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TO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAN DIEGO (44-387)

MURKIN. COST DATA.

SAN DIEGO HAS NO COST DATA TO REPORT FOR MONTH OF JULY.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (1 P)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST TWO, LAST.  
BACKGROUND DATA BEING DEVELOPED ON ALL NEW SUSPECTS  
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WEEKS. ON COMPLETION BACKGROUND DATA, ALL WILL BE INTENSIVELY  
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MURKIN.

SHORTLY BEFORE NOON THIS DATE, SAC, MEMPHIS RECEIVED  
SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM. SUBPOENA ADDRESSED TO AGENT JENSEN OF THE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, FEDERAL BUILDING, MEMPHIS,  
TENNESSEE, REQUESTING HIS APPEARANCE ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST  
TWENTYONE, SIXTYEIGHT, AT TEN A.M., BEFORE JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT,  
SHELBY COUNTY DIVISION EIGHT, COURT SITTING IN CRIMINAL COURT  
BUILDING, DIVISION THREE, CITY OF MEMPHIS. SAC REQUESTED IN  
SUBPOENA TO BRING WITH HIM ANY AND ALL WRITTEN STATEMENTS, ORAL  
STATEMENTS REDUCED TO WRITING, TAPED STATEMENTS REDUCED TO  
WRITING, OR ANY PAPER WRITINGS OF OR PERTAINING TO CHARLES  
QUITMAN STEPHENS.

STEPHENS, AS BUREAU IS AWARE, IS WITNESS IN MURKIN CASE WHO  
LIVED IN ROOMING HOUSE AT WHICH SUBJECT STAYED ON APRIL FOUR,  
SIXTYEIGHT. STEPHENS HAS BEEN HELD IN CUSTODY AS MATERIAL  
WITNESS. WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS HAS BEEN PREPARED IN ORDER THAT  
STEPHENS WILL APPEAR IN COURT AND MIGHT POSSIBLY BE RELEASED AS  
MATERIAL WITNESS. ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENA TO SAC WAS DISCUSSED WITH  
~~DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL M. CANALE AND ASSISTANT ATTORNEY~~

RGJ:BN

(1) RG Jensen  
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GENERAL JAMES BEASLEY. DISTRICT AG CANALE ADVISED SAC NOT TO RESPOND TO SUBPOENA. CANALE STATED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED COMPARABLE SUBPOENA AND THAT HE DID NOT INTEND TO APPEAR IN COURT HIMSELF NOR DID HE INTEND TO PERMIT ANY DOCUMENTS OF ANY SORT TO BE INTRODUCED. CANALE SAID IN EVENT ANY INFORMATION NEEDED HE WAS OF OPINION THAT STEPHENS COULD SO TESTIFY HIMSELF. CANALE ALSO SAID IN EVENT COURT INTERESTED IN ANY STATEMENT OF STEPHENS COURT WOULD BE ADVISED THAT AFFIDAVIT HAD BEEN FURNISHED BY STEPHENS PERTAINING TO HIS KNOWLEDGE IN THIS CASE AND THAT SUCH AN AFFIDAVIT HAD BEEN INTRODUCED IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXTRADITION HEARINGS HELD IN LONDON. CANALE SAID HE WAS OF OPINION THIS WAS PUBLIC RECORD AND THEREFORE NO NEED FOR SAC TO RESPOND TO SUBPOENA.

AAG BEASLEY STATED WITH CANALE'S PERMISSION HE WOULD REQUEST COURT QUASH ALL SUBPOENAS IN INSTANT CASE, SINCE REQUEST FOR WRITTEN STATEMENTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL NOT MATERIAL TO ISSUE. HE STATED ISSUE IN INSTANT CASE IS WHETHER OR NOT STATE COULD HOLD STEPHENS AS MATERIAL WITNESS AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION IRRELEVANT. BEASLEY ALSO STATED

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**THAT SHOULD THERE BE ANY CHANGE IN MATTER HE WOULD SO ADVISE THIS OFFICE. BEASLEY OF OPINION JUDGE BEFORE WHOM CASE WOULD BE HEARD WOULD BE FAVORABLE TO QUASHING SUBPOENAES.**

**BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENTS.**

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)  
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
MURKIN.

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R<sup>W</sup>*

RE MEMPHIS TEL AUGUST TWENTY LAST.

SAC MEMPHIS IN RESPONSE TO SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM DID APPEAR BEFORE CIRCUIT JUDGE WILLIAM W. O'HEARN THIS DATE. SAC IDENTIFIED SELF BY NAME AND POSITION HELD. PRIOR TO ANY QUESTIONS BEING ASKED, SAC <sup>BEGAN TO ADVISE</sup> INFORMED JUDGE OF DEPARTMENTAL RESTRICTIONS.

