual's background and has no idea where he could be located now.

On 4/30/68 at Chicago, Illinois File# Chicago 44-1114

by SA LOUIS S. CRAIG/jap Date dictated 5/1/68

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On May 1, 1968, GUS W. MARZAHN, 1616 West Nelson, Chicago, advised SA ROY W. RHODES, JR., he is the owner and operator of the Midwestern Drapery Service, with offices at his home address. He further stated the photo of JAMES EARL RAY was familiar to him, as someone he has seen before, probably while he was at the Honor Farm at Pontiac, Illinois. He said, however, he recalls nothing about RAY, and doesn't recall having ever had any conversations with him while at Pontiac, sometime around 1952-54, and had no idea of anyone who might have been friendly with RAY. And, of course, he has no contact with RAY since his stay at Pontiac.

On April 29, 1968, CLARENCE P. NILLES, Assistant Superintendent, State of Illinois, Division of Supervision of Parolees, 160 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA LOUIS S. CRAIG that his files contained the following information regarding EDWARD PAUL RIVERA, #19294, who was incarcerated in Illinois State Penitentiary, Pontiac, Illinois, from September 18, 1952, until he was paroled in June, 1955. His last known address as of May, 1956, was 1621 West Division Street, and his last known employer as of the same date was Savoy Chemical and Drug Company, 16 South Peoria, Chicago, Illinois. He was sentenced to one to five years for burglary on July 25, 1952, and his maximum sentence expired June 17, 1956. His previous criminal record was indicated as follows:

- One term, County Jail, San Antonio, Texas;
- One term, County Jail, San Diego, California;
- One term, Student Training School, St. Charles, Illinois;
- One term probation, Chicago, Illinois.

Record indicated that he was born [redacted], [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois, was a white male, and in 1952 was 5'6" tall and weighed 124 pounds. His FBI Number was listed as [redacted] and his Chicago Police Department numbers were listed as D78382 and D91766. There was no indication that he had received any visitors while at the State Penitentiary at Pontiac and the only correspondents were listed as follows:

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JOHN WARD, Friend, 731 West 69th Street,
Chicago, Illinois

Mrs. MARION L. DAVIS, Mother, 6701 South
Halsted, Chicago, Illinois.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOSEPH S. REICHART and SA ROBERT KLEINSCHMIDT on May 1,
1968:

Investigation at 6701 South Halsted, in an effort
to locate RIVERA's mother, revealed that this site is presently
occupied by a Standard Oil Service Station. Investigation
to locate JOHN WARD, a friend of RIVERA, revealed that the
only two tenants of that building, Mrs. MARIE COVINGTON and
Mrs. RUBY MAE WILLIAMS, were not acquainted with him and they
further advised that there have been no white individuals
residing in the immediate neighborhood for over eight years.
They advised that the building is presently managed by
Boyd Realty Company, 917 West 69th Street. Investigation at
Boyd Realty Company revealed that that company did not own
the building in question in 1956.

On same date, JOHN J. CERMAK, Vice President,
Savoy Drug and Chemical Company, 16 South Peoria, Chicago,
Illinois, advised that employment records of terminated
employees are destroyed four years after termination of
employment. He advised that a search of records of present
employees and employees who have terminated employment within
the past four years failed to reveal an EDWARD PAUL RIVERA
among those records. He contacted various supervisors but
they were unable to recall from memory any information
concerning EDWARD PAUL RIVERA.

On Same date, investigation at 1621 West Division,
RIVERA's last known address, indicated that this was a YMCA
and their records indicated that RIVERA resided at that
address from approximately September, 1955, to June, 1956.

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They were unable to furnish any information which would be of value in locating RIVERA.

On May 2, 1968, IC RALPH MC CLAIN searched records of the Chicago Credit Bureau but could locate no credit information concerning EDWARD PAUL RIVERA or his mother, MARION L. DAVIS.

A search of the records of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, on same date failed to reveal any arrest subsequent to the arrest in 1952, for which RIVERA was incarcerated in the Illinois State Penitentiary at Pontiac, Illinois.

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On April 25, 1968, the Springfield Division advised that ROY WILLIS, Richfield, Minnesota, had stated that he recalled that in 1955, the subject was friendly with a police character by the name of BUDDY BATCHELDER or BATCHELOR who had numerous arrests both in Hannibal, Missouri, and Quincy, Illinois. Investigation at Springfield identified BATCHELDER as MILTON DEAN BATCHELDER, FBI Number [REDACTED] who is presently in the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois.

On May 3, 1968, MILTON DEAN BATCHELDER, Inmate number 59756, Illinois State Penitentiary, Stateville Branch, Joliet, Illinois, advised SA GEORGE H. BENIGNI that he has seen repeated photographs of subject RAY since the MARTIN LUTHER KING murder and he is not sure whether or not he has ever had personal contact with him. He said that if he had contact with RAY, it would have been approximately fifteen years ago while he, BATCHELDER, operated a tavern in Quincy, Illinois. He said that he recalls having a patron in his tavern by the name of RAY or RYAN and believes that he was convicted of a criminal charge in Quincy, Illinois, with a RALPH DAVIS, JR., also known as MANNY DAVIS, who currently operates the Manny Davis Construction Company in Quincy.

BATCHELDER stated that he was unable to furnish any additional information on subject RAY due to the passage of time.

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Re: Burglary of United States Post Office
Kellerville, Illinois
March 7, 1955

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN L. HOGAN at Chicago, Illinois, on April 30, 1968:

Mr. E. F. WANDEL, Section Chief, Postal Inspector's Office, made available their file number 35437-MD which reflects the following information:

The Kellerville, Illinois, Post Office, Fourth Class, was forcibly entered between 1:00 and 2:00 a.m. on March 7, 1955. The loss consisted of 66 blank postal money orders numbers 742239535 through 600, a postmarking stamp and a money order stamp.

On March 8, 1955, a money order in the amount of \$45 was passed at Alton, Illinois. The payee was listed as JAMES WALTON and the purchaser was W. C. HERRIN. On March 21, 1955, two money orders in the amount of \$75 were passed at Kansas City, Missouri. The payee was WILLARD J. MC BRIDE and the purchaser was VERNON MC BRIDE. Investigation developed that the person passing these postal money orders drove a 1949 Lincoln two-door sedan, bearing 1955 Florida license 1W25183. The Motor Vehicle Bureau determined that this plate and car were sold on March 12, 1955, at Miami, Florida, to WALTER P. or T. BERRY, Shamrock Tavern, c/o EARL MILLER, Quincy, Illinois.

As a result of the alert on this automobile, WALTER T. RIFE and JAMES EARL RAY were arrested by the Missouri State Police at Hannibal, Missouri, on March 23, 1955. Thirty-four money orders were recovered in the 1949 Lincoln sedan. Both RIFE and RAY readily admitted cashing 32 postal money orders but denied involvement in the burglary of the United States Post Office. In a signed statement, RIFE stated that the name WILLARD J. MC BRIDE and VERNON MC BRIDE were the only names used with the exception of one money order which contained the name JAMES WALTON and W. C. HERRIN. He further stated that after passing a money order at Alton, Illinois, he and RAY drove to Miami, Florida, in his Nash automobile and under the alias WALTER T. BERRY, traded this automobile for a 1949 Lincoln.

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RAY talked freely to the postal inspectors concerning his association with RIFE, their travels together and the passing of instant money orders. He refused to furnish a written statement. At this time, he had known RIFE for a period of approximately one week.

On April 1, 1955, both subjects entered guilty pleas in the United States District Court, Kansas City, Missouri, concerning the forging and cashing of stolen postal money orders and possession of stolen money orders. On July 1, 1955, RIFE was sentenced to three years in prison and RAY was sentenced to 3 3/4 years.

