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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : All Investigative Employees

DATE: April 22, 1968

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #4182; W. F. #442-A
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM
RELEASE DATE: SATURDAY P.M., APRIL 20, 1968

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THE CRIMES: Ray escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, on April 23, 1967, while serving a 20-year sentence for armed robbery and operating a motor vehicle without the owner's permission. He subsequently allegedly conspired, under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, to violate the civil rights of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., shot to death on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel on April 4, 1968.

THE CRIMINAL: A 40-year-old white native of Illinois, who is known as a "loner" and "drifter" and has taken elaborate steps to establish a false identity, Ray has an extensive criminal record, including convictions for burglary, robbery and forging U. S. Postal Money Orders. Outstanding characteristics include a straight narrow nose, straight and even teeth, a noticeably protruding left ear and a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe. He has taken dancing lessons, attended bartending school, enrolled in a correspondence course in lock-smithing and traveled widely in a 1966 Mustang recovered in Atlanta, Georgia, a week after Dr. King's murder. Ray likes western and country music, drinks vodka and beer and has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

PROCESS: A Federal warrant issued at Jefferson City, Missouri, on July 20, 1967, charges Ray with unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement for robbery. Another Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, as Eric Starvo Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen.

"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES": Ray is a special addition to the list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives." The list as of Saturday p. m., April 20, 1968, was:

John William Clouser	I. O. #3837	Charles Lee Herron	I. O. #4163
Howard Callens Johnson	I. O. #4039	George Edward Wells	I. O. #4175
George Benjamin Williams	I. O. #4072	David Evans	I. O. #4177
Gordon Dale Ervin	I. O. #4087	Franklin Allen Paris	I. O. #4178
Carmen Raymond Gagliardi	I. O. #4101	David Stuart Neff	I. O. #4179
	James Earl Ray	I. O. #4182	

THEY ARE ALL ARMED AND DANGEROUS. If you receive any information, give it at once to your SAC or appropriate supervisor.
PHOTOGRAPHS, FINGERPRINTS AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA OF ALL FUGITIVES ON THE LIST ARE ON THE REVERSE SIDE.



DAVID EVANS, also known as:
"Pee Wee."
N: born 10-11-44; 5'7-5'8"; 140-150 lbs;
med bld; blk hair; brn eyes; lt comp;
occ - lab, upholsterer. Wanted by FBI
for BANK ROBBERY and UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO
AVOID PROSECUTION (Burglary, Larceny,
and Receiving Stolen Goods).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4177
FBI#-388 901 E
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1966

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CHARLES LEE HERRON, also known as:
Lee Jones.
N: born 4-21-37 (?); 5'7"-5'8"; 145-
150 lbs; sldr bld; blk hair; brn eyes;
dk comp; ooc - clerk. Wanted by FBI
for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECU-
TION (Murder; Assault with Intent to
Commit Murder).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4163
FBI#-313 926 G
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: UNKNOWN

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GEORGE EDWARD WELLS, also known as:
George W. Cox, Lloyd Kuczmarski.
W: born 5-14-16; 5'8"; 165-175 lbs;
med bld; brn hair, gr; brn eyes; med
comp; ooc - maintenance worker, painter.
Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO
AVOID PROSECUTION (Armed Robbery);
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN
PROPERTY.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4175
FBI#-1 467 173
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1967

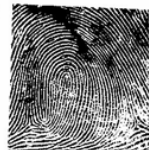
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CARMEN RAYMOND GAGLIARDI, also known as:
Carmelo Raimondo Gagliardi (true name),
Carmen R. Gagliardi.
W: born 10-1-40; 5'10 1/2"; 185-200 lbs;
hvy bld; blk hair; brn eyes; med comp;
occ - lab. Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL
FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (Murder).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4101
FBI#-566 944 D
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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GEORGE BENJAMIN WILLIAMS, also known as:
Allen
Benjamin Colby, Ben Jackson,
George Benjamin William.
W: born 6-15-11; 5'6"; 155 lbs;
med bld; brn hair, gr, balding;
bl eyes; rdy comp; rt ring frngr
amp; ooc - constr worker, dairy
worker, mech, miner, pipe fitter.
Wanted by FBI for BANK ROBBERY.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4072
FBI#-497 062
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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FRANKLIN ALLEN PARIS, also known as:
Franklin Allen Morrison, Al Paris,
Allie Paris, Frank Allen Paris, 11 S 1 U OOO 14 Ref: 9
Franklen Allen Paris.
W: born 1-20-34; 6'2"; 190-210 lbs;
med bld; brn hair; brn eyes; med comp;
occ - horse trader, horse trainer,
rancher. Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL
FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (Burglary).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4178
FBI#-595 064 A
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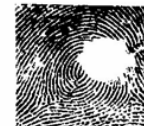


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HOWARD CALLENS JOHNSON, also known as:
"Dirty Red."
N: born 4-14-16 (?); 5'9"; 160-170
lbs; med bld; blk hair; brn eyes;
med comp, freckled; ooc - brickmason,
carpenter, lab. Wanted by FBI for
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION
(Murder).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4039
FBI#-1 601 726
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1959

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JOHN WILLIAM CLOUSER, also known as:
Jack Clauser, John William Clauser,
Chuck A. Williams.
W: born 3-29-32; 5'9"; 175-200 lbs;
stky bld; blond hair, may be dyed blk;
bl eyes; rdy comp; ooc - clerical
worker, stock clerk. Wanted by FBI
for INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-3837
FBI#-229 125 C
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1963

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GORDON DALE ERVIN, also known as:
Dale Ervin.
W: born 5-30-26; 5'11"-6'0"; 170 lbs;
med bld; brn hair; bl eyes; med comp;
occ - carpenter, lifeguard, mach shop
worker, locomotive fireman, salesman,
shipyard worker, typist. Wanted by
FBI for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID
CONFINEMENT (Armed Robbery).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4087
FBI#-290 533 A
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965