~~ORDER NUMBER EIGHT ONE~~ BEFORE JUDGE O'HEARN WAS ABLE TO RESPOND, ATTORNEY FOR CHARLES Q. STEPHENS ADDRESSED BENCH AND ADVISED HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH DEPARTMENTAL RESTRICTIONS AND HAD NO INTENTION OF ASKING QUESTIONS REGARDING JAMES EARL RAY CASE OR POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT THEREIN OF HIS CLIENT AND INTENDED ONLY TO ASK QUESTIONS RE CHARLES QUITMAN STEPHENS. SAC RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY STEPHENS' ATTORNEY WHICH WERE IN NATURE OF, DID YOU KNOW STEPHENS, HAD YOU TALKED WITH STEPHENS, HAD STEPHENS BEEN COOPERATIVE, HAD STEPHENS INDICATED TO YOU THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO COOPERATE AND HAD STEPHENS INDICATED HE INTENDED TO FLEE. 44-1987-1193

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Approved: *R. Jensen*  
Special Agent in Charge

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SAC RESPONDED THAT IN CONTACTS WITH STEPHENS, STEPHENS HAD BEEN COOPERATIVE, HAD INDICATED NO RELUCTANCE ON HIS PART AT ANY TIME TO COOPERATE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT, HAD GIVEN EVERY INDICATION HE WOULD CONTINUE TO COOPERATE AND THAT SAC HAD NO KNOWLEDGE RE POSSIBLE FLIGHT ON THE PART OF STEPHENS. SAC ON WITNESS STAND APPROXIMATELY SIX TO EIGHT MINUTES. *STEPHENS ATTORNEY IS HARVEY L. GIPSON.*

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL JIM BEASLEY ADVISED SAC MEMPHIS THAT JUDGE O'HEARN AFTER HEARING VARIOUS WITNESSES AND TESTIMONY OFFERED IN INSTANT CASE DID RELEASE CHARLES Q. STEPHENS. RELEASE OF STEPHENS MADE SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT ON HIS PART THAT HE WOULD NOT LEAVE JURISDICTION OF COURT AND THAT IF POLICE PROTECTION BECAME NECESSARY AT LATER TIME HE WOULD WILLINGLY SUBMIT TO SAME. STEPHENS RELEASED FROM CUSTODY THIS DATE. P. END.

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Special Agent in Charge

SAC, MEMPHIS (62-0)

8/2/71

SA KENNETH F. HAYS, JR.

JAMES (NMN) CAMPBELL, aka  
Rev. Jimmy Campbell  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION  
CONCERNING

Subject voluntarily appeared at the Memphis Office of the FBI on 7/30/71, and furnished writer the following information:

He advised that he does not feel that JAMES EARL RAY is guilty of the charges leveled against him in connection with the death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. He stated that he and a Rev. JOHN, (he was unable to provide any further identifying information concerning Rev. JOHN) are attempting to prove that JAMES EARL RAY is innocent of the charges against him.

CAMPBELL reported that he feels that someone of the Negro race killed Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, but he was unable to provide any information as to who this person might be.

He stated that he is certain that many Negroes across the country hated Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and had motives for killing him.

He volunteered that he and Rev. JOHN would report the facts as obtained by them concerning the death of Dr. KING to the FBI.

CAMPBELL further reported that a Rev. CLARENCE MAXWELL had been defrauded out of \$125 by a CURTIS TAYLOR in Memphis. He reported that the fraud took place in Memphis several weeks ago, and it is his understanding that CURTIS TAYLOR's present whereabouts are unknown. CAMPBELL advised that he plans to report this to the Memphis PD.

CAMPBELL provided the following information about himself:

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Name	<u>JAMES (NMN) CAMPBELL</u>
Alias	<u>Rev. JIMMY CAMPBELL</u>
Address	637 S. Mississippi Blvd., Memphis
Employment	None
Occupation	Guard or special police and Baptist minister
Height	5'9"
Weight	182
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Military service	U. S. Army, World War II
Service Serial No.	<input type="text"/>
Race	Negro
SSAN	<input type="text"/>
Marital status	Single
Education	Two years college
Relatives	None

During the entire course of the conversation, CAMPBELL rambled continuously and appeared to the writer to be mentally unstable.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Post Office Box 1277,  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45201  
September 18, 1975

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Re: JAMES EARL RAY

On September 12, 1975, Grace Miller, Chief  
Deputy Clerk, United States Court of Appeals, Sixth  
Circuit, Cincinnati, Ohio, advised an employee of the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, (FBI), that the  
following additional entries were returned in Booklet  
Number 75-1788:

- September 12, 1975 Motion: Appellant's Brief  
to September 27, 1975  
(Final extension to  
September 27, 1975. Granted)
- September 12, 1975 Opposition to appellant's  
motion for an order directing  
court reporter to expedite  
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**AIRTEL**

**TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**  
**FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893) (P)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN**

Re CI airtel and LHM to the Bureau, 9/15/75.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of an LHM captioned "JAMES EARL RAY". Enclosed for Memphis are two copies of the same LHM.

Information furnished in enclosed LHM was obtained from records at the U. S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, Cincinnati, Ohio, by SC DWIGHT H. VOGEL.

Cincinnati will maintain contact with the U. S. Court of Appeals in this matter.

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On September 10, 1975, Gross Keller, Chief  
Deputy Clerk, United States Court of Appeals, Sixth  
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following additional entry was recorded in Docket  
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TITLE OF CASE <b>MURKIN</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA THOMAS J. WILSON</b>	TYPED BY <b>wy</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>	

REFERENCE: Bureau nitel to Atlanta, 2/3/76.

