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Information set forth below covers the  
established activities of captioned individual who, as  
ERIC STARVO GALT, visited Mexico during October and  
November, 1967.

MEXICAN GOVERNMENT RECORDS

On April 11, 1968, at Atlanta, Georgia, a 1966  
white Mustang bearing Alabama license 1-38993, was  
recovered. This car had vehicle identification number  
6T07C190647, and on the car was Mexican tourist sticker  
bearing Folio number H294486, showing that the car had  
crossed the border at Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas.

Investigation at Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, on  
April 12, 1968, showed that this automobile crossed the  
border on October 7, 1967. Documents for the automobile  
were issued to ERIC S. GALT, who had tourist card number  
[REDACTED] and listed his address as 2608 Highland,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

At Mexico, D.F., Mexico

On April 24, 1968, a confidential source abroad  
advised that contact with an official of the Inspection  
Service of Mexican Immigration in Mexico City disclosed  
that this agency had searched records for all departures

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by land from Mexico during the second half of November, 1967. This search included all exit points from the Pacific to the Gulf of Mexico, and no record was located of the departure of GALT bearing tourist card mentioned above.

On July 18, 1968, the source advised that the same official was contacted on that date and reported that efforts to locate the Mexican tourist card, which should have been surrendered by GALT upon his departure from Mexico, had been unsuccessful. The official stated that his office had directly contacted every exit point along the border between Mexico and the United States, in an attempt to locate this card, with negative results. He stated, therefore, that GALT probably left Mexico without surrendering his tourist card, which is a fairly common occurrence because of the volume of traffic at all of the border crossing points.

On July 18, 1968, this same source advised that contact had been maintained on a regular basis, since April 12, 1968, with headquarters of the Mexican Federal Automobile Registration Bureau at Mexico, D.F., the agency where all documents issued to vehicles of tourists are eventually received and filed. Officials of this agency have advised that, despite extensive review of their records, the tourist importation permit for the 1966 Mustang which was issued to GALT at the border on October 7, 1967, had not been returned to that agency from any border crossing point. It was the conclusion of these officials, therefore, that GALT left Mexico in the Mustang without surrendering this document.

HOTEL RECORDS

At Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco

A second confidential source abroad advised on April 14, 1968, that on that same date EDUARDO MARROQUI, owner, Hotel Rio, Morelos 86, advised that ERIC S. GALT was a guest in that hotel from October 19, 1967, through November 5, 1967. MARROQUI stated that,

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according to his recollection, GALT was alone, and MARROQUI did not recall anything concerning GALT's car or possible friendships with other guests.

On April 15, 1968, ROBERTO WONG, clerk, Hotel Rio, furnished the registration card for ERIC S. GALT, giving his address as 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama. He occupied Room 212 at the rate of 60 pesos (\$4.80 U.S.) per day. The card shows his arrival on October 19, 1967, and that he checked out on November 6, 1967. It also bears the signature "ERIC S. GALT."

The Document Section of the FBI Laboratory examined two photostatic copies of the registration card of the Hotel Rio in the name of ERIC S. GALT and concluded that the questioned writings on the registration card were prepared by the writer of other specimens received in this matter which have been attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

ROBERTO WONG also advised on April 15, 1968, that there were no long-distance telephone calls charged to GALT's room.

On April 17, 1968, WONG stated that he remembered GALT as a "loner" at the hotel. He said GALT was never seen around the hotel during the day and did not stay around the hotel in the evening. He did come in to eat. He was always alone, with the exception of one occasion on which LUIS GARCIA, a bartender from another hotel, came to the Hotel Rio one morning trying to find GALT since he, GARCIA, stated he had left some important papers in GALT's car.

On May 9, 1968, a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken in California in early 1968 was shown to WONG. He identified this photograph as the same person who had lived in the Hotel Rio as ERIC S. GALT.

The source advised that MARIA DE GUADALUPE DIAZ, Calle Galeano 127, was interviewed on April 25, 1968, and stated that she was formerly employed as a maid at the Hotel Rio. She recognized photographs of RAY as an individual who had been a hotel guest some

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months ago and recalled that he had a white sports car. She said he was friendly but never asked her for a date. She said she did not recall ever seeing anyone visiting the Subject and could not recall the type of luggage he was using. She said she never observed any weapons in his room, but did recall that there were several nights when he apparently had not slept in his bed. She said she mentioned this to the hotel owner, but that there are no records kept concerning incidents of this nature and she was unable to recall the dates when GALT did not spend the night in his room.

The same source advised that the records of the Hotel "Tropicana" were reviewed on April 15, 1968, and showed that ERIC GALT, with an address of 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, registered there on November 7, 1967, and departed on November 13, 1967. He occupied Room number 417 and paid 90 pesos (\$7.20 U.S.) per day. Accountant CARLOS MANZO, made these records available for review and stated that there were no long-distance telephone charges appearing on this account.

On May 10, 1968, OSCAR MENDIOLA, clerk, Hotel "Tropicana," advised the source that, according to the hotel accounting department, GALT probably checked out between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on November 13, 1967.

The Document Section of the FBI Laboratory examined two photostatic copies of the registration card of the Hotel "Tropicana" in the name of ERIC GALT. It was reported that although handwriting characteristics noted indicate the common authorship of the questioned "Galt" signature on this item and the other signatures in this name, a definite conclusion was not reached, partly because of the indistinctness of the photocopies and partly because of the presence of some variations.

On April 23, 1968, FELICITAS ZAVALA, Supervisor, Telefonos de Mexico, Central Exchange, advised the source that all toll tickets for long-distance calls made by anyone from the Central Exchange in Puerto Vallarta during the period from October 15, 1967, through November 20, 1967, had been forwarded to the company's offices at Mazatlan, Sinaloa, Mexico, and were kept on file there.

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At Mazatlan, Sinaloa, Mexico

On May 17, 1968, a third confidential source abroad advised that a review had been made of over twelve thousand toll tickets on file at the Telefonos de Mexico offices in Mazatlan. These toll tickets represented long-distance telephone calls made from the Central Exchange in Puerto Vallarta during the period in which GALT is known to have resided there. The source stated that no record was located of any calls in the name of GALT.

BANK RECORDS

At Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco

On April 19, 1968, the second source caused the records of the Banco Industrial de Jalisco, S.A. to be reviewed and no account was located for ERIC S. GALT, JOHN WILLARD or HARVEY LOWMYER. Employees of this bank were unable to recognize a photograph of the Subject.

On April 19, 1968, the same source was advised by PASCUAL MORAN GONZALEZ, Manager, Banco de Comercio de Guadalajara, S.C., that no record could be located in the files of that bank for any transactions by ERIC S. GALT, JOHN WILLARD or HARVEY LOWMYER. Employees of this bank were unable to recognize a photograph of the Subject.

On April 25, 1968, MARCO ANTONIO ROMO, Assistant Manager, Banco de Comercio de Guadalajara, S.A., advised the source that no record is kept in that bank of travelers checks issued or cashed there. He said that he had personally reviewed the files of all Americans opening accounts in the bank for the past year without encountering the name of any individual who might be identical with GALT.

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At Mexico, D.F., Mexico

On June 28, 1968, an official of the Special Investigations Department of the Bank of Mexico advised the first source that there is only one bank in Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, with safety deposit boxes, and this is the Banco Industrial de Jalisco, S.A. This official determined that no safety deposit boxes had been rented at that bank in the second half of October or the first fifteen days of November in 1967. He also determined that the bank has no safety deposit boxes rented to anyone but Mexican citizens.

ASSOCIATES AND GIRLFRIENDS

At Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico

On April 15, 1968, LUIS GARCIA, bartender, Hotel Oceano, advised that he knew ERIC GALT when the latter was staying in Puerto Vallarta. He said that GALT came to the Oceano Hotel bar several times. He said GALT told him he had served nine years in the U. S. Army, but never went anywhere and was now just traveling around. He said GALT spoke little Spanish, had a serious demeanor, and his walk was slow and very erect. He also described him as an individual who was dark from sunburn, had a sharp nose, and wore his hair in a crew cut.

GARCIA said that he and GALT had gone out together on two separate occasions after GARCIA finished work. He said GALT always drank screwdrivers, but only one or two at a time. He said GALT was not a big spender and recalled that GALT once paid a bill with a U.S. five dollar bill, but usually paid in pesos.

GARCIA told of a night when he and GALT were at the Posada Vallarta to see a floor show and, upon leaving, saw a girl named ELISA waiting for a bus to return to downtown Puerto Vallarta. They offered this girl a ride and the three went to the Club Los Lobos where GALT became drunk or a little ill and went

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out to sit in the car. Afterwards, GALT took GARCIA to the latter's home and said he wanted to stay with the girl.

GARCIA described the car as a white Mustang with automatic transmission and a red interior. He said the car had blue license plates with letters of another color. He said he told GALT that the plates said "La Habana," and joked with him about FIDEL CASTRO. GALT corrected him, replying that the plates were from Alabama. GARCIA also recalled that GALT complained that one tire on the car was too large.

GARCIA said that he went to GALT's room at the Hotel Rio on the morning after he and GALT had picked up ELISA. He said he saw a portable typewriter there, but no firearms.

On May 9, 1968, the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY which was taken in California in early 1968 was shown to LUIS GARCIA, and he told the source that this photograph was identical with ERIC GALT.

On April 23, 1968, MARGARITA MONTES MEZA, a prostitute employed at the Casa Susana, Matamoros 503, advised the second source that she recalled the Subject, but could not remember his name. She said she also uses the name "La Chilindrina." She said the first night that Subject came to this house, which she estimated as being in October or November, 1967, he told her he was on a forty-day vacation in Puerto Vallarta, but did not say where he came from or where he was going. She explained that she has a very limited capability in the English language and that he could speak hardly any Spanish. She said he told her he had a car outside and wanted to take her to the Posada Vallarta where they could spend the night. She refused to leave the Casa Susana, and told him he could spend the night in her room, which he did, leaving the following morning at about 8 a.m.