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DAVID STUART NEFF, also known as:
Steven Andrews, Solomon Baker, Steven
Greene, George Medina, David J. Neff,
David Stewart Neff, Donald O'Brien.
W: born 12-26-36; 5'8"-5'9"; 190-200 lbs;
hvy bld; brn hair; brn eyes; med comp;
occ - horse trainer, lab, painter,
plumber, surveyor. Wanted by FBI for
BANK ROBBERY.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4179
FBI#-624 874 D
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965

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JAMES EARL RAY, also known as:
Eric Starvo Galt, W. O. Herron,
Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride,
John Willard, "Jim."
W: born 3-10-28; 5'10"; 163-174 lbs;
med bld; brn hair, poss cut short; bl
eyes; med comp; ooc - baker, color matcher,
lab. Wanted by FBI for CONSPIRING TO
INTERFERE WITH A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF
A CITIZEN AND UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID
CONFINEMENT (Robbery).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4182
FBI#-405 942 G
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1968

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 29, 1968

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

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

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

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

On April 26, 1968 at St. Louis, Missouri File # SL 44-775 - 685
by SA CLETIS B. BIDEWELL
SA HARRY C. JUNG H CJ:bam Date dictated April 26, 1968

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

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

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

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

Date April 29, 1968

ALBERT B. PEPPER, 2025 Bellevue, Maplewood, Missouri, advised upon interview that although he has been married to his wife, CAROL PEPPER, for a period of approximately six years he has never met JAMES EARL RAY. He did admit knowing his wife's brother JOHN "JACK" RAY, present whereabouts unknown, and a brother JERRY RAY who resides in the vicinity of Chicago, Illinois. He stated that the last time he had heard of these individual was at Christmas time 1967 at which time they visited briefly in the PEPPER home in Maplewood, Missouri.

PEPPER was advised of the provisions of the harboring statute and emphatically denied any information whatever which might be of value in trying to locate JAMES EARL RAY.

PEPPER advised that he and his wife were in the process of purchasing their home at that address. He further stated he was employed at the New Market Hardware in St. Louis and the salary that he makes barely meets living expenses and the amount necessary to make the payments on the home.

On 4/19/68 at Maplewood, Missouri File # SL 44-775 - 686
by SA HARRY C. JUNG SA CLETIS B. BIDEWELL CBB:bam Date dictated 4/25/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 29, 1968

Mrs. ALBERT P. (CAROL) PEPPER, age 27, of 2025 Bellevue, advised interviewing Agents that she had been married to ALBERT S. PEPPER for approximately six years. She stated she had not seen JAMES EARL RAY since some time prior to her marriage and that her husband had never met her brother JAMES EARL RAY.

With reference to her brothers JOHN "JACK" RAY and JERRY RAY she stated she had not seen either of these individuals since they were visiting in St. Louis around Christmas, 1967. She advised JERRY RAY resides in the vicinity of Chicago, Illinois, and it is her understanding that JACK RAY is residing there also.

When questioned concerning her father she stated that her father, JERRY RAY, age about 59 years, is presently residing on a farm he owns which is located in the vicinity of Hannibal, Missouri. She denied knowing the exact location of this farm stating she had never visited it. However, she had visited in the general area near Hannibal some months ago at the time her father was looking for a farm to purchase in that area. According to Mrs. PEPPER she is normally in contact with her father approximately once a week at which time he calls her by telephone, usually on Saturday morning. She denied having ever made a telephone call to her father, JERRY RAY, stating that she did not know his telephone number. When questioned specifically in this respect she stated she had not misplaced his number but had never been in possession of his telephone number. She advised that her father was retired, and that his only source of income was what he received from Social Security.

With respect to other members of the family Mrs. PEPPER furnished the following information:

SUSIE RAY, age 20, was raised by some unknown well-to-do family residing in the vicinity of Quincy, Illinois. Within the past several months SUSIE was married to some unknown band leader who works out of the vicinity of the Quincy, Illinois, area.

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A sister, MELBA RAY, age 30 and single, resides somewhere in Quincy, Illinois, and has on occasion been confined in a hospital due to a mentally retarded condition. She volunteered the information that the last time she heard from MELBA was at Christmas last year at which time she was in jail in Quincy, Illinois.

According to Mrs. PEPPER another brother, FRANKLIN "BUZZY" RAY was killed in an automobile accident which occurred approximately four years ago on a bridge west of Quincy, Illinois. She stated when she last saw JAMES EARL RAY he was with this brother "BUZZY" in St. Louis approximately two or three years prior to the death of "BUZZY" RAY.

With respect to her mother LUCILLE RYAN, Mrs. PEPPER advised that she had died in the City Hospital at St. Louis approximately seven years ago of complications resulting from sclerosis of the liver and heart trouble.

Mrs. PEPPER emphatically denied having any knowledge or information whatever concerning the whereabouts of her brother, JAMES EARL RAY. She was specifically advised of the provisions of the harboring statute during the course of the interview.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 2, 1968

ALBERT B. PEPPER was interviewed at his place of employment, the New Market Hardware, 4064 Laclede. PEPPER stated he had never seen subject RAY inasmuch as RAY was serving time in the Missouri State Penitentiary at the time he married CAROL RAY, subject's sister. He denied having any information whatsoever concerning the present whereabouts of subject or having been contacted either directly or indirectly by subject since his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri.

With respect to subject's brother, JERRY RAY, presently residing in Chicago, Illinois, he stated he had not seen JERRY in a couple of months. When questioned concerning the subject's brother, JACK RAY, he stated he had not seen him in approximately one month. He further stated he did not mix with his wife's relatives and her contact with them was her own business.