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Copy to: 1 - USA, Atlanta, Georgia  
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Report of: SA THOMAS J. WILSON  
Date: FEBRUARY 23, 1976

Office: ATLANTA

Field Office File #: 44-2386

Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title: MURKIN

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

CLAUDE POWELL, JR., reinterviewed 2/6/76 and advised that any discrepancies between his statement of the facts and his brother, LEON's, statement of the facts was a result of a long period of time since the incident. CLAUDE POWELL advised he would stand by his original statement. CLAUDE POWELL was unable to identify the artist's conception of RALPH (last name unknown) dated 1/23/76. LEON POWELL JR., reinterviewed 2/11/76 and advised his original statement was essentially correct, however, does not recall seeing RAY GODFREY in Pete's Bar the day he was approached by RALPH (last name unknown). LEON POWELL also advised the name of the bar where the incident occurred was probably not Pete's Place since PETE had sold it and another owner taken over. He and his brother have talked about the incident at various times since 1968. LEON advised the artist's conception of RALPH (last name unknown) dated 1/23/76 is a good likeness of an individual who approached he and his brother to assassinate MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Wife of CLAUDE POWELL, advised she has been married to CLAUDE for 20 years and in her opinion the whole story is a fabrication made up by her husband and his brother, LEON. Relatives of ARNOLD RAY GODFREY advised they did not know any relationship or interest between RAY GODFREY, MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., or JAMES EARL RAY. Relatives were unable to name an individual named RALPH who associated with RAY GODFREY. Employees



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of the bar located at 1455 Moreland Avenue who were employed in 1967-1968 were interviewed and advised they were familiar with both CLAUDE POWELL and RAY GODFREY. Employees characterized CLAUDE POWELL as a quiet individual, however, quite a heavy drinker. Employees characterized RAY GODFREY as a very likeable individual whom they thought would never be in trouble. None of the employees could recognize the artist's conception of RALPH (last name unknown) as any individual who had been in the bar.

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DETAILS:

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 2/10/76

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CLAUDE POWELL, JR., Room 211 Scottish Inn, was interviewed in his motel room during the late evening of February 5, 1976.

Discrepancies in his version of an alleged meeting with an unknown white male at Pete's Bar Atlanta, Georgia, as compared with LEON POWELL's were discussed. CLAUDE stated that any discrepancies are a result of a long passage of time since the incident and his statement is accurate in his recollection. He clarified his relationship with RAY GODFREY stating that GODFREY was a friend whom he has known for many years but GODFREY was more closely associated and a better friend of LEON's. CLAUDE also commented that he later learned GODFREY made an initial contact with LEON approximately one week prior to the unknown white male's proposition to murder MARTIN LUTHER KING but he did not know anything about the meeting at Pete's Bar until the unknown white male seated himself and made the offer. nor did he have prior knowledge of what transpired between GODFREY and LEON.

Other than these changes, CLAUDE stands by his original statement, emphasizing that his statement may differ in some aspects with LEON's statement but the fact is, both he and LEON witnessed the offer of a substantial amount of money by an unknown white male to murder MARTIN LUTHER KING.

In addition, CLAUDE stated he and LEON talked about the alleged meeting with the unknown white male frequently after its occurrence but as time passed, they talked about it less and less. He said that he and LEON worked together on the same job at the time of the alleged meeting and continued to do so until approximately three months ago. He knows of no one who could verify that they were in Atlanta, Georgia, at the time of the alleged meeting but stated that both, he and LEON, were residing in Decatur, Georgia, during this time. CLAUDE described

Interviewed on 2/6/76 at Midland, Texas File # FP 44-920  
ME 44-1987  
 by SA FRANZ W. NENZEL /nm Date dictated 2/9/76

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the interior of Pete's Bar, including the booth where each participant of the alleged meeting was seated and a sketch was made by Special Agent FRANZ W. NENZEL. CLAUDE was questioned specifically concerning his polygraph examination in response to the question "Do you know who asked you and LEON to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING?", and he denied having any prior knowledge of the unidentified person who offered he and LEON \$25,000 to murder MARTIN LUTHER KING.

CLAUDE stated that he telephonically contacted his brother, LEON POWELL, at telephone number 404-289-1545, Decatur, Georgia (telephone number is for DAVID POWELL, CLAUDE's nephew) after initial interview by FBI Agents at Midland, Texas. CLAUDE stated that he and LEON discussed the interview.

In addition, CLAUDE stated he had discussed the alleged meeting with the unknown person at Pete's Bar with WILLIAM DEAN WOODCOCK, his partner in business and roommate at the Scottish Inn. WOODCOCK is the only fellow employee whom he told of the alleged meeting.

CLAUDE stated that the unknown person who offered them the money to murder MARTIN LUTHER KING did not have any type of an accent. He repeated that all aspects of his statement including description, time reference and conversation between the unknown person who made the offer to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING were true and accurate to the best of his recollection.

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3/3/76

Date of transcription \_\_\_\_\_

The following photographs were displayed to CLAUDE POWELL, JR., who was located at his place of employment where he was working as a carpenter:

1. TRAVIS MERLE PHILLIPS, Odessa Police Department (OPD), Number 7174.
2. BILLY GENE SHAFFER, OPD Number 16969
3. OPD Number 19806
4. BOBBY JOE SMITH
5. Composite photograph bearing Bureau File Number 44-38861, Atlanta File 44-2386.

After viewing the above photographs, POWELL stated he would be unable to identify any one of these as being the individual who approached him and his brother, LEON POWELL, at Pete's Bar in Atlanta, Georgia, with the proposition of murdering MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., POWELL again stated that he would be unable to recognize the individual should he ever meet him again.