A review of this file reflects that the 32 money orders cashed by RIFE and RAY were cashed at St. Louis, Missouri; Alton, Illinois; Hot Springs, Arkansas; Memphis, Tennessee; Hot Springs, Louisiana; Kansas City, Missouri; St. Petersburg, Miami, Miami Beach, Daytona Beach, Jacksonville, Tallahassee, and Tampa, Florida.

Instant burglary was never solved and the Post Office Department closed their case in this matter. Their file does not contain any background information or descriptive data concerning either RIFE or RAY.

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On April 22, 1968, SA JOSEPH M. BURKE contacted GEORGE PARKER, Deputy Chief Coroner, Cook County, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. PARKER advised that all unidentified bodies brought into the County morgue are fingerprinted by the Chicago Police Department. If the cause of death is from assault or means of violence, the fingerprinting is done by the Chicago Police Department Crime Lab. If the cause of death is for any other reason, the fingerprinting is done by the Missing Persons Bureau. All fingerprints are then sent to the Chicago Police Department, Identification Section.

Mr. PARKER was requested to be alert for the possibility that any unidentified body might be identical with JAMES EARL RAY whose fingerprints were on file with the Chicago Police Department. Mr. PARKER stated that if anyone was brought in who was suspected to be RAY, he would immediately contact the Chicago Office of the FBI.

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INVESTIGATION
RE "HIPPIES"

On April 25, 1968, Special Agents JAMES T. BURNETT and ROBERT CHARLES FAY made a spot check in Chicago's Old Town area as well as on its periphery for restaurants, clubs, rooming houses and other establishments frequently by the "Hippie" element. Photos of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to individuals in the establishments listed below and they were advised that any information concerning RAY should be immediately furnished to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No positive investigative information was developed.

PETER GAST
John Barleycorn's Pub
2300 North Lincoln

AUDREY BLACK
549 West Beldon (Rooming House)

MAY YARMAN
601 West Beldon (Rooming House)

ROBERT HARLIN
Artful Dodgers Pub
2263 North Lincoln Avenue.

JOHN SMELTON
Golden Cup Restaurant
2351 North Clark

HELEN POURIER
1838 North Wells (Rooming House)

RAY PERSHING
Norwell Fountain
172 West North

JOSEPH PAPAS
Stagecoach Restaurant
1563 North Wells

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROLLAND J. MC FARLAND and SA WILLIAM P. KINANE on April 25, 1968; at Chicago, Illinois:

Mr. WALLY JONAS, Program Coordinator, Hyde Park YMCA, 1400 West 53rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, was contacted and advised that very few "hippies" reside at the Hyde Park YMCA and he could not personally suggest any such individuals who might be cooperative.

JONAS stated as far as he knew, the "hippies" residing in the Hyde Park area of Chicago generally stayed with their friends and did not live in rooming houses or other commercial establishments.

JESSE TAYLOR, Negro male, 10148 South Eberhart, Chicago, Illinois, was contacted in the Harper's Court area. He advised that most of the "hippie-type" individuals residing in the Hyde Park area were either University of Chicago students or young Chicago people who may have gravitated to that area. When shown a photograph of RAY, he stated in his opinion, this individual would not frequent the Hyde Park area in view of the large number of Negroes who resided in this area. TAYLOR said he could furnish no information concerning RAY.

JOHN JOHN (LNU) and BILL (LNU) were contacted at the Medici Green Door Bookshop, 1450 East 57th Street, and upon viewing a photograph of RAY, stated that they could furnish no information regarding this individual.

RITA (LNU) was contacted at Ahmad's Coffee Shop, 1420 East 57th Street, Chicago, Illinois. She was shown a photograph of RAY and stated she could furnish no information concerning this individual.

A person who refused to give his identity was contacted at 6030 South Dorchester and advised that a number of "hippie-type" individuals had been known to reside at that address in the past but as far as he knew, none of these individuals were from California, Georgia, or Louisiana. This individual was shown a photograph of RAY which he was unable to identify.

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On April 25, 1968, SA ROBERT W. REINKENS and SA DALE D. CONROY contacted the following individuals known to associate with hippies regarding any knowledge they might have concerning JAMES EARL RAY with negative results:

JAMES LATO
"Headland"
1250 North Wells Street
Chicago, Illinois

BONNIE HILL
"The Molehole"
230 West North Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

BILL JAKE
La Piazza Restaurant
Piper's Alley
Chicago, Illinois

ELAINE BLISS
"Sanity"
Piper's Alley
Chicago, Illinois

MEG SMITH
"Garment Industry"
1404 North Wells Street
Chicago, Illinois

ROBERT SALETKA
"Weard Woom"
1450 North Wells Street
Chicago, Illinois

On April 26, 1968, copies of the Identification Order for the subject were given to the commander of the 18th District, Chicago Police Department, for all personnel assigned. This district encompasses the "hippie neighborhood."

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROLLAND J. MC FARLAND and SA H. PHILIP HEIL, JR. on April 26, 1968, at Chicago, Illinois:

JOSEPH G. MOORE, Owner of the No-Exit Coffee Shop, 7001 North Glenwood, home address 909 Foster Street, Evanston, Illinois, was contacted at his place of employment. He stated that he did not know of any "hippies" living in Chicago who may have come to Chicago from California or Georgia, nor could he furnish any information concerning RAY.

CARLA (LNU) Owner of Retinal Circus, Psychedelic Shop, 7025 North Glenwood, was contacted at her place of employment. She was shown a photograph of RAY but advised she could furnish no information concerning this individual.

GLEN REYNOLDS was contacted at the Hello Psychedelic Shop, 7060 North Paulina, and upon viewing a photograph of RAY, was unable to furnish any information concerning this individual. However, REYNOLDS advised that he would inform all other "hippies" with whom he was acquainted as to the possibility RAY might appear in his neighborhood.

REYNOLDS advised that many "hippies" who arrive in Chicago would establish contacts through the Hello Shop in securing a place to live but he could not recall whether any such individual had arrived from California or Georgia in Chicago.

REYNOLDS stated that he did not know of any rooming houses or commercial establishments in the Rogers Park area of Chicago where "hippies" might reside. He stated many such persons do live in the area but generally with friends.

An individual who would not identify herself was contacted at the Four Heads Psychedelic Shop, 6744 North Sheridan Road. Upon viewing a photograph of RAY, she stated she could furnish no information concerning this individual.

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RE: ILLINOIS LICENSE PLATES ISSUED FOR
INDIVIDUALS WITH SUBJECT'S TRUE
NAME AND ALIASES

On April 19, 1968, ASAC DONALD T. SULLIVAN, Springfield Office, advised that the names and known aliases of the subject were checked through the Drivers License Records and the Motor Vehicle Bureau records, Springfield, Illinois, this date. The following listed information was obtained which is pertinent within the Chicago Division:

1967 Illinois license NG 7263, issued February 14, 1967, to JAMES E. RAY, 935 Sheridan Road, Apartment 3, Winthrop Harbor, Illinois, for 1963 Rambler 4-door, VIN Z113034, no drivers or chauffeurs license number given.

1967 Illinois license LX 4349, issued May 24, 1967, to JAMES EARL RAY, 615 North Water Street, South Elgin, Illinois, on 1958 Pontiac 4-door, VIN P858H7576. This application reflects Arkansas drivers license number [REDACTED].

1967 Illinois license AD 9545, issued May 5, 1967, to JAMES O'CONNOR, 4219 North Mamora, Chicago, on 1967 Volkswagen sedan, VIN 1170436994, drivers or chauffeurs license number [REDACTED].

1967 Illinois license LN-205, issued July 5, 1967, to JAMES C. O'CONNOR, 422 Larkdale Lane, Mount Prospect, Illinois, on 1965 Mercury Station Wagon, VIN 5Z72Y578002, no drivers or chauffeurs license number given.