When questioned specifically concerning any communication from the Missouri State Penitentiary addressed to the Albert J. Pepper Stationery Company, 712a Shenandoah, St. Louis, Missouri, PEPPER stated he and his family formerly resided at that address but he was not aware of any mail addressed to such a stationery company. In discussing this matter, he admitted that his wife might have received such a communication but denied having any information concerning this. He mentioned the possibility that if such a letter had been sent it very well could have been stolen from the mailbox and never received as they have had in the past checks stolen from the mailbox.

PEPPER was asked if he would discuss this matter with his wife CAROL and endeavor to determine whether or not she had ever received any mail or any money mailed to her addressed to the Albert J. Pepper Stationery Company, 712a Shenandoah, and he agreed to do so. During the entire course of the interview, PEPPER appeared friendly, but obviously volunteered no information whatsoever.

It was pointed out to PEPPER that this matter would undoubtedly be discussed with him again at some future date and he was apparently agreeable to this suggestion.

On 5/2/68 at St. Louis, Missouri File # SL: 44-775 - 688
by SA CLETIS B. BIDEWELL/mjb
SA ROBERT S. STEWART Date dictated 5/2/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 24, 1968

JAMES D. DAILEY, residing at 402 West 9th Street, Portageville, Missouri, was interviewed at his place of business, LaFonts Cafe, Portageville, Missouri.

He was advised of the identities of SAs DOUGLAS ROSENBERGER and WILLIAM R. BURTON and the purpose of the interview.

DAILEY stated that up until about three to four weeks ago he had owned and operated a restaurant-cafe known as the Half Way House at 1549 South Jefferson Street, St. Louis, Missouri, and was residing at 2708 St. Vincent, also St. Louis, Missouri.

DAILEY stated that he cannot recall the name JAMES EARL RAY or ERIC STARVO GALT or any of the other names as furnished to him by the interviewing agents.

DAILEY stated that within the past several days he has looked at a picture of GALT which was in the Memphis, Tennessee, newspapers and he did not recognize it as anyone he has ever known or ever seen.

DAILEY was advised by the interviewing agents of the fugitive status of JAMES EARL RAY and at this time was also advised of the provisions of the Federal harboring statute.

DAILEY at this time reiterated that he does not know JAMES EARL RAY or anyone of a similar name or description.

On 4/19/68 at Portageville, Missouri File # SL 44-775 - 689
by SA WILLIAM R. BURTON
SA DOUGLAS ROSENBERGER DR/leh Date dictated 4/23/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 23, 1968

Mrs. BETTY CRAFE, Clerk, Congress Airport Inn, 3433 North Lindbergh Boulevard, advised that she had never knowingly seen guest JAMES RAY, who occupied Room #114 at the motel as of about 5:08 PM on April 18, 1968; however, during the mid-morning hours on April 19, 1968, she, at the motel switchboard, received an incoming call from an unknown male who asked for RAY and she referred the call to Room #114, the room occupied by RAY.

CRAFE also recalled having recorded two twenty-cent outgoing local calls on the local call slip for RAY's room, however, such calls are not otherwise recorded at the motel and guest JAMES RAY left the motel on April 19, 1968, without settling for such calls.

On 4/20/68 at St. Louis County, Missouri File # SL 44-775-690
by SA JOHN J. BUCKLEY (A) :paw Date dictated 4/22/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 23, 1968

WALTER L. BROOKS, Manager, Congress Airport Inn,
3433 North Lindbergh Boulevard, advised as follows.

At 5:08 PM on April 18, 1968, a male guest registered at the motel under the name of "JAMES RAY, Allstate Ins. Co., Columbia, Ill." in a 1967 Plymouth bearing license JE or SE40861. The guest executed a Guest Registration card for either IVA TRACER or SHERYL CARRIGER, clerks on duty at the time.

BROOKS saw this individual, who was assigned to Room #114 at the motel, during the early evening hours of April 18, 1967, when he was in the lobby of the motel. BROOKS did not engage the man in conversation but merely observed him in the lobby and noticed that the man was driving a 1967 green Plymouth, four-door sedan, since BROOKS, upon first observing the car, had believed that a friend of his who drives a similar type car was visiting BROOKS at the motel. BROOKS described the man as a white male, age in late thirties, 5' 10", 160 - 170 pounds, slender build, dark hair, wearing an unrecalled sport shirt, a light sport coat, possibly blue checked, dark trousers, with no tie and no hat.

Upon arriving at the motel at about 10:30 AM on April 19, 1968, BROOKS noted that the 1967 green Plymouth was still parked in front of Room #114, however, at about noon on April 19, 1968, BROOKS noted that the car was gone from that location and it has since been learned that the man who occupied Room #114 on the night of April 18, 1968, left the motel without checking out shortly before 12 Noon on April 19, 1968. Upon registering the man had paid \$9.79 in cash, in advance, for the room fee and tax. This transaction is identified as transaction #8018 on the cash machine tape for the motel for April 18, 1968.

Once a guest completes the Guest Registration card, the clerk at the motel then executes a ledger card from the information on the Guest Registration card.

A review of the records of the motel reflected that on April 18, 1968, two local telephone calls were made from Room #114, however, the motel does not record the numbers called since the guest may dial directly from his room.

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by SA JOHN J. BUCKLEY (A) :paw Date dictated 4/22/68

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Night auditor at the motel, HARVEY MINK, on the morning of April 20, 1968, called BROOKS' attention to the close resemblance between the above-styled motel guest of April 18-19, 1968, and JAMES EARL RAY, whose photograph appeared in the "St. Louis Globe-Democrat" of April 19-20, 1968.

BROOKS reviewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405 492 G, and stated, from his brief contact with guest JAMES RAY on the evening of April 18, 1968, he believed that these were one and the same person.

BROOKS advised that Room #114 was subsequently thoroughly cleaned shortly after noon on April 19, 1968, and has been subsequently rented to another guest.

BROOKS furnished the original Guest Registration card #5737 for JAMES RAY, described above, dated April 18, 1968, for investigative use.