Interviewed on 2/26/76 at Midland, Texas EP 44-920  
 by SA HAROLD W. HENNING Date dictated 3/1/76 ME: 44-1987

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Date of transcription 3/22/76

CLAUDE POWELL, Jr., was contacted at his residence 4163 Camby Lane, Decatur, Georgia, and advised that he was not sure whether or not PETE DAVIS was present during the initial meeting at the bar. The incident happened so long ago, some of the details are quite mixed up in his mind. He thinks that his brother, LEON, was the only one present during the initial contact with RAY GODFREY. He does not remember being present during the conversation between RAY GODFREY and his brother, LEON.

Interviewed on 3/8/76 at Atlanta, Georgia File # AT 44-2386

by SA THOMAS J. WILSON :wy Date dictated 3/15/76

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 2/25/76

LEON OWEN POWELL was contacted at his residence and advised of the identity of the interviewing agent. POWELL was advised of his rights by Special Agent THOMAS J. WILSON, however, declined to sign anything. POWELL declined to furnish a signed statement, however, voluntarily furnished the following information:

He has thought about the incident when he was approached by RALPH (last name unknown) in the bar which he knew as Pete's Place on Moreland Avenue and requested to assassinate MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. He is quite sure the original contact with RAY GODFREY was approximately one week before RALPH (last name unknown) came into the bar. He is sure the meeting took place in November, 1967. He does not remember seeing RAY GODFREY in Pete's Bar the day RALPH (last name unknown) came into the bar and offered the money. He does not remember any specific denominations of the money in the brief case, however, the brief case was full of money. RALPH (last name unknown) upon offering the brief case told him "here's 25". RALPH (last name unknown) told him and his brother, CLAUDE, they would get "25 now and 50 when he's in the grave" or something to that effect. To the best of his memory, he never mentioned MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'s name.

During the original conversation with RAY GODFREY, he (RAY GODFREY) never made mention of the exact amount of money he and his brother would be paid to assassinate MARTIN LUTHER KING. GODFREY merely stated "big money". GODFREY is a friend of both he and his brother, however, GODFREY is probably friendlier with CLAUDE than he is with himself. LEON POWELL has not had any contact with RAY GODFREY when the assassination of KING was discussed when CLAUDE was not present.

He could not specifically recall seeing PETE DAVIS in the bar when RALPH (last name unknown) approached

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by SA THOMAS J. WILSON :wy Date dictated 2/18/76

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him and his brother. In fact, upon recollection, the name of the bar was not even Pete's Place. At the time of the incident the name of the bar was Bill Bailey's.

To the best of his memory, both he and his brother were working for RAY COOLEY, an individual dry wall contractor at the time of the incident. COOLEY is now employed by Fisher Dry Wall in Atlanta, Georgia.

LEON advised that the corrected artist's conception dated January 23, 1976, is a good likeness of the individual he knows as RALPH (last name unknown).

He has talked with his brother CLAUDE various times since the original offer.

LEON is familiar with W. VENABLE, also known as "Yank" and BILL McGARITY. These two individuals owned the property and the building in which Pete's bar was located. Neither VENABLE or McGARITY are RALPH (last name unknown).

LEON advised the only male close associate of RAY GODFREY was a relative named LEE GODFREY.

LEON advised he would be willing to testify to everything that he has told the FBI.

LEON advised upon reflection and having to draw a diagram of the bar he is quite sure that he, his brother, and RALPH (last name unknown) went to one of the tables located in the back part of the bar rather than one of the booths as he originally stated.

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Attached hereto is a sketch of Pete's Place, the bar where RALPH (last name unknown) approached LEON POWELL and CLAUDE POWELL to assassinate MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., as described by LEON POWELL.

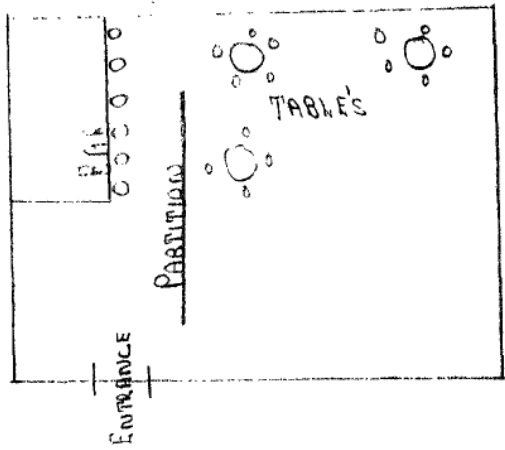
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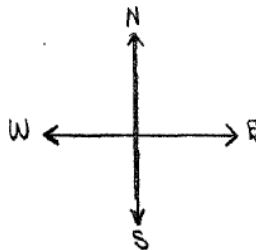
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SKETCH of PETE'S PLACE AS DESCRIBED by  
LEON POWELL

MORELAND AVE



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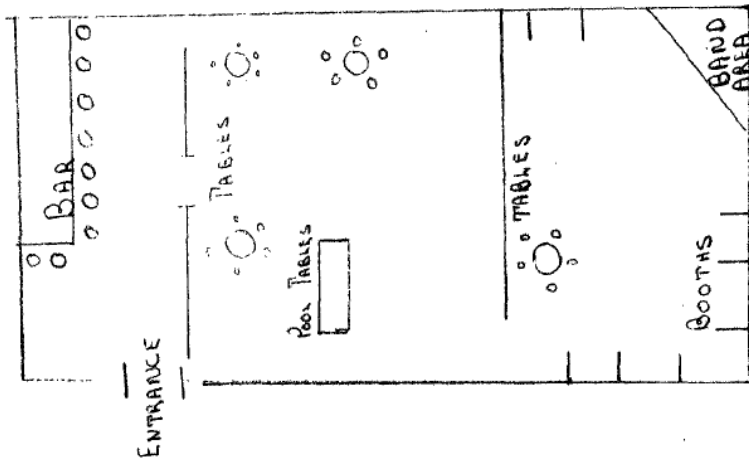
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Attached hereto is a sketch of Bill Bailey's  
Lounge as described by L. W. CLARK.