1967 Illinois license PR 8185, issued May 22, 1967, to JAMES O'CONNOR, 145 West 115th Street, Chicago, on 1962 Oldsmobile 4-door, VIN 628M02939, no drivers or chauffeurs license number given.

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JAMES EARL RAY
1803 13th Street
Winthrop Harbor, Illinois

Records of the Illinois Secretary of State reflect that a drivers license, number [REDACTED] was issued to JAMES EARL RAY, 1803 13th Street, Winthrop Harbor, Illinois, on February 24, 1967 and expires March 2, 1970. RAY was described as born [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 5'11", 180 pounds, brown hair and blue eyes.

On April 19, 1968, JAMES HARRIS, Manager, Credit Bureau of Waukegan, North Chicago, Waukegan, Illinois, advised Special Agent SHERROD LEE MC DANIEL their records reflect JAMES EARL RAY, and his wife MARGARET, 1803 13th Street, Winthrop Harbor, formerly of 935 Sheridan Road, Winthrop Harbor, were entered in the file in March, 1967, when he was recently retired from the army after 20 years service and was to begin work at Johnson Motors, Waukegan.

On April 19, 1968, RAY ARK, Personnel Office, Johnson Motors, advised JAMES EARL RAY born [REDACTED] Social Security Number [REDACTED] 935 Sheridan Road, Winthrop Harbor, with a discharge from the United States Army showing service from December 16, 1946 to February 1, 1967, Serial Number RA [REDACTED], wife MARGARET, was employed from March 13, 1967 to April 25, 1967 as a stock chaser and positively had to have been at work at Johnson Motors, Waukegan, during that period.

On April 19, 1968, JAMES EARL RAY, 1803 13th Street, Winthrop Harbor, advised Special Agent MC DANIEL and Special Agent JOSEPH B. GRAFF as follows:

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He displayed Armed Forces Identification Card identifying him as the person born [redacted] He advised he was born in Zion, Illinois and resided there until he entered the Army in 1946 and retired in 1967 working six weeks at Johnson Motors and then at Johns-Manville Corporation, Waukegan, since May, 1967.

The following description was obtained;

Born	[redacted] Zion, Illinois
Height	5'11"
Weight	185
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Fingerprints	Left and right index fingers are arches.
Relatives:	Mother - Mrs. CARRIE DRAUDT Prescott, Iowa Father - SYLVESTOR RAY Elyria, Ohio Brother - CHESTER RAY Milwaukee, Wisconsin Sister - Mrs. ROY (MARGARET) BROOKS 2912 Ezekiel, Zion, Illinois Sister - Mrs. PAUL (VIVIAN) EDWARDS 3217 Enoch, Zion, Illinois.

He has no relatives of which he is aware who might possibly be related to fugitive JAMES EARL RAY . There are other RAY's in Zion who are related and others who are not, but he knows on no cousins who have lived elsewhere nor does he know of a JERRY RAY of Northbrook, Illinois. The only other JAMES EARL RAY he ever heard of was one who was in the army at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 1950 to 1951, whose salary he sometimes received in error.

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Re: JAMES EARL RAY
South Elgin, Illinois

The following investigation was conducted by SAs LEROY D. FEDERLE and ROBERT C. ROBINSON in South Elgin, Illinois, on April 19, 1968, regarding one JAMES EARL RAY who registered with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Springfield, Illinois, on May 25, 1967, on a 1958 Pontiac four-door, VIN P858H7576. This registration reflects that RAY at that time resided at 615 North Water Street, South Elgin, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. RONALD SCHILLING were interviewed at their residence at 615 North Water Street, second floor apartment, South Elgin, Illinois, and SCHILLING stated he had lived at that address since February 1, 1968, and was employed by the Fox Valley Fence Company, Bluff City Boulevard, in Elgin, Illinois. The Illinois Driver's License reflected he was born [redacted] in Decatur, Illinois, was 5'9" tall, 150 pounds, with blue eyes and brown hair. SCHILLING was honorably discharged from the United States Army, Serial Number RA [redacted]. He viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT, and advised he had never seen RAY and had never heard of anyone named RAY in the area. He stated he rented the apartment from Mrs. ALICE MEYER of 673 North Water Street, South Elgin, Illinois. SCHILLING's wife, MARY SCHILLING, also viewed the photograph and advised she did not recognize the individual.

Mrs. ALICE MEYER, 673 North Water Street, South Elgin, telephone number SH 2-5038 (unlisted), exhibited rent receipt reflecting JAMES RAY rented the upstairs apartment at 615 North Water Street, from May 1, 1967 through the end of September, 1967. She advised that the RAY who rented the apartment did not resemble the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT, which was exhibited to her. She advised that her daughter, Mrs. LINDA BERGIN, generally collected the rent from RAY and she knows that during the time RAY resided in the apartment, he lived with his wife and one small child.

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She was unable to furnish a physical description of RAY.

Mrs. LINDA BERGIN, daughter of Mrs. ALICE MEYER, 673 North Water Street, South Elgin, advised she collected the rent from JAMES RAY when RAY resided in the upstairs apartment at 615 North Water Street. She stated the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT, was definitely not identical with the JAMES RAY who resided in the apartment. She described the RAY who resided in the apartment as a very very thin individual with a very thin face who must have been over 6 feet tall, had dark hair, a very slender build, and a heavy mustache. She said that he was about 28-30 years of age and supposedly worked at a landscaping or nursery somewhere in the area. She said RAY's wife was a very heavy woman and they had one child and another child was expected shortly before they moved in September, 1967.

Mr. and Mrs. RONALD RICHARDSON, 724 North Water Street, South Elgin, Illinois, telephone SH 1-0636, stated that the JAMES RAY who resided at 615 North Water Street, was definitely not identical with the photograph of the JAMES EARL RAY exhibited to them. RONALD RICHARDSON stated that he recalls that RAY had a 1958 Pontiac, white with blue on the sides, and at one time or other he worked at Illinois Iron and Bolt Company and on some construction jobs in the area. He said RAY was about 6'3" tall, and weighed 140 pounds, at the most and was very unkempt in his appearance and always appeared quite slovenly. He stated that he had little to do with RAY but that RAY would fool with motorcycles with GEORGE MC KUTCHEON who also lives on Water Street and who might know more concerning RAY. He said that the last he knew, RAY supposedly had moved back to California and he left the area near the end of the summer.

RICHARDSON said that he, RICHARDSON, was formerly employed as a police officer by the South Elgin Police Department and that RAY never got into any difficulty with the law in South Elgin while he was in the area.

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Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE MC KUTCHEON, 767 North Water Street, South Elgin, Illinois, stated that they saw JAMES RAY who lived at 615 North Water Street numerous times while he was living in the area with his wife and one child. GEORGE MC KUTCHEON stated that the last he heard RAY was in Texas but that he had not seen nor heard from him since he left in September, 1967. He stated that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT, definitely was not identical with JAMES RAY who resided on North Water Street. He noted that the RAY on North Water Street was one of the thinnest people he had ever seen and was about 6'2" to 6'3" tall. He said that if he recalls correctly, RAY worked for one of the landscaping companies, possibly Mel's Landscaping in the Dundee or Elgin, Illinois.

RE: JAMES O'CONNOR
4219 North Marmora

On April 22, 1968, Mrs. PATRICK WALSH, 4219 North Marmora, advised SA THOMAS M. HENDERSON that she is JAMES O'CONNOR's sister. She said he has been residing at this address for 2½ years, is steadily employed at Union Station, and has never been in any type of police trouble to the best of her knowledge. She said that she knows that her brother was in Chicago on April 4, 1968.

RE: JAMES C. O'CONNOR
422 Larkdale Lane
Mount Prospect, Illinois

On April 20, 1968, Mr. and Mrs. FRANCIS L. MC CANANT, 422 Larkdale Lane, Mount Prospect, Illinois, advised SA GIRARD M. ANNINO that JAMES C. O'CONNOR previously resided at this address. They further advised that the O'CONNOR family approximately one year ago moved to California but have since returned to the State of Illinois and are now living in Arlington Heights. Both Mr. and Mrs. MC CANANT stated that O'CONNOR in no way resembled the subject. They also advised

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that they knew that Mr. O'CONNOR resided at the foregoing address prior to April 23, 1967.