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Date April 24, 1968

Miss IVA TRACER, Terris Ann Motor Court, Bridgeton, Missouri, who can be reached at telephone number 291-3965, a clerk at the Congress Airport Inn, 3433 North Lindbergh Boulevard, advised as follows:

At about 5:08 PM on April 18, 1968, a white male, age in late 30's, 5'8" to 5'10", 165 pounds, with a short-cut dark hair style, approached the desk and executed motel guest registration card as "JAMES RAY, Allstate Ins. Co., Columbia, Mo." TRACER did not notice the make or model of the car that the guest was driving but it appeared to be a dark green auto, nor did she notice the license plate on the car. The guest was assigned Room #114 and paid \$9.79 room fee and tax in advance. It is not recalled whether or not the guest had any luggage.

The guest wore a white shirt, no tie, a light-colored sport coat, dark trousers, and spoke with his head bowed and eyes cast downward.

TRACER viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G, and stated that the photograph of RAY and the appearance of JAMES RAY, the guest in Room #114 at the motel on April 18, 1968, appear to her to be those of the same person.

TRACER did not see RAY again and her fellow clerk, SHERYL CARRIGER, was not in the motel office when the said guest appeared to register.

On 4/20/68 at St. Louis County, Missouri File # SL 44-775 -692
by SA(A) JOHN J. BUCKLEY:bam Date dictated 4/23/68

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Date April 24, 1968

HARVEY MINK, Night Auditor, Congress Airport Inn, 3433 North Lindbergh, advised as follows:

Sometime during the late year 1967, exact date not recalled, a white male registered at the said motel under the name of JAMES RAY, Allstate Insurance Company, St. Louis, Missouri, and left without paying his bill. MINK checked with the Allstate Insurance Company at St. Louis and was unable to identify this man as an employee.

During the night of April 18, 1968, while going through the motel guest list, MINK noticed the name of JAMES RAY as a guest in Room #114 at the motel. He also noted that the said guest in Room #114 had paid \$9.79 in advance, but he called Room #114 in an effort to obtain a further room advance, but got no answer to such a call.

MINK noted from the St. Louis Globe-Democrat of April 20-21, 1968, that one JAMES EARL RAY was wanted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and he advised WALTER L. BROOKS, Manager of the motel of the above circumstances regarding the former guest in Room #114.

MINK did not see the guest in Room #114 for April 18, 1968, nor did he see the car that the guest was driving. He could not describe the guest who registered as JAMES RAY, Allstate Insurance Company, St. Louis, Missouri, in late 1967, and who "skipped" on his bill and a search of motel records by MINK failed to locate any such record.

MINK commented that many small "skips" at the motel for one or two nights are charged off, after making a nominal attempt to identify such persons, and the records are destroyed.

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by SA (A) JOHN J. BUCKLEY:bam Date dictated 4/23/68

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Date April 24, 1968

NAOMI HAWKINS, Housekeeper, Congress Airport Inn, 3433 North Lindbergh, advised that when she came to work on the morning of April 19, 1968, a green colored car was parked in front of motel Room #114. The car bore Missouri license plates, number unknown.

Upon checking the premises later in the day at shortly before Noon, she noticed that the car was gone from in front of Room #114 and the room was vacant so she thereupon cleaned the room for the next tenant.

Nothing unusual was noted in cleaning the room and the only items left were sheets of newspaper from the floor which she threw in the trash can.

On 4/20/68 at St. Louis County, Missouri File # SL 44-775 - 694

by SA (A) JOHN J. BUCKLEY:bam Date dictated 4/23/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4-29-68

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

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

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

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

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

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

On 4-26-68 at St. Louis, Missouri File # SL 44-775 - 695
by SA EARL E. BROWN *EAB/ral* Date dictated 4-29-68

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The undersigned mortgagor hereby purchases from the undersigned mortgagee, subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth below and upon the reverse side hereof, the property described below or in schedule attached hereto.

QUANTITY	NEW OR USED	MAKE	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY, INCL. SERIAL NUMBER Attach Separate List, If Necessary
1	used	Ideal Draft Beer Cooler	DDR-2R #F429131 36700

For a TOTAL TIME SALE PRICE computed as follows:

1. CASH SALE PRICE	\$ 658.00 (1)
2. TOTAL DOWN PAYMENT (Consisting of \$ (Net Trade-In) \$ (Cash))	\$ 58.00 (2)
DESCRIPTION OF TRADE-IN: Make _____ Model _____ Year _____	
3. DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ITEMS 1 and 2	\$ 600.00 (3)
* 4a. CHARGE FOR CREDITOR INSURANCE ON LIFE OF MORTGAGOR (Include this item if mortgagor has authorized mortgagee to apply for the insurance)	\$ 3.73 (4a)
4b. CHARGE FOR INSURANCE ON THE PROPERTY as described in Paragraph 11 on reverse hereof. (Include this item if mortgagor has authorized mortgagee to apply for the insurance)	\$ 4.32 (4b)
5. OFFICIAL FEES	\$ - (5)
6. PRINCIPAL BALANCE (Add items 3, 4a, 4b and 5)	\$ 608.05 (6)
7. TIME CHARGE	\$ 72.89 (7)
8. TIME BALANCE (Add items 6 and 7)	\$ 680.94 (8)
9. TOTAL TIME SALE PRICE (Add items 2 and 8)	\$ 738.94 (9)

The Time Balance is payable at the mortgagee's office designated below or at such office of any assignee as may be hereafter designated, in 17 installments of \$38.00 & 1 installment of \$4.94 each, commencing one month after delivery of the above property and on the same day of each successive month, or as indicated in space below. The final instalment payable hereunder shall equal the amount of the time balance remaining due.

Delivery Instructions and Description of Real Estate pursuant to Uniform Commercial Code.