Continuing, MARGARITA MONTES said that she was absent from the city about eight days, and that

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when she returned, the Subject was going with "IRMA," another girl employed at the Casa Susana. She recalled that one day when the Subject came in, IRMA was drunk and Subject tried to renew his association with MARGARITA. She told him he had better stay with IRMA, but he replied that he was through with IRMA. He then left the Casa Susana and she never saw him again.

On May 9, 1968, a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken in California in the early part of 1968 was shown to MARGARITA MONTES MEZA, and she stated that this was the same individual about whom she had furnished the above information.

On April 23, 1968, ARCELIA GONZALEZ, another prostitute employed at the Casa Susana, advised the second source that she remembered the Subject as having come to the Casa Susana in about November, 1967, but did not recall his name. She said she saw him at least three times in one week, and that she slept with him on one occasion, but that he was mainly interested in IRMA. She recalled that he had a white Mustang automobile and invited her to go to Yelapa, a nearby recreation area on the coast, but she refused to go. She recalled that he was using both pesos and U.S. dollars in paying his bar bills, but was not able to remember the denominations of the bills he used.

On May 10, 1968, ARCELIA GONZALEZ examined one photograph of JAMES EARL RAY in which the Subject was wearing sunglasses, and a second photograph which was taken in California in early 1968. She said she recognized the photograph with sunglasses as the person about whom she furnished the foregoing information, but she did not think the second photograph was a very good likeness.

On April 23, 1968, RODIMIR BISCARA, bartender, Casa Susana, advised the second source that he recalls the Subject and that at one time he was talking about buying the Subject's Mustang. He said that he did not have sufficient money for the car and had discussed trading some land for it. He said he went out in the car with the Subject and IRMA, and the three of them went



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to see some lots which BISCARA owned. He said that they looked at the lots, but that no serious discussion regarding the trade ever took place. He said the Subject invited him to go to Mismaloya, a beach area near Puerto Vallarta. He said that he and the Subject and IRMA all went there and spent some time at the beach.

BISCARA also stated that, while at the Casa Susana, Subject usually drank tequila and Squirt, or a drink made from Bacardi rum. He did not recall that the Subject smoked, and stated that he knew nothing about the Subject seeking or using marijuana.

On April 23, 1968, the second source was advised by JOSE MANUEL GUZMAN GARCIA, Boca de Mismaloya, that GUZMAN and his brother, ELENO, operate a cantina and beach-front recreation area. He recalled the American with the white Mustang who came to the beach with IRMA, a cabaret girl, and "RODI," a bartender from Puerto Vallarta, several months earlier. He said he did not get a good look at the American because the latter stayed on the beach, but that "RODI" said that the American was spending a great deal of money on IRMA.

GUZMAN said the American came back two more times and that he had a different American girl with him on each occasion. He did not know these girls and presumed they were tourists. He said all of this activity was within the space of about one week's time, and took place several months ago.

On May 3, 1968, ELENO GUZMAN GARCIA, Boca de Mismaloya, advised the second source that he immediately recognized the photograph of the Subject with sunglasses as a man who had been at this beach several months earlier in a white Mustang, accompanied by IRMA, a bar girl, and a Mexican whom he believes was RODIMIR from the Casa Susana in Puerto Vallarta. He stated that this man had a noticeable scar on his forehead. He recalled that the Subject was fully dressed at all times and did not wear sunglasses that day. He said that the Subject spoke very little Spanish.

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On April 17, 1968, RODOLFO GONZALEZ, photographer, Posada Vallarta, advised the second source that ELISA had been a cigarette girl at the Posada Vallarta and also worked as a camera girl. He remembered that she told him that she had an American boyfriend with a nice car, some kind of Ford. He said this man gave ELISA enough money to get a place to live by herself so he could visit her but, instead, she took the money and left for Guadalajara.

On May 3, 1968, FRANCISCO PEREZ GOMEZ, captain of the main bar, Posada Vallarta, stated to the second source that he recalled the Subject only vaguely and knew very little about him or his activities. He said he did recall that the Subject was dating a girl named ELISA who worked in the bar selling cigarettes. PEREZ stated that one evening ELISA asked him to write a note for her in English to the Subject, whose name PEREZ could not recall. He said it seemed that ELISA had accepted some 500 pesos (\$40 U.S.) from the Subject to rent an apartment for them, but that she had used the money to take two of her children to Guadalajara. The note was to explain to the Subject how she had spent his money and to ask his pardon. He recalled that the Subject came into the bar, perhaps that same evening, and PEREZ delivered the note to him. PEREZ said all this took place about four or five months ago, and that he did recall the Subject had a white Mustang. He did not remember ever seeing him again, and was not certain that he could even recognize him if they should meet.

On April 18, 1968, the second source was advised by Mr. and Mrs. SALVADOR MEZA, proprietors of a cheap motel at Playa la Gloria, that they remembered an American who drove a white Mustang and came to the hotel in about November, 1967, with ELISA, who was the girlfriend of the photographer at the Posada Vallarta. They said he came to the hotel once with ELISA and twice alone, and on the latter occasions took a corner room. He left about dawn and returned sometime later, locking himself in the room all day. They stated that they considered this very strange behavior.

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Mrs. MEZA also stated that she recalls the same individual coming back a fourth time with a prostitute whose name she did not know. She said this woman had left Puerto Vallarta for Tijuana, Baja California, some time ago.

At Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico

On April 18, 1968, the third source advised that ELISA ARELLANO TORRES, age 20, was located at Guadalajara on the night of April 17, 1968. She was living at Apeninos 1764, Colonia Independencia, and stated that she was born on [redacted], at Durango, Durango, Mexico.

ELISA ARELLANO said that she had been employed as a cigarette girl and photographer at the Posada Vallarta at Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, in November, 1967. She said that one night after work she was offered a ride back to the central part of town by the bartender of the Oceano Hotel and a white male American, who later identified himself to her as ERIC STARVO GALT. She said that GALT at that time lived at the Hotel Rio, but later moved to the "Tropicana" Hotel. She recalled his automobile as a white Mustang with Alabama license plates. She stated that after this first meeting she had marital relations with GALT for about five days at a place she identified as the Hotel Las Glorias, which is located on the road to the airport from Puerto Vallarta.

ELISA ARELLANO said that she parted company with GALT because he wanted her to buy marijuana, which she refused to do. She said he told her he had made various trips to Yelapa in order to buy marijuana. She said she saw him around Puerto Vallarta for about fifteen days after they parted company. She described him as a white male American, about 36 years old, five feet eleven inches tall, regular to slender build, brown hair and a thin nose.

On April 18, 1968, ELISA ARELLANO told the third source that while she and GALT were going together, he had asked her to rent an apartment. She said he gave

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her 600 pesos (\$48 U.S.) and was to get more money from the bank. She said she went to a person called "CHICO" PEREZ in the main restaurant of the Posada Vallarta, and asked him to write a letter to GALT apologizing and stating that she could not see him again.

Continuing, ELISA ARELLANO said that she recalled that GALT only had two or three drinks during the time she spent with him, and recalled that he had a screwdriver or a vodka and tonic. She said he did not smoke, and she never saw him smoking marijuana. He told her that he had gone to Yelapa several times and he seemed to have a lack of energy, and it appeared to tire him to carry on a conversation. She described him as a complete introvert. She said he did not like noisy crowds or sounds, and stated that he did not like children. One of his favorite expressions was that he was very tired, and she thought that he might be a mental case. She said that he had no scars on his body and appeared to have thin legs with a heavy upper trunk.

On June 6, 1968, ELISA ARELLANO advised the third source, after examining photographs of the Subject wearing sunglasses and the photograph taken in California in early 1968, that she recognized both of these photographs as being the same individual whom she knew in Puerto Vallarta, but that in the California photograph he appeared heavier than when she knew him.

On April 21, 1968, the third source advised that IRMA MORALES, the prostitute who was formerly employed at the Casa Susana in Puerto Vallarta, had been identified as MANUELA AGUIRRE MEDRANO. She was born on [redacted] at Rancho San Isidro, which is in the municipality of Atotonilco, Jalisco, Mexico.

At Atotonilco, Jalisco, Mexico

On April 22, 1968, MANUELA AGUIRRE MEDRANO advised the third source that she was formerly employed at the Casa Susana in Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, as a

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prostitute. She identified a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as the individual known as ERIC GALT whom she had met one night at the Casa Susana. She said she could not be certain of the date, but thought it might have been about October 24, 1967. She recalled that during this first visit, GALT spent the evening with another prostitute called "La Chilindrina."

The next day, GALT came to the house looking for "La Chilindrina," who was out of town. He then began his friendship with MANUELA and, she stated, slept with her nearly every night for the next several days during his visits to the house.

She recalled that GALT was very methodical and had allowed himself 100 pesos (\$8 U.S.) for drinking money and another 100 pesos each day for a girl. She recalled that he drank beer during the daytime and gin at night. She said he invited her to go to Mismaloya, a nearby beach, and that, after postponing the trip for two or three days, they did go to Mismaloya with RODIMIR BISCARA, the bartender. She described GALT's automobile as a white automobile with Alabama license plates, and as having a red interior with reclining seats. She said this was a two-door automobile, but she could not remember the make. She said that after swimming, drinking beer and having a seafood lunch, they began the return trip to Puerto Vallarta at about 4 p.m. About half-way along the distance from Mismaloya to Puerto Vallarta, GALT stopped the car and took what appeared to be a new Polaroid camera from an ice chest in the back. He said that this was one of the first rolls of film in the camera and that there were only two pictures left. He mentioned that the camera had cost him a little less than \$80. He took a photograph of MANUELA seated at the steering wheel of the car with her skirts up. This photograph was bad and he destroyed it. A little farther on, they stopped at a place called Punta Negra, where GALT took another photograph which was also bad, and he tore it up. She recalled that this was a Saturday and that they arrived back at the Casa Susana about 5 p.m. and GALT departed saying that he would not return that night.