RE: JAMES O'CONNOR
145 West 115th Street
Chicago, Illinois

On April 23, 1968, extensive neighborhood investigation conducted by SA CHARLES W. COUGHLIN developed that the O'CONNOR family had moved from the above address approximately one month ago but had left no forwarding address. They are still residing in the Chicago area someplace on the south side but their address is not known. Investigation further determined that one of the sons, JIMMY O'CONNOR, owned and operated a 1962 Oldsmobile. He is described as a white male, age 20 or 21 years old, and in no way resembles the subject.

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JAMES E. RAY
1229 Gages Lake Road
Wildwood, Illinois

The records of the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, reflect that 1967 auto license [REDACTED] was issued January 24, 1967 to JAMES E. RAY, 1229 Gages Lake Road, Wildwood, for a 1966 Chrysler, two-door hardtop, VIN 6L23G63177997.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT K. MC QUEEN on April 19-20, 1968:

On April 19, 1968, JAMES HARRIS, Manager, Credit Bureau of Waukegan, North Chicago, Waukegan, Illinois, serving Wildwood, Rural Route Grayslake, Illinois, advised that JAMES E. RAY, born 1919, wife NORA, have been in file for more then ten years with limited credit and limited background information. He said there is no adverse.

On April 20, 1968, Mrs. JAMES EDGAR (NORA) RAY, 1229 Gages Lake Road, wildwood, Grayslake, Illinois, advised her husband was born [REDACTED] Nashville, Arkansas, and that they have lived in Lake County, Illinois, for twenty years. They have no relatives in Illinois or elsewhere that she knows of who could possibly be identical with fugitive JAMES EARL RAY. The only relatives in Illinois are her husband's brother, DEWEL RAY, 523 Gages Lake Road, Wildwood, and he has a son whose name is JAMES MACK RAY, residing at 1003 Twin Lake Boulevard, Wildwood, Grayslake, Illinois.

They have never received any mail which might have been misdirected from the fugitive and have never met or heard of any other JAMES RAY who might be identical with the fugitive.

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Re: LOUIS LOMAX

On April 29, 1968, the Los Angeles Division advised that the California Bureau of Identification and Investigations furnished information that LOUIS LOMAX, FBI Number [REDACTED], was sentenced to the Illinois State Penitentiary (ISP), Joliet, Illinois, Joliet Number 29305, from February 10, 1950 to May 9, 1956. He served two sentences for larceny. It is noted that JAMES EARL RAY served at Joliet, Joliet ISP Number 32419, from June 13, 1952, to July 7, 1952, when transferred to ISP, Pontiac, Illinois.

On April 30, 1968, Mr. LOUIS O'SHEA, ISP, Joliet, Illinois, advised SA RENE J. DUMAINE that from a review of the records, there would be no possibility that the subject and LOUIS LOMAX met in the Joliet Penitentiary since RAY was in the Diagnostic Center during his 24-day stay there. LOMAX was in vocational school during 1952 until he was paroled on September 29, 1954. Further, LOMAX served all of his time at ISP, Joliet, and was never in ISP, Pontiac, Illinois.

According to O'SHEA, LOMAX, ISP Number 29305, was released from parole on May 9, 1956. He served time for two concurrent sentences of larceny. The ISP, Joliet, records described LOMAX as a Negro male, born [REDACTED] Georgia (city not given), 5'9", 170 lbs., slender build, kinky hair, dark maroon eyes, marital status married, wife's name DOLORES. LOMAX has Chicago Police Department Number D72630. The indictment numbers for LOMAX, as shown on the record card, are 492439, 492440 and 492441.

Mr. O'SHEA advised that the foregoing information was obtained from the record card in the Chief Clerk's Office, but that the complete jacket for LOMAX was in storage.

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Re: Alleged Chauffeur for KING
(Identified as KELLY WILLIAMS)

On April 25, 1968, the Washington Field Office advised that ROBERT F. BENNETT, Public Relations, J. C. Penny, Inc., Washington, D.C., advised that he learned from his father Senator WALLACE BENNETT of Utah that on the day before the assassination of KING, a group of industrialists from the Chicago area who have business interests in Utah, gave a cocktail reception for Senator BENNETT. Afterwards, a group of six or seven had dinner at a restaurant with the Senator. One of these persons said a man who used to work for him was the personal chauffeur for MARTIN LUTHER KING and that this man contacted him for advice. The chauffeur stated KING required him to carry over \$200,000.00 in cash in a black bag at all times. The chauffeur was concerned about his job inasmuch as he recognized the possibility of being robbed or KING, himself, being killed for the money. The industrialist advised the chauffeur to quit but to furnish KING another reason for quitting.

ROBERT BENNETT said the host of the dinner, CHARLIE BARR of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, telephone 312-431-6314, Chicago, Illinois, was present and could furnish the name of the person who attended the dinner and formerly employed KING's chauffeur. This individual also related the information about the black bag containing \$200,000.00. ROBERT BENNETT contacted his father, Senator BENNETT, for the name of the individual, who related the above incident, but his father could not recall this person's name.

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Re: Alleged Chauffeur of KING

CHARLES BARR, Executive, Standard Oil of Indiana, Room 359, 910 South Michigan, telephone 431-6314, advised April 26, 1968, he had no recollection of any conversation regarding KING's chauffeur at a dinner party in honor of Senator BENNETT on April 3, 1968, in Chicago, at which party Mr. BARR was the host. Mr. BARR advised the following persons attended this party at the La Tour Restaurant, 400 East Randolph:

Senator WALLACE BENNETT of Utah.

CHARLES HOOD, Executive, Standard Oil of Indiana, Room 359, 910 South Michigan, 431-6314.

ALLEN and Mrs. VIRGINIA MC DONALD, home telephone CL 3-7480. Mrs. MC DONALD is Assistant Chairman, Cook County Republican Party, 235 East Wacker Drive, Chicago.

Mrs. PATRICIA HUTAR, President, Public Affairs Service Associates, Inc., Pure Oil Building, 35 East Wacker, 782-4122.

Miss MARA LATSON, Assistant to Mrs. HUTAR.

Miss BETH GUYER, Assistant to MARA LATSON.

Doctor FRANK WOOLLEY, Research Associate, American Medical Association, 535 North Dearborn, 527-1500, (long-time friend of Senator BENNETT).

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BRIAN DUFF, 618 Maple, Wilmette, home phone AL 1-3815; business 1701 Central Street, Evanston, Illinois, telephone 864-3322, or 869-5421. (DUFF ran for Illinois State Auditor on Republican ticket - not nominated.)

The following wd attended Mr. BARR's party were contacted on April 26, 1968:

BRIAN DUFF stated he had no recollection of any conversation concerning a chauffeur of KING. DUFF gave the following seating arrangements for the persons at this party and this listing goes from left to right:

Senator BENNETT, Mrs. VIRGINIA MC DONALD, Mr. ALLEN MC DONALD, BETH GUYER, BRIAN DUFF, MARA LATSON, CHARLES HOOD, FRANK WOOLLEY, CHARLES BARR and PATRICIA HUTAR.

FRANK WOOLLEY stated he attended the dinner party April 3, 1968, for Senator BENNETT, sat with HOOD on his left and BARR on his right; however, he recalled no conversation concerning Doctor KING's chauffeur.

Mrs. VIRGINIA MC DONALD advised no person ever worked for her or her husband who subsequently worked for KING and she recalled no conversation at the dinner party for Senator BENNETT concerning KING's chauffeur.