Payable \$1.25 per day in the meter

(a) Said property is to be delivered on or about Feb. 7, 1968, to and on the premises located (or to be erected) at Street and Number 1982 Arsenal Known as Grape Vine Section _____

Block Number _____ City St. Louis 4 County _____ State Mo.

Name of record owner of premises.

(b) Mortgagee shall not be responsible for failure to deliver said property, or for any delay in delivering same, caused by the manufacturer thereof or due to strikes, fires or any other causes beyond seller's control.

(c) Upon delivery of said property, mortgagor shall sign a delivery receipt, a form copy of which is herewith furnished to mortgagor, showing the date thereof and further identification of said property and the due date of the first instalment payable hereunder.

(d) Special delivery instructions, if any:

Said property shall remain strictly personal property. Mortgagee (mortgagor) ★ agrees to put said property in place in the premises hereinabove mentioned and in connection therewith to couple said property with any pipes, tubing, conduits or wiring necessary for the use of same, in such manner as shall not interfere with ready inspection, service or repair of said property and as shall permit said property to be readily disconnected from such pipes, conduits, tubing or wiring and to be removed without injury to the premises. ★ (Strike out as applicable).

* According to terms and conditions set forth in policy or certificate of insurance issued by the insurer as checked below. If the insurance becomes effective, the term thereof shall commence on the date of this contract and continue until the date, but not later than the 15th () day after the date provided above for payment of the final instalment hereunder, on which the unpaid balance of the obligation hereunder is or becomes paid in full, unless the insurance is automatically terminated on an earlier date in certain other events. Reference is hereby made to the further statement of such insurance, including the further statement concerning the below designated maximum amounts of insurance, contained in Paragraph 10 on the reverse side hereof and hereby incorporated in this item.

Mortgagor Proposed For Life Insurance: The person whose name appears on line A below (co-mortgagor, if any, on line B, when mortgagor is a corporation or partnership).

☐ The Prudential Insurance Company of America, Newark, New Jersey, under its Group Policy No. GL-360. Under said group policy, maximum amount of insurance under this contract is \$7,500 and maximum aggregate amount of insurance under this and any other instalment contract of the mortgagor is \$15,000.

☐ (If Other Policy, Name Insurer)

MORTGAGOR'S DECLARATION OF GOOD HEALTH (Applicable Where a Charge Has Been Authorized in 4a Above and Insurance Under Prudential Group Policy GL-360 is Proposed)—I, the mortgagor proposed for life insurance, in order to induce Prudential to effect such insurance, do hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief I am now in good health. I hereby authorize any physician or hospital to disclose to Prudential all information concerning my medical history prior to the date of this contract.

(Home Office Address)
Under policy of above designated insurer, maximum amount of insurance under this contract is \$ _____ and maximum aggregate amount of insurance under this and any other instalment contract of the mortgagor is \$ _____.

Notice to the Buyer: 1. Do not sign this contract before you read it or if it contains any blank spaces. 2. You are entitled to an exact copy of the contract you sign. 3. Under the law you have the right to pay off in advance the full amount due and under certain circumstances to obtain a partial refund of the time charge. Executed in Quadruplicate, copy of which was delivered to, and receipt is hereby acknowledged by, mortgagor, this 7th day of Feb., 1968.

Mortgagor Signs in Ink

Contract includes Good Health Declaration where applicable.

Co-Mortgagor Signs in Ink

Contract includes Good Health Declaration where applicable.

Seller Signs in Ink

FRIGID SALES & SERV. CORP.

1982 Arsenal St. Louis, Mo. 63104
(Street) (Town) (State) (Postal Code)

2025 Bellevue Maplewood, Mo. 63143
(Street) (Town) (State) (Postal Code)

7589 Olive Blvd. St. Louis, Mo. 63130
(Street) (Town) (State) (Postal Code)

MORTGAGEE'S RECOMMENDATION, ASSIGNMENT AND GUARANTY

For value received, the undersigned does hereby sell, assign, and transfer to the General Motors Acceptance Corporation his, its, or their right, title and interest in and to the within chattel mortgage, herewith submitted for purchase by it, and the property covered thereby and authorizes said General Motors Acceptance Corporation to do every act and thing necessary to collect and discharge the same.

The undersigned certifies that said chattel mortgage arose from the sale of the within described property, warranting that title to said property was at time of sale and is now vested in the undersigned free of all liens and encumbrances; that said property is as represented to the mortgagor of said property by the undersigned and that statements made by the mortgagor of said property on the statement form attached hereto are true to the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned.

In consideration of the purchase of the above obligation by the General Motors Acceptance Corporation, the undersigned does hereby guarantee the payment of all deferred payments at the time and in the manner therein specified and covenants in default of the payment of any instalment thereof or performance of any requirement by the mortgagor to pay the full amount then remaining unpaid to the said General Motors Acceptance Corporation upon demand except as otherwise provided by the terms of the present General Motors Acceptance Corporation Retail Plan. Liability of the undersigned shall not be affected by any indulgence, compromise, settlement, extensions, or variation of terms of the within chattel mortgage effected with, or by the discharge or release of the obligation of the mortgagor or any other person interested, by operation of law or otherwise. The undersigned hereby does expressly waive and dispense with notice of acceptance of this guaranty, notices of non-payment and non-performance, notices of amount of indebtedness outstanding at any time, protests, demands, and prosecution of collection, foreclosure and possessory remedies, and the right to remove any legal action from the court originally acquiring jurisdiction.

Mortgagee Signs

FRIGID SALES & SERV. CORP.

By

(If Corp. or Part.)