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On the next day, a Sunday, MANUELA stated that GALT arrived at the Casa Susana about 9 p.m. She believed that this might have been on October 29, 1967. GALT drank with MANUELA and noted that there were four Negroes and some white people seated at a nearby table. These were sailors from a yacht or private boat which had stopped at Puerto Vallarta.

She said that one Negro was very tall and another was short and fat, about five feet four inches tall. The latter was very drunk, and the whole group was rowdy and having a good time. GALT appeared angry at the Negroes and said insulting things concerning them. He said he hated Negroes. He left his table, said something insulting to the short Negro and returned to his table. All of the individuals at the other table appeared to be talking about GALT.

MANUELA AGUIRRE said that GALT then went to his car and came back to the table. He went again to the table where the Negroes were seated and insulted them and returned to his own table. He asked her to feel his pocket and she felt what appeared to be an automatic-type pistol. She believed it to be something similar to a Walther .380 automatic. GALT said he was going to kill them. The tall Negro came to GALT's table and said something in a peaceful manner, but GALT replied in an insulting manner. The tall Negro then returned to his table and took the shorter Negro in his arms and took him out of the house. GALT wanted to go after them, but MANUELA told him this would not be a good idea since it was about 10 p.m. and the police were scheduled to visit the house momentarily. GALT said he wanted nothing to do with the police.

MANUELA AGUIRRE said that GALT visited the house again on the following day and told her that he would not see her for several days. He said he wanted to rest and would only sleep and eat. He next returned on what MANUELA recalled as a Thursday of the same week and told her that he planned to move to the "Tropicana" Hotel. He spent more than 200 pesos (\$16 U.S.) for drinks and left about midnight.

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On the following day, according to MANUELA AGUIRRE, GALT arrived between 8 and 9 p.m. and she, MANUELA, was drunk and said that she did not want to go to bed with him. GALT remained to drink at one of the tables and there was a photographer present, causing MANUELA to request that a photograph be taken of GALT with her. GALT did not want his photograph taken, but she insisted. He told her that he planned to go to Yelapa on Saturday or Sunday, and that he did not like to go out in Puerto Vallarta on Saturday or Sunday because there was so much noise and so many people around.

She said that GALT arrived at the house between 8 and 9 p.m. on the following Monday. He invited MANUELA for one drink and was very serious and impolite. He was angry with her for her actions on the previous Friday. He asked her to marry him and she refused. She said that he had previously asked her to marry him. He said that if she would not marry him he was going to invite out some of the other girls. He spent the rest of that evening with ARCELIA and went to bed with ARCELIA.

MANUELA AGUIRRE said that she saw GALT again about three days later, but did not talk with him. She said she did not believe that he saw ARCELIA or any of the other girls again, and that she herself did not see him again.

She recalled that GALT drank gin or whatever other drink the bartender at the Casa Susana served him. He did not smoke, and sometimes stated that he did not smoke anything except marijuana. She stated, however, that she never saw him smoke marijuana.

MANUELA AGUIRRE said that GALT spoke practically no Spanish and the bartender interpreted for him. She said that GALT had an old pair of sandals that he liked very much and which he said had been bought in Europe. She said she told him to throw the sandals away and buy new ones, but he did not want to get rid of them. She recalled that he definitely could not dance.

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MANUELA AGUIRRE made available the photograph of GALT wearing sunglasses, which had been taken at the Casa Susana in Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, on or about November 3, 1967. She said the photograph was taken by a traveling group known as "Foto Rapida."

At Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco

On April 22, 1968, CARLOS PEREZ, Foto Taurino, Hotel Oceano, advised the second source that Foto Rapida was a concern made up of four or five men who came to Puerto Vallarta in the fall of 1967 and were there less than a month. This group spent most of its time in the nightclubs, bars and other places frequented by tourists. They used only Polaroid cameras, and there were no negatives or records kept of the photographs taken. He said all members of this group had left Puerto Vallarta and that their current whereabouts was unknown.

On April 24, 1968, LEOPOLDO CISNEROS, Assistant Manager, Dairy Queen Shop, Main Plaza, advised the second source that in the fall of 1967 this shop was known as the Discotheque Cafe. He recognized a photograph of the Subject immediately as an almost daily customer for a period during the fall of 1967. He said that Subject came in for three or four weeks about 3 p.m. each day and had a hamburger and a Pepsi Cola. He said that the Subject, in the beginning, usually ate a half-dozen small green chilies with his hamburger. After he stopped ordering these chilies, he told CISNEROS that a doctor had advised him to stop eating them.

CISNEROS recalled that the Subject drove a white Mustang which he parked outside the shop. He said he had also seen the Subject around the Hotel Rio. He said that on two occasions, the Subject was accompanied by a heavy-set Mexican man whose name was not known to CISNEROS. CISNEROS said this man had been a regular customer in the past and is believed to be a United States citizen. When CISNEROS asked the Subject whether he had known this man in the United States, the Subject replied that he was just someone he had met on the beach.



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With regard to the information that the Subject may have consulted a physician in Puerto Vallarta, the second source contacted the following doctors on the dates indicated with negative results:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Name</u>   |
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| April, 1967 |   |
| 24          | Dr. ERNESTO CORDOVA IBARRA, Director<br>Public Health<br>Juarez 71        |
| 24          | Dr. ALFONSO RODRIGUEZ G.<br>Physician for Hotel "Tropicana"<br>Morelos 74 |
| 24          | Dr. ANTONIO R. SAHAGUN<br>Juarez 178                                      |
| 26          | Dr. AGUSTIN LOPEZ Y ALCALA<br>Juarez 259                                  |
| 26          | Dr. ANTONIO TOPETE PALERMO<br>Zaragoza 30                                 |
| 26          | Dra. A. ELIZABETH ORTIZ M.<br>Public Health Clinic and Hospital           |
| 26          | Dr. LIZANDRO NAVARRO PORTILLO<br>Hotel Rosita Building                    |
| 29          | Dr. PABLO MORRIS and<br>Dra. ANA JOSEFA RAMIREZ<br>Clinic of Las Glorias  |

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FIRESTONE DELUXE CHAMPION TIRE, SIZE 7.50 X 14

In connection with the recovery of the white 1966 Mustang at Atlanta, Georgia, on April 11, 1968, it was discovered that the right front tire on this car was a Firestone Deluxe Champion, size 7.50 x 14, six-ply rating. Stamped on the tire were the words "Hecha en Mexico," with the following identifying numbers: 2-ME-2; BD-33595; N20Z031154. The tube of this tire had a stamp thereon: "G7, General Popo 7.50 x 14. Made for Helke Poc, General Popo, S.A., Mexico D.I."

At Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico

On May 7, 1968, JUAN MANUEL FREGOSO GUTIERREZ, Avenida Mexico 50, advised the second source that he operates a gasoline station at the corner of 31 de Octubre and 31 de Mayo, and that his wife operates a Firestone tire store which he owns at Avenida Mexico 50.

On May 7, 1968, Mrs. GENOVEVA CURIEL DE FREGOSO, proprietor of the Firestone Store, advised the second source that she did not personally recall seeing the Subject or his car since she was upstairs in her apartment at the time of the transaction. She did recall that an American came in several months earlier to buy a 7.45 x 14 tire and, since they did not have one in stock, the clerk sold him a 7.50 x 14. Mrs. FREGOSO said that this man asked for a discount because the tire was the wrong size, and the clerk called up to the apartment for authority to give the discount. Mrs. FREGOSO said she authorized a ten percent discount on the sale.

Mrs. FREGOSO could recall nothing further about the actual sale, and stated that her brother had mounted the tire on the car, but could recall nothing of the incident. She said the store kept no record of tire serial numbers except to note them on the sales slip at the time of the sale for guaranty purposes. She searched invoices of tires received by the store from the Firestone factory and noted that there were no serial numbers in these invoices. She was, therefore, unable to state whether a particular tire had ever been in their inventory.

JAMES EARL RAY, aka

TERESA FERNANDEZ, clerk, Firestone Store, Avenida Mexico 50, advised the second source on May 7, 1968, that the photograph of the Subject wearing sunglasses was immediately recognizable as a man who came into the store one morning to buy a tire. She said he had apparently come from the General Popo Tire Store two doors away. She could not recall the date, but believed that it was in January, 1968.

Miss FERNANDEZ remembered that the Subject's white Mustang had a tire which was badly road-damaged and he asked for a replacement, size 7.45 x 14. Since there were none of this size in stock, she said, he took a size 7.50 x 14 Firestone tire, but requested a discount since it was the wrong size. Miss FERNANDEZ said she spoke to Mrs. FREGOSO, who was in the upstairs apartment, and a ten percent discount was authorized. She said that, since the tire was slightly larger, and because the use of tubes is always recommended due to the difficult terrain, the Subject walked to the General Popo Store and came back with a tube which he had purchased himself. The tire was mounted outside the store by Mrs. FREGOSO's brother.

Miss FERNANDEZ searched for the sales slip recording this transaction, but was unable to locate it. She said that the Subject did not give her his name, and that, since he was not a Mexican, she did not bother to ask his name or to note the serial number of the tire on the sales slip, since this is only done for guaranty purposes.