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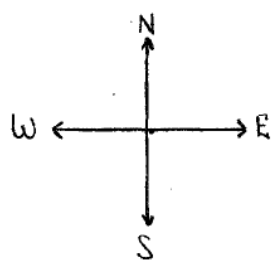
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SKETCH of BILL BAILEY'S LOUNGE AS DESCRIBE by  
 W. CLARK. (NOTE - THIRD AREA OF BAR CONSTRUCTED by L.W. CLARK  
 IN 1969 - AREA WITH BANDSTAND)

MORELAND AVE



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JACKIE POWELL, 4163 Camby Lane, Decatur, Georgia, was contacted and supplied the following information:

The only time that she heard about the incident involving the offer of money to assassinate MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was when her husband mentioned it to her after KING had been assassinated. She was positive her husband had never mentioned it to her before the assassination. Her husband told her he had been offered a large sum of money to assassinate KING but had refused the contract.

She advised she had been married to CLAUDE POWELL for twenty years and knows him quite well. It is her opinion that the whole story is a fabrication made up by her husband and his brother, LEON. She considers LEON to be an alcoholic. She would not believe any of the stories that LEON and CLAUDE told her. She stated that she felt the Government was wasting its time on this allegation.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA THOMAS J. WILSON, at Atlanta, Georgia:

On February 6, 1976, CLINTON STANFORD, Administrative Assistant, Environment and Street Services, City of Atlanta, advised all records concerning the exact days worked by any city employees are currently stored in a vault at City Hall. He stated he would attempt to locate any records to see if ARNOLD RAY GODFREY was working for the city during the months of October, November, and December, 1967, and March and April, 1968.

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Mrs. L. N. PENNINGTON, Director, of Personnel, City of Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia, advised a review of her records for ARNOLD RAY GODFREY reflect that GODFREY applied for employment in the City in 1949, listing his address as 569 Gresham Road, Atlanta. GODFREY also listed that he was married to a woman named MILLIE. There were no other relatives listed. GODFREY listed the following references:

FRANK WALDON, Route One, Copperhill, Tennessee;

WALTER STYNUS, Route One, Copperhill, Tennessee;

CLAUDE CRANFORD, Route One, Copperhill, Tennessee.

Employment record also showed that GODFREY went through the fifth grade at the Copperhill Elementary School.

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CLINTON STANFORD, assistant to the Commissioner Environment and Street Service, City of Atlanta, advised that a review of his records shows that ARNOLD RAY GODFREY did not take leave during October and November, 1967. This would show that GODFREY was on duty every day during those two months. However, for the two-week pay period beginning April 3, 1968, through April 17, 1968, GODFREY was charged with three vacation days. For the two-week pay period beginning April 17, 1968 through May 1, 1968, GODFREY was charged with two vacation days. The records do not show the exact date of these vacation days. The records STANFORD checked are the combination of departmental records and merely shows totals. The departmental records which would show the background are purged every three years thus the records have been destroyed for 1967 and 1968.

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BETTY H. NEELY, Personnel Records, Georgia National Guard, Atlanta, Georgia, was contacted and furnished the following information:

All of the records concerning individuals who had been in the National Guard during the 1950's have been reduced to microfilm. This microfilm data would only show background information such as date of birth, place of birth, employment, enlistment date, discharge date, military occupations and day of tour duty. The information contained on the microfilm would be very sketchy and would not contain any medical history.

After review of the records, the following information was obtained from the National Guard:

Records showed that ARNOLD RAY GODFREY, born on [redacted], at Copperhill, Tennessee, enlisted on January 9, 1951, in a medical company attached with the 122nd Infantry. This unit was then located in Atlanta, Georgia. GODFREY was discharged on January 8, 1954 after he completed his reserve obligation for three years. The reason for discharge was expiration of term of service. GODFREY was discharged honorably as a corporal. GODFREY served three tours of 15 days encampment. The days of these tours of duty are July 8-28, 1951, July 27 to August 10, 1952, and July 5-19, 1953. His occupation during service was a light truck operator. The addresses GODFREY listed as his residence were 73 Cleveland Street, and 74 Atlanta Avenue.

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AT COPPERHILL, TENNESSEE:

LOIS WALDON GODFREY and ROBERT K. GODFREY, Route One, Grassy Creek Road, Copperhill, Tennessee, were contacted on February 7, 1976, and advised most of the GODFREY family moved to the Atlanta, Georgia area in the late 1940s. She and her husband are the only members of the family currently residing in Tennessee.

MARY GODFREY, ARNOLD RAY GODFREY's mother, resides with her daughter, SHIRLEY BULLOCH, address unknown, however, BULLOCH is employed directing traffic at school crossings in the Marietta, Georgia area. ARNOLD's sister, Mrs. R. L. (EDNA) ENSLEY and Mrs. IRA (DENA) SMITH, reside on Route One, Blue Ridge, Georgia. A brother, JAMES T. GODFREY, also resides at Route One, Blue Ridge, Georgia. Another brother, LEE CARROLL GODFREY, has in the past been involved in criminal activities and has used the name ARNOLD RAY GODFREY in the past.