(Title)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 9, 1968

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

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

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

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

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

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

On 5/7/68 at St. Louis, Missouri File # SL: 44-775 - 696
by SA HAROLD R. DOBSON *HRD* :jfb Date dictated 5/8/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 9, 1968

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

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

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

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

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

On 5/7/68 at St. Louis, Missouri File # SL: 44-775-07
by SA HAROLD R. DOBSON *HRD* :jfb Date dictated 5/8/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 9, 1968

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

On 5/7/68 at St. Louis, Missouri File # SL: 44-775 - 698
by SA HAROLD R. DOBSON *HRB* :jfb Date dictated 5/8/68

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

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

Date May 10, 1968

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

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

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

On 5/8/68 at St. Louis, Missouri File # L: 44-775 - 699
by SA SPURGEON J. PETERSON/mjb Date dictated 5/8/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/3/68

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

On 5/1/68 at St. Louis, Missouri File # SL 44-775 - 700
by SA PATRICK W. BRADLEY
SA F. JACK WILLIAMS PWB:hcv Date dictated 5/1/68

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Date May 10, 1968

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

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

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

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

On 5/4/68 at St. Louis, Missouri File # SL: 44-775 - 701
by SA PATRICK W. BRADLEY *PW*
SA F. JACK WILLIAMS *FJW* PWB: pdp Date dictated 5/8/68

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Date May 9, 1968

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

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

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

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

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

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

On 5/2/68 at St. Louis, Missouri File # SL 44-775 - 702
by SA F. JACK WILLIAMS
SA PATRICK W. BRADLEY PWB:bam Date dictated 5/7/68

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Date April 23, 1968

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

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

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

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

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

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

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by SA HARRY C. JUNG and
SA ROBERT A. HESS HCJ:klr Date dictated 4/23/68

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Height
Weight
Build
Hair
Eyes
Complexion
Peculiarities
Residence

5'10" to 5'11"
160 to 170 pounds
Medium
Brown
Brown
Medium
Slight speech impediment
1900a Cherokee Street,
St. Louis, Missouri
(rents two rooms above
Cherokee Buffet)

Marital Status
Military Service
Criminal Record
Automobile

Single
None
None admitted
1960 Ford Thunderbird,
two-door, hardtop,
white over blue,
bearing Missouri license
AE2-558

Relatives

Mother

LUCILLE RAY, nee MAHER
Deceased

Father

Refused to identify

Sisters

MELBA RAY,
Quincy, Illinois;
Mrs. CAROL ANN PEPPER
2025 Bellevue
Maplewood, Missouri;

SUSAN RAY

Current address unknown

Brothers

JERRY RAY

Chicago, Illinois;

FRANK RAY

Deceased

(killed in automobile
accident in 1964);

Address unknown

([REDACTED] was born in [REDACTED] and was
last known by JOHN to be in [REDACTED])

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Uncle

WILLIAM MAHER
1118 East Seventh Street
Alton, Illinois.

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

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

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 6, 1968

Records of the Manufacturers Bank and Trust Company, 1731 South Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri, reflect there is a current checking account in the name of ALBERT or CAROL PEPPER. The balance as of April 29, 1968, was \$186.09.

This account was opened April 3, 1967, with a deposit of \$209.08.

Prior to August 21, 1967, the balance was two figures and low three figures with no deposit larger than the opening deposit and the largest withdrawal being \$164.75. On August 21, 1967, there was a deposit in the amount of \$4628.78 and on August 23, 1967, a check was written in the amount of \$500.00. On September 5, 1967, there was a deposit of \$837.94 and on September 6, 1967, a check was written in the amount of \$3656.98. On September 12, 1967, there was a deposit of \$756.00 and on September 14, 1967, a check was written in the amount of \$1900.00. On October 9, 1967, there was a deposit of \$1056.71.

Since October 9, 1967, no deposit was made larger than a deposit of \$460.35 made November 6, 1967. Since January 22, 1968, no check was written on this account larger than the \$195.00 check written January 22, 1968.

With respect to the largest deposits as reflected below in a check of the savings account of ALBERT and CAROL PEPPER, the deposit on August 21, 1967, to the checking account in the amount of \$4628.78 coincides with a withdrawal in their savings account of \$4500.00. Deposit tickets for the checking account for August 21, 1967, reflect that the \$4628.78 deposit was made up of \$4500.00 transferred from a savings account, a check in the amount of \$105.37 and a check in the amount of \$23.41.

With respect to the deposit of \$837.94 on September 5, 1967, this deposit consisted of \$513.29 in cash, \$200.00 in cash, and a check in the amount of \$124.60.

With respect to the deposit of \$756.00 on September 12, 1967, this consisted of a check in that amount.

Regarding the deposit of October 9, 1967, in the amount of \$1056.71, this consisted of a cash deposit of \$1000.00 and a check in the amount of \$56.71.

On 4/30/68 at St. Louis, Missouri File # SL: 44-775 - 704
by SA EARL E. BROWN
SA ALBERT J. RUSHING EEB: pdp Date dictated 5/6/68

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The other deposit of size noted above, November 6, 1967, in the amount of \$460.35, is supported by deposit tickets reflecting \$100.00 in cash and checks in the amount of \$125.00, \$87.07, \$93.95, \$6.67, \$43.40, and \$4.26.

Since January 1, 1968, the only checks written on this checking account were six in January, one in February, and two in March. Checks drawn on the account in April 1968, (six in all) consisted of the following:

April 12, 1968, in the amount of \$2.50 payable to R. J. DEVEREUX;

April 16, 1968, \$5.46 payable to Sealtest;

April 16, 1968, \$3.00 payable to Cardinal Glennon Hospital;

April 14, 1968, \$6.50 (this check could not be located to determine payee);

April 14, 1968, \$13.88 to Katz Drugs and

March 29, 1968, \$105.20 to Manufacturers Bank.

An official of Manufacturers Bank stated that the \$105.20 check dated March 29, 1968, payable to Manufacturers Bank is for a payment on the PEPPER residence they are purchasing.

One of the large withdrawals from this checking account listed above was a \$500.00 check on August 23, 1967. This was the date of posting and the check was actually drawn on August 18, 1967. It was payable to Mercantile Trust Company and contained a stamp indicating it had been processed by the Real Estate Department.