Mrs. PATRICIA HUTAR stated she heard no conversation concerning KING's chauffeur at the dinner party for Senator BENNETT; however, at the reception preceding this dinner party she recalls hearing such a conversation as related by HAROLD RAINVILLE, Administrative Assistant to Senator EVERETT DIRKSEN. It was her recollection that this story was related by RAINVILLE concerning KING's driver and money maintained by the driver in a bag.

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HAROLD E. RAINVILLE, Administrative Assistant to Senator EVERETT DIRKSEN, 219 South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois, advised as follows:

RALPH KUNSTADTER, Pediatrician, home 900 North Michigan, office 664 North Michigan, office telephone DE 7-4545, Chicago, Illinois, sometime in the past had advised that he at one time employed a man as a chauffeur who subsequently worked for KING as a chauffeur. This man had been required to carry large sums of money in a bag for KING and this man was scared that someone would rob him of this money. This man had been advised by Doctor KUNSTADTER to contact RAINVILLE but this man failed to so contact RAINVILLE.

Doctor RALPH KUNSTADTER, 664 North Michigan, Chicago, Illinois, advised that for several years his family had employed an elderly colored male, KELLY WILLIAMS, as a chauffeur. Approximately 18 months ago this man had been released from his service by KUNSTADTER because of his physical condition which Doctor KUNSTADTER recalled as being syphillis of the brain. Doctor KUNSTADTER stated this person was probably deceased by now as he was over 65 and on Social Security.

Doctor KUNSTADTER stated he later heard this man went to work for KING but he had no recollection of hearing anything to the effect that this man was required to carry over \$200,000 in cash in a black bag at all times for KING.

KUNSTADTER stated that approximately one year or so ago this man had contacted his family and allegedly had some knowledge of threats which had been made against Senator DIRKSEN. Doctor KUNSTADTER accordingly attempted to have WILLIAMS contact Senator DIRKSEN's office concerning this matter.

It is to be noted that in September, 1966, the Chicago Office conducted extensive investigation concerning a similar story concerning a person who allegedly worked for Doctor KING as a chauffeur and who formerly worked for Doctor RALPH KUNSTADTER. This investigation developed the identity of this individual as KELLY WILLIAMS, full details of which were furnished to the Bureau. No further investigation was conducted at that time due to the readily apparent mental problems of WILLIAMS, coupled with the serious doubts which were cast on his veracity.

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OTHER INVESTIGATION

Re: WILLIAM FERBER or
WILLIAM FARBERS (Look Alike)

On April 18, 1968, at 3:15 PM, CLARENCE PETERSON, Assistant Vice President, Amalgamated Bank, 111 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, telephonically advised that an unknown white male, strongly resembling the likeness of ERIC GALT, appearing in the April 18 issue of the "Chicago Tribune" appeared at this bank shortly before 12:30 PM and requested to purchase a \$10,000 certificate of deposit (savings) for cash. Mr. PETERSON inquired as to whether the unknown male had an account with Amalgamated and was informed that he did not. Mr. PETERSON then proceeded to make inquiry concerning this unknown male's background whereupon he became reluctant to furnish background information and inquired why it was necessary for him to identify himself. Mr. PETERSON informed the unknown male that it was the bank's policy to have some identifying information and background concerning its new customers whereupon the unknown male produced a driver's license issued by the State of Wisconsin containing the name WILLIAM FERBER or WILLIAM FARBERS. The unknown male explained that he presently resided in another state and that this license was the license issued to him when he resided in Wisconsin.

Mr. PETERSON advised he turned the driver's license over on its reverse side to observe the signature which he found was obscured from view by a card containing the words, "National Association of Ballroom Dancers." Mr. PETERSON advised that before he could examine the driver's license any further, the unknown male grabbed it out of his hands stating he could not see why he had to furnish any information about himself. Mr. PETERSON then stated that before he could obtain a certificate of deposit, he would be required to fill out the necessary savings account forms and furnish specimens of his signature which he, PETERSON furnished to the unknown male. The unknown male informed PETERSON that he would fill out the signature cards at the counter and left PETERSON's desk and proceeded to a counter in the lobby of the bank. PETERSON stated that he left his desk temporarily for only a few seconds to report this incident to his superiors and turned around to see if the

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unknown male had finished executing the cards and returned to his desk whereupon he found that the unknown male had disappeared from the bank. Mr. PETERSON said that he immediately examined all the waste receptacles in the vicinity of the lobby counter where the unknown male was last observed and failed to find the blank savings account signature cards indicating that these blank cards were apparently not left in the bank by the unknown male.

PETERSON said during his lunch hour from 12:30 PM to about 1:30 PM, he was reading the "Chicago Tribune" and observed the photograph of subject GALT appearing therein and immediately felt that it was a strong likeness of the individual who had just attempted to obtain a certificate of deposit at Amalgamated.

PETERSON described this unknown male as follows:

Name	WILLIAM FERBER or WILLIAM FARBERS
Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	About 35-40
Height	5'8" or 5'9"
Weight	160-170
Complexion	Ruddy
Characteristics	Square jaw, clean shaven
Eyes	Dark
Hair	Brown
Wearing apparel	White shirt, three quarter length tan light weight coat.

Review of Chicago classified and telephone directories failed to locate any listing identifiable with National Association of Ballroom Dancers, however, a copy of the March, 1968, issue of "Ballroom Dance Magazine", published monthly by Dance Magazines, Inc., 268 West 47th Street, New York, New York, discloses numerous advertisements for ballroom dancing throughout the United States, only one of which is possibly identical with National Association of Ballroom Dancers which is "Ballroom Dancers Association, Inc., " 756 7th Avenue, New York, New York.

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On April 23, 1968, the Milwaukee Division advised that the Motor Vehicle Division, Madison, Wisconsin, has three listings under the name of FERBER. WILLIAM A. FERBER and WILLIAM G. FERBER were eliminated on the basis of their dates of birth, which were, respectively, [REDACTED]

WILLIAM H. FERBER, date of birth [REDACTED] was eliminated on the basis that Chief of Police HAROLD PHELAN, Hales Corners, Wisconsin, advised that FERBER was arrested February 27, 1965, for operating with an expired drivers license. FERBER has been self-employed in the above town since 1948.

On April 25, 1968, the New York Division advised that the National Association of Ballroom Dancers is unknown to the officials of Dance Magazine, Inc., and Ballroom Dancers Association. Also there is no organization known to these officials that issues orange membership cards. A review of the subscription list did not indicate any subscriber by the name of FERBER or subject.

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RE: LOOK-ALIKE DRIVING BLUE CHEVELLE
BEARING ALABAMA LICENSE 42-7866

On April 18, 1968, Sergeant SAUTZUS, 9th District, Chicago Police Department, telephonically advised the Chicago Office of the FBI that Mr. SOL LEVIN, 7337 South Shore Drive, Chicago, reported seeing an individual resembling the assassin of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING driving a late model Chevelle bearing Alabama license 42-7866 in the vicinity of 31st Street and South Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois. Upon interview by SA JOSEPH S. REICHART, Mr. LEVIN stated that a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY somewhat resembled the individual he had seen in the Chevelle; however, Mr. LEVIN was not able to describe that individual in any detail. He did say, however, that the individual was accompanied by a blonde woman.

On April 24, 1968, the Birmingham Division advised that 1968 Alabama license 42-7866 was issued to EDGAR F. BORDEN, Moulton, Alabama. Mrs. WALCIE JOHNSON, BORDEN's mother, advised that her son was last known to be residing at 2344 Sacramento, Chicago, but is in the process of moving to an unknown address at San Angelo, Texas.