Continuing, Miss FREGOSO said she lives near the Casa Susana and, after she sold the tire, she remembered seeing the same white Mustang parked on Calle 31 de Octubre around the corner from the Casa Susana. The car was parked in front of a vacant lot and she thought this strange since she saw it there about 8 in the morning on several occasions while she was walking to work. On one occasion as she was on her way to lunch, she saw the Subject park his car and walk up and turn into Matamoros Street. She said she never saw him with any other person and that he was alone the day he came to the store to purchase the tire.

JAMES EARL RAY, aka

On May 7, 1968, ANA MARIA MADERO, clerk, General Popo Tire Store, Avenida Mexico 32, advised the second source that the code "G7" indicates that a tube with this marking will fit a 7.50 x 14 tire. She said she did not recognize the photograph of the Subject or recall his car. She could find no record of a sale of any item to ERIC GALT from October 7, 1967, to May 7, 1968.

Miss MADERO stated that if she did not know the name of the person to whom she made a sale, but knew that the sale was connected with a purchase made at the Firestone Store, she normally put the name of MANUEL FREGOSO on the sales slip. In this connection, a review of the sales slips showed that a G7 tube was sold for cash to MANUEL FREGOSO on October 26, 1967, and on January 13, 1968. In each case, the price was 57 pesos (\$4.56 U.S.).

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**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM**

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## Copy to:

Report of: **SA JOH C. HESTER**  
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Title: **JAMES EARL RAY;  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM**

Character: **CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;  
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY**

**SYNOPSIS**  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

**I. NARRATIVE OF OFFENSE**

At about 6:00 p.m. on April 4, 1968, while standing on the second floor balcony outside Room 206 of the Lorraine Hotel, 405 Mulberry Street, Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was struck in the right side of the face by a single bullet believed to have been fired from a 30-06 rifle. While no witnesses actually observed the killer fire the shot that killed Dr. KING, it is believed that this shot came from the bathroom window of a rooming house located at 422 1/2 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee. (See Crime Scene Sketch, page 4.) It is a distance of 207 feet from the bathroom to the spot where Dr. KING fell. Persons inside the rooming house report hearing a shot, and one of the rooming house tenants feels certain this shot was fired from the bathroom of the rooming house. Persons in the rooming house then report seeing a white male run down the hall of the rooming house in the direction of the South Main Street entrance. They report that he was carrying a long package wrapped in either cloth or newspaper.

Persons in a store at 424 South Main Street report that minutes after Dr. KING was shot, a white male running south on South Main Street dropped a bundle on the sidewalk in front of 424 South Main Street as he ran past that store. While no one observed this man enter an

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automobile, they reported seeing almost immediately a white Mustang leaving the area at a high rate of speed, going north on South Main Street.

No one in the rooming house has been able to positively identify the individual who fired the shot and fled from the rooming house; however, evidence indicates that the person firing the shot was a man who had that same day at about 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. rented Room 5-B in the name JOHN WILLARD.

Among these articles found abandoned in front of 424 South Main Street was a 30-06 rifle with a telescopic sight, which was determined to have been purchased March 29-30, 1968, at Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, Alabama, by a man claiming to be HARVEY LOWMYER, 1907 South 11th Street, Birmingham, Alabama. Subsequent investigation disclosed that there was no such person as LOWMYER at that address. Also found abandoned with the rifle were undershorts, a T-shirt, binoculars, a newspaper, an after-shave lotion bottle, two unopened beer cans, a six-transistor radio, and a brown and green bedspread in which this bundle was wrapped.

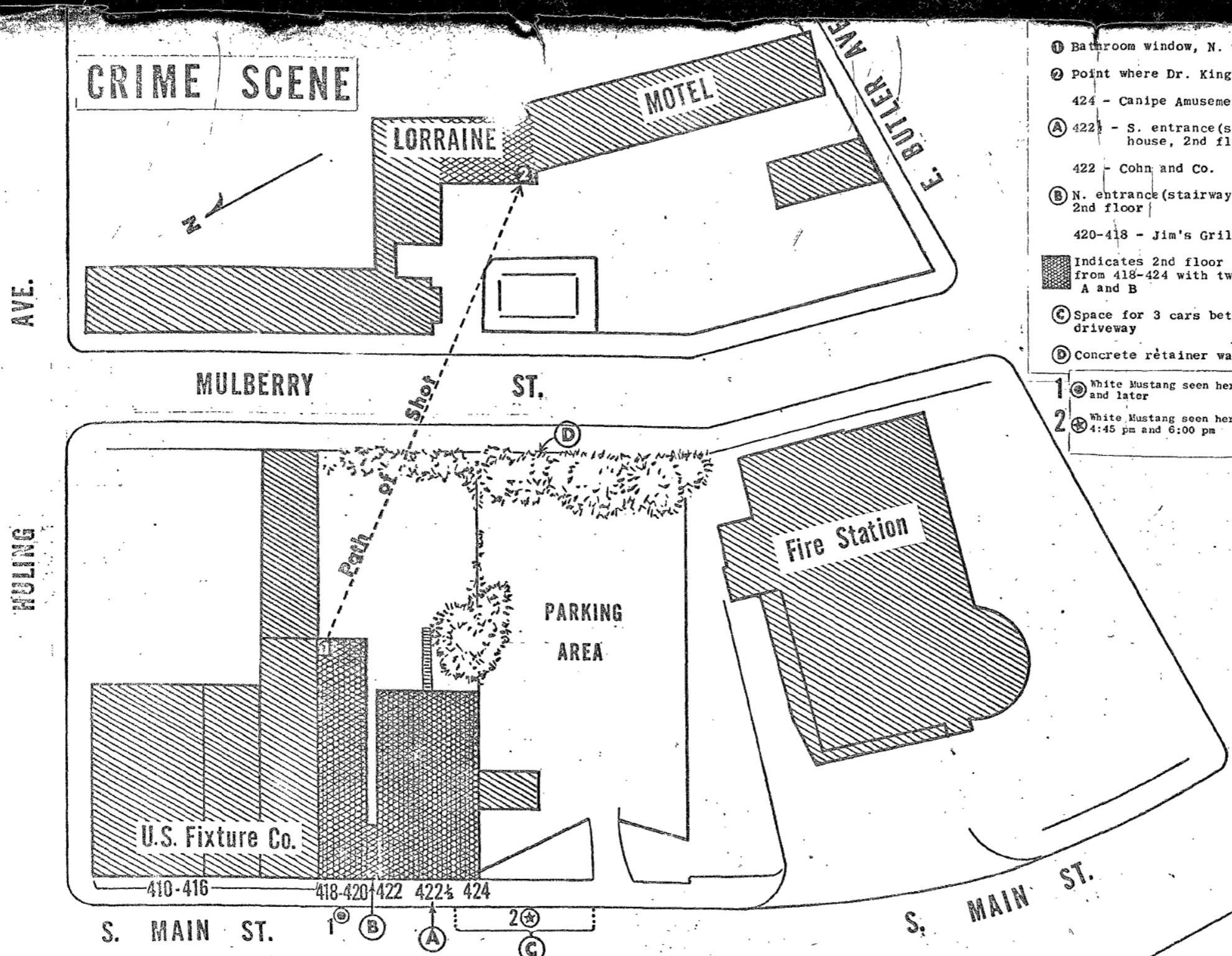
A canvass of motels in the Memphis area for persons driving a white Mustang disclosed that on April 3, 1968, one ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, had registered at the Rebel Motor Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, and had left prior to 1:00 p.m. on April 4, 1968. GALT was driving a white Mustang with an Alabama license. Investigation to further identify GALT disclosed that he had not resided at that address since about October 1967 and his whereabouts was unknown.

Latent fingerprints found on the rifle and other articles abandoned in front of 424 South Main Street were subsequently found to be identical with those of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI No. 4889426, who had escaped on April 23, 1967, from the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, where he was serving a 20-year sentence for Armed Robbery. By means of photographic identification and by handwriting comparison, it was determined that JAMES EARL RAY was identical with the man who had used the name ERIC S. GALT. The white Mustang belonging to GALT was abandoned at Atlanta, Georgia, on the morning of April 5, 1968.

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**JAMES EARL RAY was arrested June 8, 1968, at London, England, by officers of New Scotland Yard, at which time he was found to be in possession of a Canadian passport in the name of RAMON GEORGE SNEYD.**





- ① Bathroom window, N. wing of rooming house
  - ② Point where Dr. King was shot
  - 424 - Canipe Amusement Co.
  - Ⓐ 422 - S. entrance (stairway) to rooming house, 2nd floor
  - 422 - Cohn and Co.
  - Ⓑ N. entrance (stairway) to rooming house, 2nd floor
  - 420-418 - Jim's Grill
  - ▨ Indicates 2nd floor area of rooming house from 418-424 with two entrances marked A and B
  - Ⓒ Space for 3 cars between fire plug and driveway
  - Ⓓ Concrete retainer wall
- 
- 1 ⊕ White Mustang seen here about 4:00pm and later
  - 2 ⊕ White Mustang seen here between approx. 4:45 pm and 6:00 pm

Apts. 2nd floor

ROOMING HOUSE OCCUPIES  
2nd FLOOR OF BOTH BUILDINGS

HULING AVE.

410-412-414-416  
U.S. FIXTURES CO.