During Christmas, 1974, LEE CARROLL GODFREY was incarcerated at the Blue Ridge County Jail, Blue Ridge, Georgia. LEE CARROLL GODFREY's whereabouts are not known, however, it is rumored that he is residing in Ellijay, Georgia.

Another brother, RAY S. GODFREY, died in November, 1975. Neither LOIS nor ROBERT GODFREY are acquainted with a RALPH (LNU) and stated ARNOLD RAY GODFREY has not resided in the Copperhill, Tennessee area in 27 years and has no associates in the area.

ARNOLD RAY GODFREY married a girl named MILLIE CAMERON after moving to Atlanta. References FRANK WALTON, WALTER STYMUS and CLAUDE CRANFORD were neighbors of the GODFREY family in Copperhill, prior to the family moving to Atlanta. LOIS GODFREY advised ARNOLD RAY GODFREY has not been in any contact with these individuals since moving to Atlanta.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS J. WILSON at Fannin County, Georgia, on February 11, 1976.

PAUL HIGDON, Sheriff, Fannin County, Georgia Sheriff's Office, advised LEE CARROLL GODFREY is a white male, date of birth [REDACTED] GODFREY has served time in the Georgia State Prison for armed robbery and murder. LEE GODFREY was arrested on December 23, 1973, for theft by receiving by Fannin County. LEE GODFREY made bond, however, failed to show for trial and his whereabouts now are unknown.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA HAROLD J. POE at Blue Ridge, Georgia:

On February 12, 1976, files of the Fannin County Sheriff's Department revealed LEE CARROLL GODFREY, also known as LEE RAY GODFREY, had been arrested on December 23, 1974, on the charge of theft by receiving stolen property. He was released on bond on December 27, 1974, and failed to appear for arraignment after which a bench warrant was issued for his arrest. The warrant is still outstanding. He gave his date of birth as [redacted] Social Security Number [redacted]. A photograph of GODFREY was obtained from the file.

On February 18, 1976, Mrs. R.L. (EDNA) EASLEY, Highway Number 5, sister of LEE CARROLL GODFREY, and MARIE GODFREY, mother of EDNA and LEE, advised they had no knowledge of LEE's whereabouts. They had no knowledge of LEON or CLAUDE POWELL, anyone named DUKE or any relationship or interest either LEE or RAY GODFREY in MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., or JAMES EARL RAY. They knew no one named RALPH who associated with either LEE or RAY.

On February 18, 1976, Mrs. IRA (DENA) SMITH, Epworth Community, advised she is a sister to LEE CARROLL GODFREY and reiterated the information as furnished by her mother and sister.

On February 18, 1976, JAMES T. GODFREY, brother of LEE and RAY GODFREY, residing Sugar Creek Road, advised he had no idea of where LEE was residing at the present time. He did not know anyone named LEON or CLAUDE POWELL, anyone named DUKE or any interest LEE or RAY GODFREY had with MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., or JAMES EARL RAY. JAMES said a man named RALPH (SETZER) (Phonetic) used to play a guitar with LEE and RAY at a bar in Atlanta. RALPH was not further described.

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On February 18, 1976, LEE CARROLL GODFREY was located on Boardtown Road in Northern Gilmer County. He advised he did not know anyone named LEON or CLAUDE POWELL or anyone named DUKE. He further said he had never heard his brother RAY mention anything about MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., or JAMES EARL RAY. Concerning an individual named RALPH, LEE said a man named RALPH SMITH used to make music with RAY and LEE at the office, a bar on Flat Shoals Avenue in Atlanta. LEE was not positive about RALPH's last name and described him as 45 years old, 5'10", 105 pounds, short hair. LEE had not seen RALPH for over two years. LEE also said he uses his brother's RAY's, name on occasion. He concluded by stating it was ludicrous to connect his brother or him with MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and, in fact, LEE said he was in prison in Reidsville, Georgia, when KING was killed.

In Fannin County, Georgia, on February 23, 1976, a composite photograph of an individual known as RALPH (Last Name Unknown) was shown to TOMMY GODFREY residing on Sugar Creek Road, Fannin County, Georgia. TOMMY is a brother to both LEE CARROLL and ARNOLD RAY GODFREY. TOMMY advised that he did not know the individual depicted in the composite and furthermore did not know anyone named RALPH SMITH or RALPH SETZER. He mentioned the name RALPH SETZER during the prior interview only because LEE CARROLL GODFREY related to him about his contact with the FBI and their interest in a RALPH. TOMMY stated LEE told him the man's name was RALPH SETZER.

On February 23, 1976, LEE CARROLL GODFREY, Boardtown Road, Gilmer County, Georgia, was shown a composite photograph of RALPH (Last Name Unknown) and advised it was quite dissimilar to the man he recognized as RALPH SMITH, a former associate of his and his brother ARNOLD. When he last saw RALPH SMITH three and a half years ago, RALPH had a duck haircut full on the sides and flat on the top. He was also approximately 45 years old at that time. The only individual LEE CARROLL could remember who knew RALPH was a divorcee named LAVENE COOK (phonetic), who resided in Marietta, Georgia. COOK used to date RALPH and both of them frequented the lounge known as The Office.

A review of the Greater Atlanta Southern Bell Telephone Directory failed to reflect any listings for a LAVENE or a LAVERNE COOK. A review of the Cobb County and City of Marietta Directory also failed to reflect any listing for a LAVERNE or a LAVENE COOK.