On same date, the Dallas Division advised that EDGAR FLOYD BORDEN, San Angelo, Texas, was interviewed on same date and he advised that although instant vehicle is still registered in his name, he sold the vehicle to RUSSELL RALPH, 2344 South Sacramento, Chicago, Illinois. Interview with BORDEN determined him not to be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

On April 25, 1968, an individual identifying himself as RUSSELL MILLER, 1811 South Ashland, Chicago, Illinois, telephonically contacted the Chicago Office of the FBI and said that he had heard from his friend, EDGAR FLOYD BORDEN, that the FBI was looking for the car that he was driving. He advised that he could be contacted at

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the above address on the following date.

On April 26, 1968, investigation to locate RUSSELL MILLER at the above address proved negative; however, individuals residing at that address stated that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY did not resemble anyone residing at that address.

On April 29, 1968, RUSSELL RALPH, also known as RUSSELL MILLER, was interviewed at his residence, 2344 South Sacramento, first floor, Chicago, Illinois. He advised that he no longer had the car in question but that he was driving it on April 18, 1968, in the vicinity of 31st Street and South Halsted Street in the company of a blonde woman. Further inquiry revealed that RALPH, born [redacted] at Ypsilanti, Michigan, is 6'1" tall, and weighs 210 pounds. A comparison of the scars and marks and fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY with those of RUSSELL RALPH determined that RALPH was not identical to RAY.

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Re: JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE

On April 19, 1968, the Springfield Division advised that information had been received from the Jackson Division that the Pascagoula, Mississippi, Police Department stopped an individual driving a white Corvair bearing 1968 Illinois license DG 3109. He identified himself as above. He was accompanied by another white male whose identity was not determined and MONTAGNE indicated he was a musician and the other person indicated he was a seaman, with both heading for New Orleans.

The officer who stopped the above individuals said that MONTAGNE resembled the photograph of the subject.

Indianapolis Division developed from auto registration records that the above license plate registers to RAYMOND HILLBURN, 6039 North Ridge, Chicago, for a 1956 Dodge. No other registration or drivers license information regarding MONTAGNE.

On April 20, 1968, MARIA HILLBURN, former wife of RAYMOND HILLBURN, 4700 Magnolia Street, Chicago, advised SA JAMES W. SWINFORD that HILLBURN purchased a white Corvair convertible, model unknown, approximately two weeks ago and departed the Chicago area for Alabama on April 5, 1968. She further advised that she had been contacted telephonically by her husband on April 19, 1968, at which time he advised her that he is now residing with LUCILLE HASSEY, 130 Patton Street, Montgomery, Alabama, telephone 265-4836. Mrs. HILLBURN advised that her husband in no way resembles the photograph of the subject, nor is she acquainted with any associate of his who could be identical with the subject. She said that the name of JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE is completely unknown to her.

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RE: DALE BAXTER
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GARY, INDIANA

On April 19, 1968, an anonymous male telephonically contacted SA ROBERT J. DOLAN and advised that he wished to furnish information concerning captioned matter. He declined to identify himself but stated the following individuals, all current residents of Gary, Indiana, are reportedly in possession of information concerning this matter:

DALE BAXTER
Resides 40th and Tyler

SHIRLEE MACKOWIAK
Resides 40th and Tennessee

JACK WEISSBUCH
Resides 4160 Broadway

Caller stated above had been bragging they have information concerning the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and know the whereabouts of the suspect presently being sought by the FBI. They also said the FBI does not in fact have the actual weapon utilized by the killer but the whereabouts of such weapon is known to the above trio. Caller declined to furnish additional information and terminated the call.

On April 23, 1968, the Indianapolis Division advised that all of the foregoing individuals had been contacted and denied having any knowledge concerning captioned case nor any knowledge concerning the weapon used in this murder.

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RE: TENNESSEE LICENSE BK 1897

On April 19, 1968, Mr. JOHN POWELL, 8655 South Elizabeth, Chicago, Illinois, employment Adolph Levin Company, Incorporated, 5 North Wabash, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at the FBI Office, Chicago, Illinois, at which time he had furnished the following information:

At approximately 8:40 a.m. on April 18, 1968, Mr. POWELL was proceeding to the Chicago Loop area via the northbound lane of the Stevenson Expressway. Mr. POWELL stated that he exited on the Stevenson Expressway and immediately stopped for a red light at which time he noticed a 1962 or 1963 yellow Pontiac Catalina convertible bearing 1963 Shelby County, Tennessee, license BK 1897. He stated that this vehicle was occupied by a white male, believed to be identical with subject JAMES EARL RAY, and a white female. Mr. POWELL stated that the white female was driving the vehicle and when stopped at the red light, the white female got out from the passenger's side of the car and went around the front of the car to assume the driver's seat. POWELL advised that at this time, he was approximately ten feet away from this individual and he described him as follows: white male, height 6'3" (Mr. POWELL stated that subject could have been much taller than this as he was sitting in a car which is low to the ground and subject was on a pavement incline), early 40's, dark complexion, 190 pounds, brown hair, medium build, no outstanding characteristics or scars, wearing brown long-sleeved sweater with gray "V" down the front. Mr. POWELL was furnished two photographs of subject, one taken in 1952 by the Chicago Police Department and one taken in 1962. Mr. POWELL advised that he was positive that the individual in the photograph taken in 1962 was the person whom he saw in the 1962 or 1963 Catalina convertible.

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RE: LOOK-ALIKE IN CAR BEARING
1967 TENNESSEE LICENSE BW 2739

On April 20, 1968, BERNICE THOMAS, 6140 South Dorchester, telephonically advised SA DANIEL M. CRAWFORD that she had observed a man resembling the subject sitting in the back seat of a car bearing 1967 Tennessee license plates BW 2739. She advised that the car was going north on Milwaukee Avenue at Division Street and that she had a good look at this individual. A man and a woman were sitting in the front seat. She said she had observed this car on the afternoon of April 19, 1968, and did not call until this date because she thought that her friend had called yesterday; however, she found out on this date that no one had called.

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Re: E. M. RAY
Pascagoula, Mississippi

Mrs. DENORE STEWART, 3538 West Hirsch, Chicago, telephonically advised at 4:20 PM, April 20, 1968, that her son GERALD HULTGREN is living in Pascagoula, Mississippi, Box 195, with an individual named E. M. RAY. RAY is unknown to STEWART as to description or background.

GERALD HULTGREN is described as a white male, born [redacted] 6'3", 170 pounds in 1960, Social Security Number [redacted]. He has a background of juvenile trouble and Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle matters. He was turned over to juvenile authorities at Cook County, for prosecution in 1960.

STEWART last heard from her son and RAY telephonically about three weeks ago. These two men were to take a trip to an unknown location. The employment of RAY and HULTGREN was not known to STEWART.

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Investigation Pure Oil Company, Palatine, Illinois

The Atlanta Division advised on April 25, 1968, that Mr. RANDOLPH B. JONES, Pure Oil Company Dealer, Americus, Georgia, advised he sold gas to an individual on April 16, 1968, who closely resembled 1968 photo of JAMES EARL RAY. Mr. JONES described the car he believed the person to be driving as well as furnishing a physical description of this individual. He also stated that he believed the individual purchased gas on a temporary Pure Oil Credit Card, which he believes expires in August or September, 1968. He also advised that the credit card slips were purchases on April 16, 1968, and had already been forwarded to the Pure Oil Company Retail Department, Palatine, Illinois.

On April 26, 1968, Mr. CLYDE E. PHODES, Accounting Department, Pure Oil Company, Palatine, Illinois, was telephonically contacted by SA RENE J. DUMAINE, at which time he advised that the package of credit card slips mailed in by Mr. JONES on April 17, 1968, would already be in the Balance process, Accounting Department, and would take until at least April 30, 1968, to locate. He said it is possible that he would be able to locate the credit card slips mailed in on April 22, 1968. He requested that he be furnished with the Transmittal Slip number used by JONES in submitting the credit card transactions.