418-420  
JIM'S  
GRILL

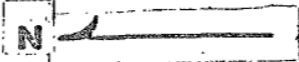
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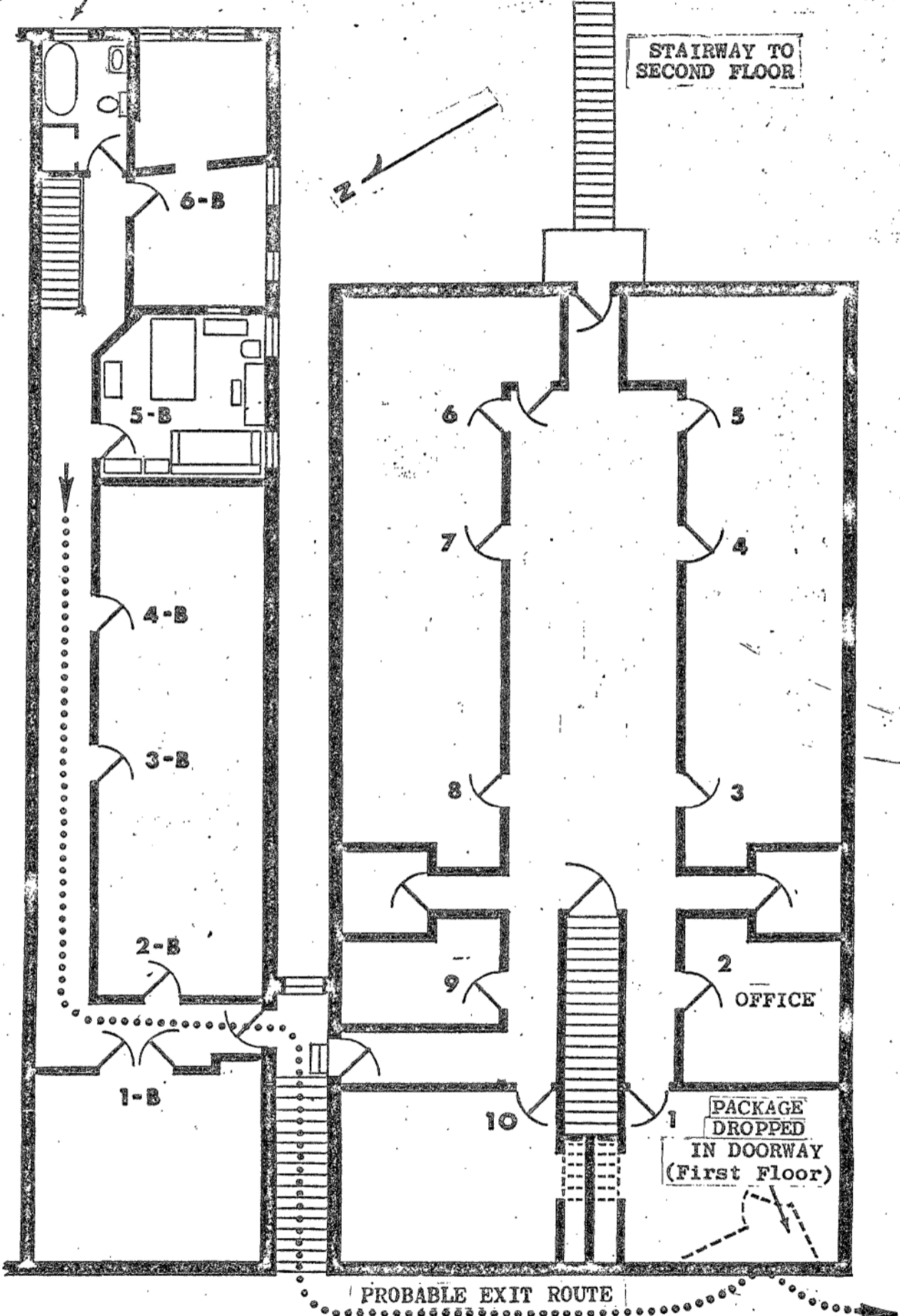
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(stairway) to  
ROOMING HOUSE



COMPOSITE PHOTO of  
410-424 S. MAIN ST.

# SECOND FLOOR PLAN of ROOMING HOUSE

BATHROOM WINDOW  
FROM WHERE  
SHOT WAS FIRED



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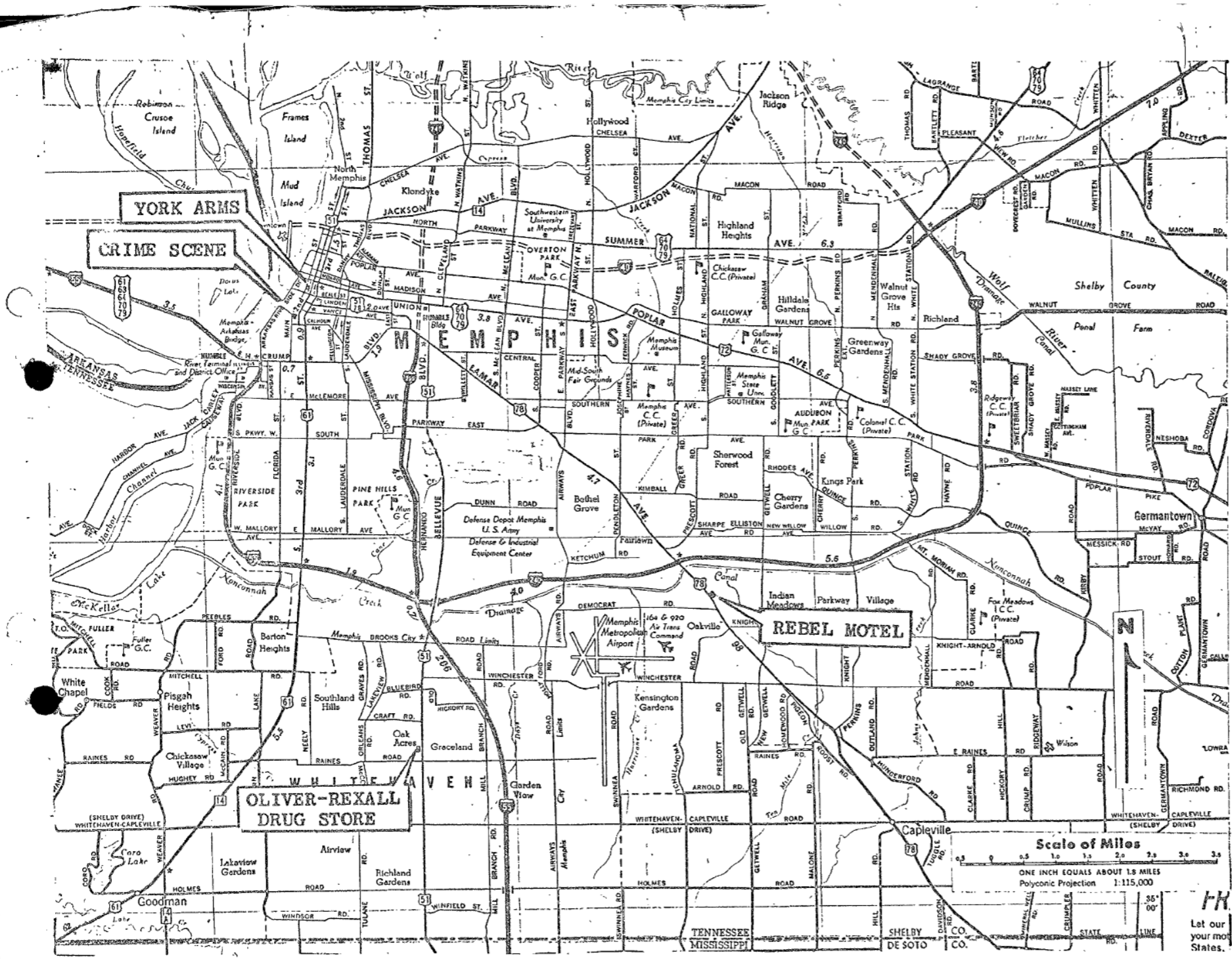
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NORTH ENTRANCE  
(stairway)  
TO ROOMING HOUSE

SOUTH ENTRANCE  
(stairway)  
TO ROOMING HOUSE

S. MAIN ST.



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II. NAMES OF DEFENDANTS

JAMES EARL RAY

III. DATE AND PLACE OF CRIME

April 4, 1968, at Memphis, Tennessee

IV. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

There will be no bar to prosecution as process has been outstanding since April 17, 1968, for the Civil Rights violation and on May 7, 1968, RAY was indicted by a Shelby County, Tennessee, Grand Jury for First Degree Murder.

V. OTHER DATA HELPFUL TO UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

In addition to process outstanding for this offense, it is noted that on July 20, 1967, a complaint was filed before United States Commissioner W. C. SHELLEY, Jefferson City, Missouri, charging JAMES EARL RAY with Unlawful Flight to Avoid Confinement in violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073. A warrant was issued that same date. This complaint was in connection with RAY's escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967.

VI. PRELIMINARY PROSECUTIVE ACTION

On April 17, 1968, a complaint was filed by SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE before United States Commissioner WILFRED F. SPRAGUE, Birmingham, Alabama, charging that ERIC STARVO GALT in violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241, did conspire to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in the free exercise and enjoyment of his rights secured by the Constitution of the United States, namely the right to freely travel from state to state. A warrant was issued April 17, 1968, and bond was recommended in the amount of \$50,000.

On May 7, 1968, a Shelby County, Tennessee, Grand Jury at Memphis, Tennessee, returned an indictment charging that JAMES EARL RAY did unlawfully, feloniously,

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willfully, deliberately, premeditatedly, and of his malice aforethought, kill and murder MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. A capias for his arrest was issued May 7, 1968.

JAMES EARL RAY was arrested June 8, 1968, at London, England, by officers of New Scotland Yard, and is presently in their custody on local charges. He was arrested in possession of a Canadian passport in the name of RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. He was armed at the time of his arrest.

VII. NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF WITNESSES AND  
WHAT THEY CAN TESTIFY TO

- A. The following persons are tenants of the rooming house at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, from where it is believed the fatal shot was fired. These witnesses can testify as follows:

1. Mrs. BESSIE BREWER  
422½ South Main Street  
Memphis, Tennessee

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Between 3:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on April 4, 1968, she rented Room 5-B at 422½ South Main Street for a period of one week to a white male using the name JOHN WILLARD. She did not require that he sign a register, and she did not see him again after renting the room. She is unable to identify RAY from photographs. At about 6:00 p.m. on April 4, 1968, she heard what she thought to be a gunshot coming from the rear of the rooming house; however, she did not see or hear anyone running from the rooming house.