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At Gilmer County, Georgia, on March 2, 1976, LEE CARROLL GODFREY was recontacted and advised he did not know a RALPH SETZER or SELTZER and did not mention either name to his brother TOM.

LEE GODFREY traveled to Atlanta on the weekend of February 28, 1976, and talked to his brother ARNOLD RAY GODFREY. ARNOLD related that he did know a RALPH SMITH, however, when LEE described the individual he knew as RALPH SMITH, ARNOLD said he thought the man's name was JIM SMITH. Neither knew of SMITH's current whereabouts. ARNOLD stated he knew LEON and CLAUDE POWELL by sight but did not associate with either. ARNOLD described the POWELLS as drunks. LEE advised ARNOLD is and always had been afraid of the law which is the reason he is not cooperating with the FBI. LEE stated that ARNOLD denied any knowledge of the alleged contract to assassinate Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. or anything related to the Bureau investigation.

LEE CARROLL GODFREY advised that while incarcerated in the Reidsville, Georgia, State Penitentiary, date unrecalled, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was arrested for participating in a demonstration and placed in a cell adjacent to LEE CARROLL GODFREY. LEE CARROLL GODFREY stated that he talked to KING for two days prior to his release.

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The following investigation was conducted at Atlanta, Georgia, by SA THOMAS J. WILSON, on February 12, 1976:

Captain LONG, Cobb County Police Department, Marietta, Georgia, advised a review of his records of the school division, showed that Cobb County does have employed a school crossing guard named SHIRLEY BULLOCH. BULLOCH, however, has recently moved and does not show a new address. BULLOCH can be located at Wheeler High School, Marietta, Georgia, any morning between 8:00 and 9:00 AM.

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MARY GODFREY, Bell Meade Apartments, Kennesaw, Georgia, advised she is the mother of ARNOLD RAY GODFREY. She does not know any of her son RAY's friends. RAY has never been in any trouble and she considers him to be a very outstanding individual.

She was unable to pick out from a spread of photographs the pictures of CLAUDE or LEON POWELL, or RALPH (LNU). She stated she did not know any of the individuals.

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by SA THOMAS J. WILSON, and  
SA ALAN I. BROWN TJJ:cw Date dictated 2/17/76

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SHIRLEY BULLOCH, Belle Meade Apartments, Kennesaw, Georgia, advised she is the sister of ARNOLD RAY GODFREY. She stated she does not know any of RAY's friends. RAY does not contact his mother very often and thus, neither she nor her mother knows any of RAY's friends.

She has no knowledge of any lounge called "Pete's Place" or "Bill Bailey's". She does not know of any time when her brother was in any sort of trouble. She and her brother do not get along, however, she stated she thinks that her brother is a law abiding citizen.

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The following investigation was conducted at Atlanta, Georgia, by SA THOMAS J. WILSON on the dates indicated:

Captain WORTHY, Permit Section, Atlanta Police Department (PD), advised a review of Atlanta PD Records for a beer and wine license for the business located at 1455 Moreland Avenue, Atlanta, showed the following information:

HOWARD MALCOLM CABE, SR., 363 El Mira Place, held the liquor license from December, 1962, through September, 1964;

WILLIAM POPE DAVIS held the license from October, 1964, through November, 1965;

C. H. HARRISON held the license from November, 1965, through September, 1966;

ROY T. BAILEY held the license from September, 1966, through January, 1968;

LEWIS W. CLARK held the license from January, 1968, through December, 1974;

BARBARA and DEWEY GILBERT held the license from December, 1974, through September, 1975;

WILLIAM JORDAN MESIMER held the license from September, 1975, through the present time.

The records show in February and October, 1967, the business located at 1455 Moreland Avenue, was named "Bill Bailey's". In February and October, 1967, the Permit Section sent notices of violations to the lounge known as Bill Bailey's, at 1455 Moreland Avenue. Captain WORTHY advised PETE DAVIS, also known as WILLIAM POPE DAVIS, could have run and managed the bar in 1967 and 1968. The records of the Permit Section only reflect the official holder of the beer and wine license. Sometimes, some of the licenses are held by one person and another person is the actual manager of the lounge.

On February 10, 1976, the FBI Identification Division, Washington, D. C., provided the attached Identification Record for LEE CARROLL GODFREY, date of birth  place of birth Polk County, Georgia.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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The following information from FBI record, NUMBER 48 536 D  
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Description and Related Data:

Race: White

Sex: Male

Height: 70"

Weight: 160

Hair: Brown

Eyes: Blue

Date and Place of Birth:  Polk Co GA.

Scars and Marks: None Listed

Address: Rt. #2 Smyrna, GA.