On the same date, Mr. RHODES was furnished with the following transmittal numbers:

4/18/68 - 7-0217999
7-0218000

4/22/68 - 7-0217997
7-0217998

The foregoing were obtained from the Atlanta Division in contact with Mr. R. B. JONES. Mr. RHODES advised that he had located all of the credit card slips submitted on April 22, 1968. A review of these slips did not reveal any

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credit card slips for any transaction on April 16, 1968.

In a continuing review of Pure Oil Company records, in conjunction with Mr. RHODES and THOMAS DAVINI by SA ROBERT F. PEVAHOUSE on April 29 and 30, 1968, located the list of credit card invoices submitted by Mr. JONES on April 18, 1968. Credit card purchase number 0882579109 was made by Lt. Col. WILKERSON, however, the invoice itself could not be located and the address was not yet in file. The charge for credit card number [REDACTED] is another company credit card and the ticket has already been separated elsewhere. No further effort will be made to locate this card in view of the comments made by Mr. JONES. It should be noted that this review did not reveal any purchase made on a temporary Pure Oil Credit Card.

There were purchases made by the following companies:

Americus Utility
Aladdin Insulators
Georgia Highway Department
V. R. Bush Company
Southern Bell of Georgia
Simplex Nail
W. C. Page

The charge for H. O. JONES, JR. was not further checked out since it was in the amount of \$101.43, which could not have been a mere gas purchase.

A review of the credit card slips submitted reveals the following purchases for gasoline on April 16, 1968:

A.U. ARNOLD
RFD Americus, Georgia

JAMES F. TRAINOR
P.O. Box 265
Damascus, Georgia

J. ROY STUSTILL
212 Daniel Street
Americus, Georgia

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Re: R. TAYLOR
OAK LAWN, ILLINOIS

Investigation regarding the above-named individual was initiated upon receipt of a typewritten postcard by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Headquarters in Washington, D.C. The card was postmarked April 22, 1968, and the Bureau instructed the Chicago Division of the FBI to attempt to locate R. TAYLOR and interview him regarding any information he might have pertinent to this case.

The contents of the postcard are quoted below:

"Dear Sirs,

A lot of us knew J. E. Ray from Fullerton Ave in Chicago. Maybe he did steal cars or armed robbery but he never killed anyone like the Niggers do in riots. We thank him for killing M. King. He was nothing but a trouble maker. If we do see him in Chicago--we will reward him with a couple of thousand dollars--not turn him in. He did us Chicagoans a good turn.

We have an ad in the paper which he will recognize, but you wouldn't the way it is typed out.

We all in Chicago are so happy King is dead (except the Nigger. The Liquor business is at an all time high. We hope he never gets caught so that if R. Abenathy (King's Succesor starts something he will do the same to him. We love J. E. Ray.

R. Taylor"

The following named individuals in the Oak Lawn, Illinois, area were located through credit and police department checks and through a review of appropriate telephone directories. The first four individuals were interviewed on April 26, 1968, and the fifth individual on April 29, 1968 by SA ROBERT F. SWIERCZ.

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- 1) ROBERT C. TAYLOR
8725 Stevens Drive
Oak Lawn, Illinois
- 2) ROBERT R. TAYLOR
6540 82nd Place
Oak Lawn, Illinois
- 3) RONALD P. TAYLOR
7721 Laramie
Oak Lawn, Illinois
- 4) RUSSELL C. TAYLOR
6810 Saratoga Drive
Oak Lawn, Illinois
- 5) ROY G. TAYLOR
5332 State Road
Oak Lawn, Illinois

All advised they had not written or mailed the postcard quoted above, nor could they think of anyone who might have done so.

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RE: TROY EARLS

Following investigation conducted by SA JEROME F. NOLAN on April 26, 1968, at Rockford, Illinois.

CATHY SHARP, Clerk, Rockford Police Department, advised records reflected TROY HERMAN EARLS was charged with speeding September 20, 1962, age 22, white, male, with residence 1063 West State, Rockford - nothing further reflected.

Mrs. VIOLET NORD, Rockford Credit Bureau, advised records reflected TROY EARLS, 4240 11th Street, Rockford, was placed in file July, 1959, at age 19. Employed Elco Tool Company since November of 1958 which was verified March, 1963. Wife, MARY, employed Barber-Colman Company, and as of March, 1963, had two children. Credit excellent.

The foregoing investigation was based on information furnished by the Omaha Division who advised that on April 23, 1968, GREG J. KIBBLE, Chief of Police, Valley, Nebraska, advised he works part time at the Two Rivers State Recreation Area, south of Venice, Nebraska, and that on April 22, 1968, the Superintendent, RICHARD WOLKOW, had advised as follows:

On April 17, 1968, TROY EARLS, 4240 11th Street, Rockford, Illinois, was registered as an overnight camper; he was driving a camper, make not recorded or recalled, Illinois license B 282390.

After viewing TV and newspaper photographs of him, WOLKOW concluded there was some resemblance between EARLS and JAMES EARL RAY, aka, Fugitive, and recalled that EARLS had inquired of him regarding gun laws in the State of Nebraska.

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RE: JOHN H. CARNAHAN (LOOK-ALIKE)

On April 28, 1968, the Milwaukee Division advised that TED WROBLEWSKI, Assistant Park Manager, Interstate State Park, St. Croix, Wisconsin, telephonically advised that he had read an article which set forth that the operator of the Modern Frontier Motel between Mandam and Bismarck, North Dakota, reported a man resembling RAY accompanied by a blonde female and driving a pickup truck registered that motel on April 25, 1968.

In view of this, WROBLEWSKI advised that on April 23, 1968, a white male who gave the name J. CARNAHAN, Skokie, Illinois, accompanied by a blonde female, driving a Ford pickup with camper, Illinois license B 291617, registered at his park.

On the same date, the Springfield Division advised that records, Motor Vehicle Bureau, reveal above license number registered to JAMES MC GOVERN, 10023 West Devon, Rosemont, Illinois, for a 1966 Chevrolet panel truck.

On the same date, Mr. JAMES J. MC GOVERN, above, advised SA ROBERT L. BAKER that he is the owner of a 1966 Chevrolet panel truck bearing 1968 Illinois license B 291617. This vehicle was observed and both license plates were attached. Mr. MC GOVERN could furnish no further information in this matter and was not identical with the subject.

JOHN H. CARNAHAN, 9138 Kilpatrick, Skokie, Illinois, was located and interviewed by SA BAKER. He advised that he and his wife were camping in Wisconsin this weekend and were driving a Ford pickup bearing 1968 Illinois license B 271617 and were hauling a rented camper. CARNAHAN is the owner of Skokie Auto Air Company and is not identical to subject RAY.

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Re: JAMES E. BODKER
14341 South Avalon
Dolton, Illinois

On May 1, 1968, the Atlanta Office advised that CHARLES V. TYSON, Manager, Hertz Rental, Albany, Georgia, stated that at 12:15 PM, April 19, 1968, a white male identifying himself as JAMES E. BODKER, rented a 1967 Ford Galaxie, 4-door, hard top, white over blue, Vehicle Identification Number 7A56C207625, bearing 1968 Georgia license [REDACTED]. This car was to be used in the vicinity of Albany and returned to Albany, Georgia, on April 22, 1968. BODKER gave home address as above and claimed to be manager of Suburban Motors, address not given. He furnished Illinois drivers license number. Vehicle not returned as of May 1, 1968. Description of BODKER fits general description of JAMES EARL RAY. One Hertz employee states BODKER bears close resemblance to 1968 photograph and believes BODKER could be identical to subject.

The following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS W. PARRISH on May 1, 1968:

The records of the Dolton, Illinois Police Department were reviewed and contained no information identifiable with BODKER.