2. Mr. WILLIAM CHARLES ANSCHUTZ  
422½ South Main Street  
Memphis, Tennessee

Sub A-1, P 20

Mr. ANSCHUTZ resides in Room 4-B of this rooming house, where on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, he heard what he believed was a gunshot. Immediately after hearing the gunshot, he opened his door onto the hallway and saw a white male running down the hall toward the South Main Street entrance and holding his hand and arm over his face in such a way as to prevent ANSCHUTZ's getting a good look at him. ANSCHUTZ commented to this running man that he thought he had heard a shot. This man answered, "Yeah, it was a shot." ANSCHUTZ observed that this man was

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carrying a long package which appeared to be wrapped in a blanket. He can testify that the gunshot which he heard was fired nearby but he is unable to say from exactly where. He is unable to identify photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as being the running man.

3. Mr. CHARLES QUINNAN STEPHENS  
422½ South Main Street  
Memphis, Tennessee

*Sub A-1, P 22*

Mr. STEPHENS occupies Apartment C-3, consisting of two rooms, one of which has a common wall with the bathroom that is located at the rear of the rooming house. Sometime between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on April 4, 1968, STEPHENS heard a gunshot which he believes was fired from the bathroom. At the time he heard the shot, STEPHENS was in the room of his apartment which has the common wall with the bathroom. When STEPHENS opened his door from his apartment into the hallway, he observed a man running along the hallway toward the South Main Street entrance. This man was carrying a bundle described by STEPHENS as being three or four feet long and as being wrapped in something, possibly a newspaper. STEPHENS had earlier observed the new tenant in Room 5-B but had seen only the left side of his face. STEPHENS now states that the profile photograph of JAMES EARL RAY made in 1960, appearing on FBI Wanted Flyer 442-A, "looks like" the man who rented Room 5-B on April 4, 1968.

STEPHENS recalls that on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, he heard the occupant of Room 5-B on several occasions visit the bathroom at the end of the hall. He recalls that each time this person remained in the bathroom for a considerable period of time and that this individual had been in the bathroom some 20 to 30 minutes prior to the time STEPHENS heard the gunshot.

4. Mrs. GRACE HAYES STEPHENS  
422½ South Main Street  
Memphis, Tennessee

*Sub A-1, P 29*

Mrs. STEPHENS was ill on April 4, 1968, and spent the day in bed in Apartment C-3 at this address. At about 6:00 p.m. on April 4, 1968, she heard a noise that sounded like a firecracker, and she then heard footsteps as someone

left the bathroom and moved rapidly along the hallway toward the South Main Street entrance. She did not leave her room after hearing this loud noise and was not in a position to observe anyone in the hallway.

2. The following individuals were standing near Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., at the time he was struck by the fatal bullet. Dr. KING was standing on the balcony outside Room 306 of the Lorraine Hotel and was talking to a number of persons standing in the motel parking lot just beneath the balcony. These persons observed Dr. KING at the instant he was struck or seconds later, but none of them observed the killer or are in a position to say exactly where the shot was fired from:

1. Mr. DARRELL McCULLOUGH  
Apartment 5  
270 Gaston  
Memphis, Tennessee

*Sub A-1, P 42*

2. Mr. SOLOMON JONES, Jr.  
374 Vance Avenue  
Memphis, Tennessee

*Sub A-1, P 51*

3. Rev. SAMUEL E. BYLES  
3215 South Parkway East  
Memphis, Tennessee

*Sub A-2, P 37*

4. Mr. CHANNCEY BERRIDGE  
123 West Madison  
Chicago, Illinois

*Sub A-1, P 50*

5. Rev. BERNARD SCOTT LEE  
334 Auburn Avenue  
Atlanta, Georgia

*Sub A-1, P 55*

6. Rev. ANDREW J. YOUNG  
1988 Valley Circle Southwest  
Atlanta, Georgia

*Sub A-1, P 58*



C. The following three individuals were inside Canipe Amusement Company, a store located at 424 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, in front of which was dropped a large bundle which was subsequently determined to be a rifle, binoculars, a transistor radio, and numerous other items, all of which were partially wrapped in a brown and green bedspread. These witnesses can testify as follows:

1. Mr. GUY WARREN CANIPE, JR.  
1076 Brewer Road  
Memphis, Tennessee

*Sub A-1, P 67*

Mr. CANIPE is the owner of Canipe Amusement Company located at 424 South Main Street. On the late afternoon of April 4, 1968, at about 5:00 p.m., he heard a "thud" near the front door of his store and looking up he saw a white male walking past his store going south on South Main Street. Mr. CANIPE walked to his front door, observed a bundle lying in front of the door, looked to see what had happened to the man who had dropped the bundle, and at almost that same moment observed a small white car pulling away from the curb on the east side of South Main Street at a point just south of Canipe's store. He was unable to furnish the make of the small white car which he observed. Turning his attention to the bundle left in front of his store, he observed that this consisted of a rifle in a long cardboard box, a suitcase, and a green cloth which he thought might be a curtain. This bundle was not touched by him and was subsequently removed by a police officer. Mr. CANIPE got only a fleeting glimpse of the man he had seen walking past his store.

2. Mr. BERNELL FINLEY  
1408 Nyle  
Memphis, Tennessee

*Sub A-1, P 71*

Mr. FINLEY arrived at Canipe Amusement Company, 424 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, at about 5:30 p.m., April 4, 1968, in the company of a friend, Mr. JULIUS GRAHAM. At about 6:00 p.m., FINLEY heard a noise like a gunshot, and a minute or two later heard a second noise near the front door of Canipe's store. FINLEY, GRAHAM, and CANIPE all went to the front door of the store, where they observed a bundle lying immediately in

front of the door. Mr. FINLEY observed at this time a white male walking rapidly along the sidewalk in a southerly direction on South Main Street. Mr. FINLEY then heard the squeal of automobile tires and observed a white Mustang going north on Main Street. He did not at first associate the man he had seen on foot with the man he subsequently saw in the Mustang, but after considering what happened, he decided they were probably the same person. He can testify that the bundle dropped in front of Canipe's store consisted of a rifle with a telescopic sight, a suitcase, and a cloth folded over both items.

3. Mr. JULIUS GRAHAM  
Apartment 5  
204 North Fifth Street  
Memphis, Tennessee

*SUB A-1, P 75*

Mr. GRAHAM, together with a friend, Mr. HENRIEL FINLEY, arrived at Canipe Amusement Company, 424 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, at about 5:30 p.m. on April 4, 1968. When he arrived at 424 South Main Street, GRAHAM observed that a white Mustang was parked at the curb just south of Canipe Amusement Company. While inside Canipe Amusement Company, GRAHAM heard an unusual noise except the sound of a package being dropped on the sidewalk in front of Canipe's store. Prior to hearing this noise, he observed a man running along the sidewalk going south on South Main Street, and he observed him drop this bundle in front of Canipe's store. He subsequently heard the squeal of automobile tires and observed a white Mustang speeding north on South Main Street. GRAHAM can testify that the bundle dropped in front of Canipe's store consisted in part of a gun barrel in a large cardboard box which was wrapped with a green cloth.

D. Physical evidence found in front of  
424 South Main Street

(The FBI Laboratory and the FBI Identification Division, both at Washington, D. C., will provide expert testimony regarding the examination of physical evidence as set forth below and as set forth elsewhere in this report.)

1. Inspector H. E. ZACHARY  
Memphis Police Department  
Memphis, Tennessee

*Sub A-1, P. 145*

Inspector ZACHARY can testify that he took possession of the bundle found on the sidewalk in front of Canipe Amusement Company and that the following items were among the items recovered:

- a. A Remington Game Master rifle, Model 760, Serial No. 461476, on which was mounted a Redfield telescopic sight, Serial No. A17350;
- b. Binoculars, manufactured by Bushnell, Serial No. BQ408664;
- c. First section of the April 4, 1968, issue of the "Commercial Appeal," a daily newspaper published at Memphis, Tennessee;
- d. Plastic bottle of Neuman Afta shaving lotion;
- e. An unopened can of Schlitz beer;
- f. A six-transistor portable radio with the number 00416 scratched on the side of the radio;
- g. One pair of undershorts and one T-shirt;
- h. A green and brown bedspread.

2. The Latent Fingerprint Section of the FBI Identification Division advised that one latent fingerprint on this rifle, one latent fingerprint on the telescopic sight, one latent fingerprint on the binoculars, one latent fingerprint on the newspaper, one latent fingerprint on the plastic bottle of Afta, and one latent fingerprint on the Schlitz beer can have been identified with the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI No. 4009425.

3. The number 00416 scratched into the side of the portable radio is the inmate number at the Missouri State Penitentiary for JAMES EARL RAY. Mr. JAMES SCHULTE, Manager, Inmate Canteen, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, can testify that when an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary purchases a radio, his inmate number is etched into the radio and that the prison treasurer is notified of the inmate's purchase.

4. Mr. R. J. STEWART, Treasurer, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, can testify that JAMES EARL RAY's Missouri State Penitentiary Inmate Number was 00416, and he can produce a ledger reflecting that on April 21, 1967, JAMES EARL RAY purchased a radio for \$9.75.

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5. The FBI Laboratory examination revealed that the undershorts and T-shirt each have a laundry tag on which appears the printed characters "02B-6." Only a portion of the first character is present on each tag.