With respect to the check in the amount of \$1900.00 noted above, which was posted on September 14, 1967, this check was dated September 9, 1967, and payable to JERRY RAYNS and contains a notation "purchase of 42 acres". It was endorsed

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JERRY RAYNS followed by an endorsement which appears to be HAROLD WALKER, Trustee. This check was deposited at the Center State Bank and is the only check found wherein the body of the check was apparently not written by CAROL PEPPER, although she signed all checks mentioned herein.

ALBERT or CAROL PEPPER also maintain at the Manufacturers Bank a savings account number [REDACTED]. Bank records reflect that this account was opened September 7, 1965. The PEPPERS gave an address of 712A Shenandoah, St. Louis, Missouri, and the only other address reflected in the savings account is 2025 Bellevue, Maplewood, Missouri. At the time the account was opened ALBERT PEPPER, Social Security Number [REDACTED], stated he was born [REDACTED] at Chicago, Illinois, and is employed by Ace Service. CAROL PEPPER stated she was born [REDACTED] in Missouri. It was noted that an inquiry had been made concerning this account by Missouri Liquor Control on November 27, 1967. The account was opened with a deposit of \$2570.15. The largest deposits thereafter were \$1900.00 on April 3, 1967, and \$344.00 on February 6, 1967. Numerous other deposits were made in smaller amounts. Withdrawals were as follows:

November 10, 1965	\$200.00
June 27, 1966	\$100.00
July 11, 1966	\$ 70
September 12, 1966	\$500.00
September 15, 1966	\$500.00
October 24, 1966	\$175.00
August 21, 1967	\$4500.00
September 12, 1967	\$756.00

The balance as of April 30, 1968, was \$2175.43.

Records of the Manufacturers Bank also reflect that ALBERT and CAROL PEPPER have a real estate loan, number M-1625, on the property at 2025 Bellevue, Maplewood, Missouri, in the amount of \$6500.00. It is payable in monthly installments of \$75.00 which payment includes escrow fee, taxes, insurance, and interest. A number of payments in addition to the regular payments have been made and the balance due on the principal

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as of April 1, 1968, is \$6080.77. This property is recorded in Book 1052, Page 167, Daily number 132, St. Louis County Court House. It is a first deed of trust. Seller to the PEPPERS was Mercantile Trust Company, Real Estate Department. Closing on this property was September 6, 1967, with a payment in the amount of \$3656.98.

The application for this loan was dated August 14, 1967, and signed by ALBERT PEPPER. The application reflects that this is a five room house, the total selling price being \$10,500. At the time of the application ALBERT PEPPER resided at 712A Shenandoah and was employed by Ace Construction Company - New Market Hardware at \$100.00 per week plus overtime. His wife was employed by "Arch. Dietries" (Project Headstart) at \$50.00 a week. On the application no liabilities were listed and assets were a \$5000.00 life insurance policy on the life of ALBERT PEPPER with his wife beneficiary; cash in a savings account of \$7256.43; a 1963 Plymouth valued at \$800.00; and furniture valued at \$800.00 or total assets of \$8856.43.

Two checking accounts were located in the name of JOHN RAY both of which were closed as of April 30, 1968.

The ~~first~~ account was opened November 3, 1966, with a deposit of \$339.12. At the time the account was opened JOHN RAY listed his address as 1812 Lafayette. This was changed to 712A Shenandoah and there was also a notation of an address at 1822 North 21st Street.

Three deposits were made after the account was opened ranging in amount from \$48.00 to \$68.18.

Eleven checks were drawn on this account ranging in amount from \$5.88 to \$152.00. Reference shown at the time the account was opened was JERRY RAYNS. This account was closed on July 18, 1967.

JOHN RAY had a second checking account opened August 30, 1967, with a deposit of \$1300.00. He gave his address as 1807 South 11th Street. There was the initial deposit only. Fifteen checks were drawn on this account ranging from

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\$5.04 to \$550.00. The \$550.00 check was posted on February 2, 1968. The next largest check drawn on the account was posted January 26, 1968, in the amount of \$126.85. At the time the account was opened RAY stated he was unemployed. There was no activity in the account from February 9, 1968, until it was closed April 8, 1968, with a check in the amount of \$5.04.

The Manufacturers Bank also contains a closed checking account in the name of JERRY RAYNS, 1434 Menard Street, which was opened May 11, 1964, and closed May 29, 1967. At the time the account was opened JERRY RAYNS indicated he was self-employed at a second hand store. From January 5, 1966, until January 16, 1967, 10 deposits were made ranging in amounts from \$46.40 to \$500.00. The largest balance was on October 17, 1966, amounting to \$1076.28. The largest check drawn on the account was \$500.00 on November 25, 1966. After January 16, 1967, there was only one transaction, check number 344, which closed the account.

Records of the Manufacturers Bank also reflect a closed savings account in the name of JERRY RAYNS or CAROL PEPPER (daughter) savings account number [REDACTED]. This account was opened September 7, 1965, with a deposit of \$300.00. At that time JERRY RAYNS listed his address as 1819 Park Avenue. He stated he was born [REDACTED], in California and is retired. No address was listed for CAROL PEPPER, who was said to be a housewife born [REDACTED] in Missouri. On October 6, 1965, there was a deposit of \$100.00 and on August 30, 1966, a deposit of \$200.00. This account was closed on September 5, 1967, with a withdrawal of \$513.29.

In the event these records are needed, a subpoena duces tecum should be directed to Mr. HARLEY E. SCHWERING, Senior Vice President, Manufacturers Bank and Trust Company, 1731 South Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 22, 1968

JAMES D. DAILEY, 402 W. Ninth Street, Portageville, Missouri, was interviewed at his place of business, La Font Cafe, Portageville. He was advised of the identities of Special Agents CLETIS B. BIDEWELL and EDWARD M. MORELAND, and the purpose of the interview.