LARRY MILLAR, 14341 Avalon, Dolton, Illinois, advised that he is the brother-in-law of BODKER who uses the above address as a mailing address but does not reside at the location. He could furnish no information regarding BODKER's present whereabouts. DONNA MILLAR appeared at the above residence and furnished the same information as her husband. She further advised that on the day KING was shot, BODKER and the rest of the family were attending a birthday party for their mother, Mrs. ZELDA BALDUC, 12357 Ashland, Calumet Park, Illinois. Both stated they would have BODKER contact the FBI if they located him. Both were also advised that the auto rented by BODKER was overdue and that he should immediately advise Hertz.

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Mrs. BALDUC was contacted and verified information given by the MILLARS. She exhibited a photo of BODKER. Comparison of this photo with that of the subject did not appear to indicate any similarity.

On May 2, 1968, BODKER was contacted at the North Side Inn, 125th and Western, Blue Island, Illinois. He bears very little physical resemblance to subject RAY. BODKER exhibited numerous identification to establish his background. Handwriting samples were obtained and appear identical to other signatures going back ten years. He advised that on the evening of the KING murder he was at his mother's home with numerous other guests.

BODKER is presently on parole and has served 5 years, 10 months of a 14-year sentence for voluntary manslaughter; he has also served time for burglary and auto theft. His parole records are maintained with the Illinois State Probation Office. He advised that he returned the Hertz car to their Chicago Office.

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Re Look Alike, O'Hare Airport, Chicago, Delta Airlines, 4/9/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA DANIEL R. HUNTINGTON on May 1, 1968:

LOU MYERS, Field Ticket Office Manager, Delta Airlines, O'Hare International Airport, advised that from his records the two ticket agents working the express baggage check in counter where seat selection formerly was located were JOHN WINNICK and PAUL VANA. MYERS said that Delta handles from four to five thousand passengers a day from O'Hare and advised that the seat selection is now handled, and was at that time handled, at each gate. However, if H. ALVIN SHARPE is a frequent Delta Traveler, he would have recalled that this is where seat selection had been for a number of years.

WINNICK interviewed at length, however, he recalled nothing of incident described. He has seen many photographs of subject, and states he cannot recall any person resembling subject.

PAUL VANA recently married, on honeymoon at the Island of Aruba, off the coast of South America, and unavailable until May 8, 1968.

The foregoing investigation was based on information furnished by the New Orleans Division on April 29, 1968, indicating that H. ALVIN SHARP, Educoin Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that about 2:00 p.m. he went to the Delta Airlines Ticket Office, O'Hare Airport, and while there, observed a man talking with one of the seat reservation agents. SHARP thought he knew this man and then his attention was further drawn to him by the fact that the passenger said he wanted to go to New Orleans but did not want the flight via Atlanta. SHARP spoke to this man, thinking he was his friend, apologized and then noted that this person remained at the counter and seemed to have a "hassle" with one of the two men at the counter. This conversation apparently continued for thirty minutes. SHARP did not see this person again, states he believes this man was the subject after observing a new picture of RAY. SHARP stated the 1968 photo of RAY does not resemble man at airport.

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SPECIAL PROJECTS

Immediately upon identification of the murderer of KING as JAMES EARL RAY, contact was established with the various airlines at O'Hare International Airport, with United States Customs and with airlines having international operations. On April 25, 1968, all airlines at O'Hare Airport as well as the O'Hare Detachment of the Chicago Police Department, Immigration and Naturalization Service, and United States Public Health were contacted by SA JOHN W. MORAN and SA DANIEL R. HUNTINGTON at which time supervisory personnel were furnished with Identification Orders and wanted flyers of the subject which they agreed to place in a prominent spot and discuss instant matter with their employees. They also advised that they would insure that the FBI was immediately contacted in the event any employee observed a person that resembled the subject.

On April 24, 1968, Mr. CHARLES G. WARD, District Supervisor, Federal Narcotics Bureau, United States Department of Justice, Room 1836, Federal Building, was contacted by SA CLARK A. HULL at which time he was furnished 25 copies of the wanted flyer for JAMES EARL RAY. Mr. WARD advised that all sources of the Narcotics Bureau would be contacted concerning the subject and should any positive information be received about him or his whereabouts, he would immediately notify the FBI.

All ITSMV cases in the Chicago Division have been reviewed from March 23, 1968, to date where the car was stolen in or near Atlanta, Georgia. To date there has been no indication from this review that the subject was responsible for any theft that area based on Chicago information.

Lieutenant EMIL GIESE, Commanding Officer, Identification Division, Chicago Police Department, was contacted by SA RAMON W. STRATTON on April 22, 1968, with the request that the latent fingerprints presently outstanding in the Chicago Police Department unsolved criminal cases be checked against the known prints of JAMES EARL RAY. On April 26, 1968, Lieutenant GIESE advised that he is continuing the program consistent with the available personnel. He said that he had several thousand latents in file and to this time, he has

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eliminated an estimated 200 to 300. He advised that he is aware of the importance of this matter and is personally spending a considerable amount of time when possible eliminating these latents assisted by three latent examiners when available. On May 3, 1968, Lieutenant GIESE advised that he has eliminated about another 300 prints without developing any that could be identical with the subject.

On April 30, 1968, the Chicago Division instituted personal contacts with all of the country clubs within the territory. The contacting Agents reviewed the employment records of the various country clubs for any possibility that the subject could have been employed at the club at any time and if he had been employed since April 23, 1967. These contacts met with negative results; however, a copy of the Identification Order for the subject was left with appropriate personnel who advised that they would check all individuals who applied for employment in the future and would immediately notify the Chicago Division if there appeared to be any individual answering the physical description and photograph of the subject.

The records of the American Bartending School, 334 South Wabash, were reviewed by SA RICHARD G. STILLING and contact has been maintained with Mr. GERALD R. SANTORO, Director, on a continuing basis in the event that the subject might contact the school.

The records of the American Bartending School were reviewed in an effort to find the attendance of JOHN RAY, subject's brother; however, a search of these records going back to 1962 did not develop any information that JOHN RAY had attended.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE SPRINGFIELD	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 5/24/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/25/68 - 5/22/68
TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, Aka - FUGITIVE; IO 4182 WF 442-A TOP TEN FUGITIVE; DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA WILLIAM ROBERTS, III	TYPED BY sjs
		CHARACTER OF CASE CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY	

REFERENCES:

Bureau airtel to All Offices, dated 5/7/68.

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LEADS:

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

At Springfield, Illinois.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						None	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:	
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			PENDING OVER ONE YEAR	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
								PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
APPROVED						SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE			
COPIES MADE:						DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW			
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						SEARCHED	INDEXED	SERIALIZED	FILED
1 - Los Angeles (44-1574-2)						Notations			
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3 - Bureau (44-38861)
3 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Atlanta (44-2386)(Info)
1 - Birmingham (44-1740)(Info)
1 - Chicago (44-1114)(Info)
1 - Houston (44-1509)(Info)
1 - Jackson (Info)
1 - Kansas City (44-760)(Info)
1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)(Info)
1 - New Orleans (157-10673)(Info)
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Will continue efforts to locate subject RAY.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

Information copies sent Atlanta, Birmingham, Chicago, Houston, Jackson, Kansas City, Los Angeles, New Orleans, and St. Louis Divisions in view of pending investigation in those Divisions.

No leads are being set forth in this report as they have been and are being set out by more expeditious communications.

For the sake of brevity, the body of this report does not contain the voluminous negative information obtained by the Springfield Division during the period of this report. This information is a matter of record in the Springfield Division and reflects negative information re:

- (1) ERIC STARVO GALT, agency checks; barge lines; dance studios
- (2) Laundry checks
- (3) Agency checks re HARVEY LOWMYER or LOWMEYER
- (4) Canvass of unsolved bank robberies in the Springfield Division
- (5) Canvass of law enforcement agencies re unidentified latent fingerprints
- (6) Automobiles stolen from the State of Georgia
- (7) Possible suspects and lookalikes which originated and were resolved wholly within the Springfield Division
- (8) Nonproductive interviews as a result of various telephone and mail coverage

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