6. JEROME WALLIS VERNON, 1246 Woodbury Court, Apartment 2, Los Angeles, California, operated the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, 5200 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, from about January 15, 1968, to March 25, 1968, and during this period he had a regular customer named ERIC GALT who came in each Saturday afternoon with a bundle of laundry, which usually consisted of undershorts, T-shirts, and dress shirts. VERNON was shown the T-shirt and undershorts found in front of 424 South Main Street, Memphis, and he identified the laundry markings on them as being similar to the mark used at his laundry.

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7. Mr. LOUIS PUTTMAN, 340 North Hartell, Los Angeles, California, has in his possession Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning laundry list number 3065 with Thermo Seal sticker 92B-6 with the name E. GALT.

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8. Samples of the Thermo Seal marking machine Model RH-5K1, Serial Number 31454, in possession of the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, 5230 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, using the numbers and letters 92B-6 on red colored tape were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory. The FBI Laboratory advised that the specimens from this machine are similar in color, construction, and composition to the laundry tapes appearing on the T-shirt and undershorts recovered at Memphis. The tapes submitted by Los Angeles are of varying lengths; however, no significant differences were noted between the T-shirt and undershorts laundry tapes when compared with some of the specimens submitted by Los Angeles, indicating that they may have originated from the same machine.

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9. Mr. RALPH WAREDETH CARPENTER, 4644 Durbin Street, Memphis, Tennessee, a salesman at York Arms Company, 109 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, can testify that at about 4:00 p.m. on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, he sold a pair of Bushnell binoculars to an individual whom he later identified from photographs as being identical with JAMES EARL RAY. He sold these binoculars for \$39.95 and wrote on the side of the cardboard box in which the binoculars came the price \$39.95 and the amount of the tax, which was \$1.60, and added the two figures for a total of \$41.55. He stated the store does not record the serial number of these binoculars but that he could identify the binoculars from his writing on the box. It is noted that found with the binoculars was a cardboard box in which the binoculars had been originally shipped and on which appeared the figures as described by Mr. CARPENTER. Also found with the binoculars were a sales slip and a paper bag, on the side of which was printed York Arms Company.

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E. Investigation disclosed that one ERIC S. GALT, 2665 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, registered at the Rebel Motor Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, on April 3, 1968, and departed April 4, 1968. He was driving a Mustang bearing an Alabama license. Subsequent investigation to identify GALT disclosed that he had not resided at 2665 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, since October 1967. Witnesses at the Rebel Motor Hotel can testify as follows:

1. Mrs. HENRIETTA HAGENMASTER  
Desk Clerk, Rebel Motor Hotel  
3406 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee

Mrs. HAGENMASTER was on duty April 3, 1968, from 3:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. At 7:15 p.m. on April 3, 1968, she registered ERIC S. GALT into Room 34. He indicated on his registration card that he was driving a Mustang automobile with Alabama License 1-38992. Mrs. HAGENMASTER is unable to identify photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as being identical with ERIC GALT.

2. Miss ANNA CHRISTINE KELLY  
Manager, Rebel Motor Hotel  
3406 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee

Miss KELLY advised that the records of that motel indicate ERIC S. GALT must have checked out of Room 34 sometime prior to 1:00 p.m., April 4, 1968, otherwise the records would indicate he was charged with two days lodging instead of one day. Miss KELLY is unable to identify photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as being identical with ERIC S. GALT.

The FBI laboratory concluded that the signature of ERIC S. GALT appearing on the Rebel Motor Hotel registration card was prepared by the same individual who prepared other specimens submitted under the name ERIC S. GALT. The FBI laboratory has also concluded that the handwriting specimens submitted under the name ERIC S. GALT are identical with the handwriting and printed material known to be the handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY.

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F. Investigation determined that ERIC S. GALT resided at the Economy Rooming House, Birmingham, Alabama, from August 28, 1967, through October 7, 1967.

1. PETER CHERNES,  
Owner, Economy Rooming House  
2808 Highland Avenue,  
Birmingham, Alabama

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Mr. CHERNES can testify to the fact that ERIC S. GALT resided at the Economy Rooming House from August 28, 1967, through approximately October 7, 1967. CHERNES can testify to the fact that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken at the graduation of the bartenders school in Los Angeles, California, on March 2, 1968, reflecting RAY's eyes open was the best likeness of the man known to him as ERIC S. GALT.

2. HENRY KELLY  
2808 Highland Avenue  
Birmingham, Alabama

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Mr. KELLY, who is employed as a cook at the Economy Rooming House, can testify that an individual occupying Room 14 of the Economy Rooming House under the name of ERIC GALT resided at that rooming house from approximately the latter part of August 1967 to early October 1967. KELLY can testify that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken at the graduation of the bartenders school on March 2, 1968, in Los Angeles, California, showing the eyes in an open position was definitely identical with the individual known to him as ERIC S. GALT who resided at the Economy Rooming House in Birmingham in 1967.

G. Purchase of 2808 Mustang by ERIC S. GALT at Birmingham, Alabama.

1. WILLIAM D. FRANKLY, SR.  
701 45th Street South  
Birmingham, Alabama

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Mr. FRANKLY can testify to the fact that an individual known to him by the name of ERIC GALT contacted FRANKLY's ad appearing in a local newspaper in Birmingham

regarding PAISLEY's offer to sell a 1966 white Mustang. He can testify that on August 30, 1967, GALT met PAISLEY at the First National Bank building, Birmingham, where GALT paid PAISLEY \$1995 cash. PAISLEY prepared a bill of sale indicating that the car was sold to ERIC GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama.

This vehicle is described as a 1966 Mustang, Vehicle Identification Number 6T07C190647. PAISLEY advised that the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT depicting his eyes closed which was taken in the bartenders school graduation in Los Angeles, California, on March 2, 1968, resembles the man known to him as ERIC GALT; however, he could not make a positive identification and added that the man in the photograph has a fatter face than the ERIC GALT who bought the Mustang.

2. WILLIAM DAVID PAISLEY, JR.  
701 South 40th Street  
Birmingham, Alabama

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PAISLEY, JR., can testify to the fact that an individual by the name of ERIC GALT purchased a 1966 Mustang, Vehicle Identification Number 6T07C190647, from WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, SR., in the latter part of August 1967, and paid the sum of \$1995 in cash. PAISLEY, JR., advised that the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT showing his eyes closed which was taken at the bartending school graduation in Los Angeles, California, on March 2, 1968, resembles the person known to him by the name of ERIC GALT who purchased the 1966 white Mustang from PAISLEY's father in August 1967. PAISLEY commented that it appeared GALT had put on some weight since PAISLEY had last seen him in August 1967, as GALT's face in the photograph appears fatter than what PAISLEY recalls. PAISLEY can testify to the fact that the more he studied the photograph of GALT the more he believed that the photograph was identical with ERIC GALT.

An appropriate witness from the Jefferson County Department of Revenue, Birmingham, Alabama, can testify to the fact that 1966 Alabama License L-36993 was issued on October 2, 1967, to ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, for a 1966 Mustang two-door, Vehicle Identification Number 6T07C190647.

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An appropriate witness at the Drivers License Division, Department of Public Safety, State of Alabama, Montgomery, Alabama, can testify to the fact that Alabama Drivers License [redacted] was issued to ERIC STARVO GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama, on September 6, 1967. - ?

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature of ERIC STARVO GALT appearing on his application for Alabama Drivers License and the signature of ERIC S. GALT appearing on the application for the Alabama automobile license were prepared by the same individual who prepared other items under the same name attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

H. Investigation revealed that ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland, Birmingham, Alabama, rented a safe deposit box, number 5517, at the Main office of Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama, on August 28, 1967. GALT terminated use of this safe deposit box by an undated letter advising bank officials that he was moving to Louisiana and would have no further need for the box.

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The following described documents were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory:

Record of access to safe deposit Box #5517 for ERIC S. GALT;

Contract for safe deposit box with ERIC S. GALT;

Ledger card (rental record) for safe deposit box #5517 in name ERIC S. GALT;

Undated letter from ERIC S. GALT to the Birmingham Trust National Bank.

In the event the above described documents are needed as evidence they may be obtained by execution of a subpoena duces tecum to Mr. C. E. KIRKPATRICK, Vice President, Birmingham Trust National Bank.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signatures of ERIC S. GALT appearing on the above described documents were prepared by the same individual who prepared the writing in the same name appearing on other items attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

**I. Purchase of a Remington Model 760, caliber 30-06 rifle and Redfield telescopic sight at Birmingham, Alabama.**

On March 29, 1968, an individual who gave his name as HARVEY LOWMEYER, 1907 South 11th Street, Birmingham, Alabama, went to the Aeromarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, Alabama, where he purchased a Remington Model 760, caliber .243 rifle with a 2X - 7X Redfield telescopic sight mounted thereon. He also bought a box of 20 rounds of .243 Norma ammunition. He left the store carrying this rifle in a cardboard box which had originally been a box for a rifle from the Browning Manufacturing Company. He was given the Browning box because the rifle with the mounted sight would not fit in the Remington box in which the rifle had originally been shipped. LOWMEYER paid for this weapon in cash.

On March 30, 1968, the individual calling himself LOWMEYER telephoned first and then later that day returned with the newly purchased .243 rifle to Aeromarine Supply Company and explained that following a conversation with his brother he decided to exchange this rifle for a Remington Model 760, 30-06 caliber. This exchange was accomplished on the afternoon of March 30, 1968, with LOWMEYER leaving the store with a Remington Game Master rifle, Model 760, Serial Number 401476, on which was mounted the Redfield telescopic sight, Serial Number AY7350.

1. **RONALD F. WOOD**  
5701 Airport Highway  
Birmingham, Alabama

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WOOD can testify to the fact that on March 30, 1968, HARVEY LOWMEYER, furnishing an address of 1907 South 11th Street, Birmingham, Alabama, purchased a Remington Model 760, caliber 30-06 rifle, Serial Number 401476, with a 2X - 7X Redfield telescopic sight, Serial

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Number A17350 mounted thereon and a box of 20 rounds of 30-06 ammunition from the Aeronarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, Alabama.