Occupation: Painter

Social Security Number: None Listed

Since neither fingerprints nor an  
identifying number which is indexed  
in our files accompanied your request,  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Atlanta Ga	Lee Carol Godfrey	6-13-56	O.A.I & speeding	\$150 & 12 mo on chg of speeding
Jacksonville Fla	Lee Dudley Godfrey	12-13-58	vag/ & inv.	12-16-58 dism on chg of vag 1957
D Atlanta Ga	Lee Carroll Godfrey	3-10-59	DC worthless chks	12 mo prob on chg of Bad Chks 5-24-59
Atlanta Ga	Lee Carol Godfrey	6-23-59	L of A	3-4 yrs conc w/sent now serving 7-9-59
Bd of Corr Atlanta Ga	Lee Godfrey	7-20-59	rape (3) armed rob (3) obt money on fictitious name fraud chk uttering fraudulent chks (5) malicious mischief	Total 10-20 yrs Re-arrested 10-29-60 on ch of Life (3) Armed Rob (3) Obt Goods by Pict Exam Fraud Chks 10-29-60 L of Auto 10-29-60
	Lee Carol Godfrey	4-17-51 Atlanta Ga	9-26-66 conditional release	see supplement
D Asheville NC	Lee Carol Godfrey	2-5-63	inv escape from St of Ga	SEARCHED INDEXED SERIALIZED FILED FBI-ATLANTA

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CONTINUATION OF RECORDS	OFFICE AND STATE	DATE OF RECEIPT	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
FD Atlanta Ga	Lee Cody Godfrey	1-4-67	und sen (armed robbery larc of auto) in transit	
Diagnostic & Class Ctr Jackson Ga	Lee Godfrey	1-11-71	Rape (3) Cbt Gdy Rict 5/6/71 Rape 1st time Rape 2nd time Rape 3rd time Aggravated Assault speeding	10-20 yrs (300 2-7 yrs CC, 2- yrs CC, 4-20 y CC, 2-20 yrs C 12 mos CC, 12 mos CC, 12 mos CC 8 mos CC
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DOROTHY DAVIS, Locust Grove, Georgia, was telephonically contacted and advised she has no knowledge or possession of any records in reference to her husband's former place of business known as "Pete's Bar", on Moreland Avenue. She is sure all of these records have been destroyed.

She stated she does not know the name of any accounting firm or law firm which handled the tax or account matters of her husband's place of business. There is no one in the family who would have this information.

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DOROTHY DAVIS, Locust Grove, Georgia, was contacted at her residence and advised that she has searched and has been unable to locate any records regarding her husband's former place of business "Pete's Bar" in Atlanta, Georgia.

She advised her husband never told her about the operation of the bar or any incidents which happened at the bar. She has never heard her husband discuss anything about the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. She was not sure of the exact dates her husband owned the bar, but thought he sold it in 1966, however, that could have been 1965 or 1967. Her husband sold the bar and went to work for an oil company in Saudi Arabia. He worked there for about nine months and returned to the United States. She does not recall any of the names of any of the employees.

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DIANE BRADY, 1140 Moreland Drive, SE, Atlanta, Georgia, was contacted and furnished the following information:

She is the owner and operator of The Office Bar located at Moreland and Flat Shoals Road, Atlanta, Georgia. She has never employed any band at her place of business. Every once in a while RAY GODFREY does come into the bar and does play his guitar, however, she could not recall any other individuals ever playing with him. At that she telephonically contacted her day bartender and asked him if GODFREY had ever played at the bar during the day with anyone else. The day bartender advised he had never seen RAY GODFREY play at the bar with any other individuals. BRADY was unable to pick out the artist's conception of RALPH (last name unknown). When specifically shown this photograph, she advised she had never seen this individual. She is positive that the person whose likeness is represented by the artist's conception is not the person whom she knows as "DUKE".

After PETE DAVIS sold the bar to "BUCK" BAILEY, she went to work for the Driftwood Lounge which is located one block south of Pete's Bar on Moreland Avenue. She never worked at Bill Bailey's and was never employed by LEWIS CLARK.

It was her understanding that after PETE DAVIS sold the bar he went to work in Saudi Arabia for one year. She is unable to supply any of the names or addresses of any of the old-time customers of Pete's Bar. Every once in a while some of them drop in at her bar, but not on a regular basis.

She again stated that she does not know any friends of RAY GODFREY named RALPH. She does not know anyone named RALPH SMITH or RALPH SETZER. She also does not know anyone named LEE GODFREY.

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She stated that she thought she knew RAY GODFREY fairly well and that she finds it hard to believe that RAY GODFREY could be in any sort of trouble. She also knows the PCW-ELL brothers and considers them to be harmless hard drinkers. She stated all of these individuals are very friendly and could not do anything wrong. RAY GODFREY is a very friendly, amiable individual and has no violent tendencies. Even though there has been periodic fights at both Pete's Bar and The Office Bar, she has never seen RAY GODFREY enter into any of these problems.

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LEWIS W. CLARK, 2950 Catherine Valley Drive, Decatur, Georgia, was contacted and advised that he managed Bill Bailey's Lounge located at 1455 Moreland Avenue, from September, 1966, through 1973. He personally acted as the bartender there numerous times. He advised that JUNE HALL was the day bartender at Bill Bailey's and that she might be able to furnish information regarding individuals who frequented Bailey's. He could not recall any other employees who worked at the lounge on a fulltime or regular basis. DIANE BRADY was never employed at Bill Bailey's.

CLARK picked out from a spread of photographs the pictures of RAY GODFREY and CLAUDE POWELL, as being individuals who frequented the bar. He did not recognize the picture of LEON POWELL. He advised that CLAUDE POWELL was a very quiet individual and never knew him to be in any sort of trouble. GODFREY was an extremely extroverted individual and always wanted to play the guitar in the bar. GODFREY was a country and western singer who had had some records recorded by Columbia Records. GODFREY was always playing these records on the juke box.

Back in 1966 and 1967 and 1968, the mood in the bar was probably anti-Negro, however, as far as he knows, there was never any discussion about the harming of any blacks.

He was unable to pick from a spread of photographs the artist's conception of RALPH (LNU). He advised that none of the individuals in the spread had ever been in the bar when he was there.

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