WOOD can also testify to the fact that the individual known by the name of HARVEY LOWMEYER was at the Aeronarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, on March 29, 1968, at which time he purchased a Remington Model 700, caliber .243 rifle with a 2X - 7X Redfield telescopic sight mounted thereon.

WOOD can testify to the fact that the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT taken at the bartenders school graduation in Los Angeles, California, on March 2, 1968, which shows the eyes of GALT closed is a photograph of the man to whom he sold the Remington Model 700, caliber 30-06, rifle, Serial Number 461479, on March 30, 1968, and is identical to the man that he observed at the Aeronarine supply Company on March 29, 1968, at which time he purchased a Remington Model 700, caliber .243 rifle with a 2X - 7X Redfield telescopic sight mounted thereon. WOOD stated "I can't say exactly at this time, but I think that this is the man. To the best of my memory I believe that this is the man that bought the gun."

3. JOHN WEBSTER DESHAZO  
17 Montevallo Lane  
Mountain Brook, Alabama

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DESHAZO can testify that he is a regular and frequent customer at Aeronarine Supply Company, Airport Highway, Birmingham, and was in the Supply Company approximately 3:00 p.m., March 29, 1968, at which time he observed an individual purchasing a Remington Model 700, .243 rifle from a salesman known to DESHAZO by the last name of BAKER. DESHAZO can testify that he had conversation with this individual. DESHAZO can testify to the fact that he believed that the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT with his eyes closed taken at the bartenders school graduation on March 2, 1968, is a photograph of the man that he observed on March 29, 1968, purchasing a Remington Model 700, .243 rifle from the Aeronarine Supply Company, Airport Highway, Birmingham, Alabama.

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The bullet removed from the body of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was examined by the FBI laboratory. It was determined that the bullet is a .30 caliber metal jacketed "soft point" sporting type bullet of Remington-Peters manufacture which could have been fired from the recovered Remington 30-06 rifle. The bullet was distorted due to mutilation and insufficient marks of value for identification remain on this bullet. Therefore, it was not possible to determine whether or not the bullet removed from the body of KING had been fired from the recovered Remington rifle bearing the fingerprint of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405 942 G.

**J. Recovery of 1966 white Mustang in Atlanta, Georgia, registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, Birmingham, Alabama.**

On April 11, 1968, the Atlanta, Georgia, Police Department received a complaint that a white Mustang automobile, bearing an Alabama license, was parked in a parking area of Capitol Homes, and in view of the publicity concerning the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., the complainant wanted this vehicle investigated.

The following individuals can provide the indicated testimony:

1. Detective R. L. DAVIS *SUB G 353A, P8*  
Auto Theft Squad  
Atlanta, Georgia, Police Department

Detective DAVIS can testify that he and Detective P. S. MC CRAVY proceeded to the parking area of the Capitol Homes where they located a 1966 Ford Mustang. The car was a two-door model, white in color, bearing 1968 Alabama license [REDACTED]. The vehicle was locked, and in order to further determine ownership they unlocked the left front door and from the serial plate determined it bore VIN 6T07C190647. By sending the information concerning the license plate and the vehicle identification number to the National Crime Information Center through the Alabama State Police he determined that this vehicle was registered to one ERIC STARVO GALT, Birmingham, Alabama.

2. Mrs. MARY L. BRIDGES *SUB G 353A, P11*  
Apartment 550  
Capitol Homes  
Atlanta, Georgia

Mrs. BRIDGES can testify that at about 8:30 A.M. on Friday, April 5, 1968, she had just gotten her children off to school and observed through the window a white automobile pulling up in the parking lot directly across from the door to her apartment. She recalled the

car had an Alabama license plate. The lone male occupant got out of the vehicle and began to walk across the parking lot away from her apartment and toward Memorial Drive. She never saw this individual's face but could describe him as a white male, 5'10" to 6' tall, 165 pounds, medium build, wearing a navy blue suit and a white shirt. He had dark hair, and she estimated him to be about 30 to 35 years of age.

She is unable to identify him but is able to affix the time of arrival of the vehicle at the Capitol Homes parking area.

3. Mrs. LUCY CAYTON  
Apartment 498  
Capitol Homes  
Atlanta, Georgia

*SUB G 353 A, P 14*

Mrs. CAYTON can testify that on April 5, 1968, sometime after 8:15 A.M. when her children had left for school and while she was sweeping her front stoop, she noticed a white male approaching her apartment from the parking lot to the left of her front door. He came to the back yard area of the apartment buildings to her left and after stopping at the beginning of the lane as if to gain his bearings, he proceeded toward Memorial Drive through the back yard area after which time she lost sight of him. This would have occurred prior to 9:30 A.M.

She viewed 7 photographs including 2 of JAMES EARL RAY and selected a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as appearing identical to the individual whom she had observed.

4. JACK B. SIMPSON  
RICHARD M. DAVIS  
CARL E. CLAYBORN  
ALDEN F. MILLER  
JACK T. BEVENSTEIN  
Atlanta Division

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On April 11, 1968, the above Agents examined the 1966 Ford Mustang at the FBI Garage,

Atlanta, Georgia. This vehicle is a two-door 289, 8 cylinder, 2 barrel carburetor, white hardtop, bearing 1966 Alabama license 1-33993. The mileage was noted to be 39,100.8 and the SN 6T07C190647. The right rear window bore a sticker "Direccion General de Registro Federal de Automoviles, 1967 Octubre Turista, Admna de Nuevo, Laredo, Tamps."

K. FBI Laboratory examination of items removed from the 1966 Mustang.

FBI Laboratory examination of items removed from the 1966 Mustang which were submitted by the Atlanta Office determined that brown cotton fibers, green cotton fibers, and green rayon fibers which could have come from the bedspread recovered near the scene of the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., were found on a dark blue, short sleeve sweat shirt, a white fitted sheet, a black and white shirt jacket, a pillow case, a fitted sheet with yellow thread, a black sports shirt, a pair of size 24 walking shorts, a rug, and a pillow as well as a pair of men's brown socks and were also contained in the vacuum sweepings from the trunk of the vehicle.

The Laboratory also determined through examination that Caucasian head hairs like the hairs previously found on the bedspread described above, in the zipper bag, on the yellow and white towel, on the pair of black socks, and the hair brush recovered in the vicinity of the scene of the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., were found on the dark blue, short sleeve sweat shirt, a white fitted sheet, a pillow case, a fitted sheet with yellow thread, and a rug all recovered from the Mustang. These hairs could have come from the same person and the Laboratory points out that hairs do not possess enough individual microscopic characteristics to be positively identified as originating from a particular person.

Some Caucasian head hairs found in the vacuum sweepings from the Mustang were like the hairs found on the bedspread, in the zipper bag, on the yellow and white towel, on the pair of black socks, and on the hair brush.

L. ERIC S. GALT's residence at Atlanta, Georgia.

The operator of the residence located at 107 14th Street, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia, also operates the rooming house at 113 14th Street, N. E., Atlanta, and is identified as JAMES D. GARNER.

1. JAMES D. GARNER  
107 14th Street, N. E.  
Atlanta, Georgia

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GARNER can testify that on March 24, 1968, an individual identifying himself as ERIC GALT introduced himself to GARNER at his rooming house, 107 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, and requested a single room. He was placed in room #2, 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, and was offered an adjoining storage room in which to place his surplus belongings in view of the small size of the room. On March 31, 1968, ERIC GALT paid him another week's rent, and on April 3, 1968, when GARNER entered room #2 to change the linens found a note on the bed stating in effect, "I've had to go to Birmingham. I've left my TV set here and will try to return for it in about a week."

GARNER selected from a group of 9 photographs displayed, the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as being identical to the individual whom he knew as the resident of room #2 under the name of ERIC GALT.

M. Examination of items recovered from the rooming house located at 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

Among items located in the rooms utilized by ERIC GALT at 113 14th Street, N.E., was a map of Mexico. Of the 6 latent fingerprints and one latent impression, which may be a fingerprint, impression of lever joint of a finger, or a partial palm print developed on the map of Mexico, one of the latent fingerprints is identical with the latent fingerprint previously



located on the Remington 30-06 "Game Master,"  
slide action, rifle, Model 760, SN 461476.

**N. Identification of JAMES EARL RAY at Piedmont Laundry,  
Atlanta, Georgia**

1. Mrs. ESTELLE PETERS  
Manager  
Piedmont Laundry  
1168 Peachtree, N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia

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*Sub G 680, P 27*

Mrs. PETERS, home address 1033 Milan Terrace  
Apartments, Clarkston, Georgia, can testify  
that a white male came into the laundry on  
April 1, 1968, and placed laundry as well as  
dry cleaning for treatment using the name  
ERIC GALT. The dry cleaning consisted of a  
black checked coat with small check marks and  
gray trousers. The laundry and dry cleaning  
were subsequently picked up between 9:00 and  
10:00 A.M. on April 5, 1968, by the same individual.

She identified the customer as being JAMES EARL  
RAY through a review of photographs.

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9. At about 6:15 p.m. on April 4, 1968, the wounded Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was taken to St. Joseph Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, where he was pronounced dead at 7:05 p.m. Records concerning the emergency room treatment of the victim will be made available only upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to Mr. J. LUTON, Assistant Administrator, St. Joseph Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee.

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Dr. J. T. FRANCISCO, Shelby County Medical Examiner, 838 Madison Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, can testify to the findings contained in his autopsy report dated April 11, 1968, which reports the cause of death as gunshot wound to spinal column, lower cervical, upper thoracic.

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