DAILEY stated he was unable to identify a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, St. Louis Police Department number 81071, as any person he has ever known or has ever seen. He displayed a cooperative attitude and related that the only escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, with whom he has ever come into contact is one THOMAS B. CREWS, white male, age 39, who escaped in September, 1967. CREWS and DAILEY were childhood friends from southeast Missouri, and after his escape, CREWS came to DAILEY for assistance. At this time, September, 1967, DAILEY was operating the Half Way House Cafe on South Jefferson in St. Louis, Missouri.

DAILEY, who knew CREWS to be an escapee, gave him \$100 knowing he would probably use it to try to go to Chicago, Illinois, but he, DAILEY, advised against it. In conversation with CREWS he tried to convince him to turn himself in to the authorities. CREWS eventually went to a brother's house in St. Louis and was later apprehended by the St. Louis Police Department.

DAILEY related that HOMER TOWNSLEY, a St. Louis bondsman and former tavern operator was aware of his helping CREWS and he, DAILEY, strongly suspects that TOWNSLEY, who is also an informant of the St. Louis Police Department, particularly the Intelligence Unit, probably told them that he, DAILEY, had harbored an escapee from the Missouri Penitentiary and that this escapee was RAY. DAILEY also stated TOWNSLEY would probably try to get him in trouble because in the past he and TOWNSLEY had a violent disagreement over a "joint fleecing" they had been conducting on a victim, a retired U. S. Army Major, PAUL (last name unknown), Alton, Illinois, which amounted to thousands of dollars.

This disagreement resulted in TOWNSLEY hiring a small time hoodlum, JUNIOR CONWAY of Salem, Missouri, to smash windows

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in DAILEY's business place numerous times and CONWAY later administered to him a severe physical beating in December, 1965, which resulted in DAILEY receiving a fractured jaw. DAILEY stated all of this is a matter of record with the St. Louis Police Department.

DAILEY in February, 1966, retaliated by shooting CONWAY a number of times which shooting permanently paralyzed CONWAY in his lower limbs.

DAILEY emphasized he has never owned, leased, or operated any farm in southeast Missouri, or any other place, and further has never or at the present time have access to a farm through any other source.

DAILEY stated his wife and two children are currently engaged in operating his cafe at Portageville.

DAILEY stated he cannot imagine any situation in which RAY would contact him, but in the event any such contact is made or he develops any information concerning him he would immediately contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5-7-68

JOHN PAUL VELANTI, 1632 South 18th Street, St. Louis, Missouri, was interviewed at the St. Louis Office of the FBI and furnished the following information:

He viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as depicted on Wanted Flyer #442-A dated April 19, 1968. He advised that none of these photographs resembled RAY as he recalls him. He advised that the picture of RAY in the bow tie particularly does not resemble him. He viewed a photograph of RAY taken by the St. Louis Police Department October 10, 1959, and stated this is a very good likeness of RAY as he recalls him.

He advised that as a result of his employment as a radio announcer he has frequently broadcast news releases regarding RAY but failed to recognize RAY as a fellow inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary until viewing his photograph in a newspaper.

He described RAY as a quiet type who was seldom noticed. RAY did not gamble, play sports, or do anything to attract attention to himself while at the Missouri State Penitentiary. He does not recall having ever spoken with RAY or having been in the same dormitory as RAY. However, he does recall RAY's face from having seen him at the penitentiary. He advised that RAY's escape attempts attracted no attention to RAY inasmuch as there were frequent such attempts by numerous inmates.

VELANTI advised that he was in the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, from February 13, 1960, to December 19, 1964, at which time he was transferred to the Moberly Minimum Security Prison at Moberly, Missouri. In December, 1966, he was transferred to the honor camp at Fordland, Missouri. He was released on parole March 21, 1967. He was sentenced to the Missouri State Penitentiary February 11, 1959, to serve a 20-year sentence for armed robbery.

While in the Missouri State Penitentiary VELANTI advised that at one time or another he lived in all of the halls. However, he does not believe he was ever housed in the same hall as RAY.

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by SA WILLIAM H. WARFIELD
SA CLETIS B. BIDEWELL *CBW* WHW: amb Date dictated 5-4-68

Tattoos	Butterfly and snake on left outer forearm; "Bayou Kid" and alligator riding a pig on right outer forearm
Admitted convictions	1949, sentenced to five years Louisiana State Penitentiary, burglary, served three years and five months; 1956 to 1957, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, impersonating a Federal Agent; February 11, 1959, sentenced to 20 years Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, armed robbery; Served at Missouri State Penitentiary February 13, 1960, to December, 1964; December, 1964, to December, 1966, at Moberly, Missouri; December, 1966, to March 21, 1967, honor camp at Fordland, Missouri, parole officer - Mr. HICKMAN, 1500 Big Bend, Richmond Heights
Military service	U. S. Army, 1952 to 1959, Serial Number RA 18 426 869
Relatives	Brother, ANTHONY VELANTI, age 45, unknown address, New Orleans, Louisiana. Advises he has numerous brothers and sisters who are unknown to him due to the fact that he was reared by foster parents; Foster father, ROBERT DUTTON JACKSON, Deltaville, Virginia, deceased; Foster mother, LAURA JACKSON, nee DANIEL, Deltaville, Virginia
Education	Public schools at Deltaville, Virginia
Religion	Catholic.

While at the Missouri State Penitentiary he never heard of money being offered for the death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING or anyone else. He advised that it was common knowledge that anyone could "pick up a few bucks by killing guys like that." He suggested that organizations such as the Ku Klux Klan or other southern organizations commonly referred to as the Klan resisting the present integration movement might pay for the death of KING or other Negro leaders.

VELANTI recalls that ORVILLE GANN, also known as PAPPY, who presently resides at the Dismas House, St. Louis, Missouri, lived in F&G Hall at the Missouri State Penitentiary with RAY. VELANTI believes that he has seen GANN speaking with RAY at the penitentiary. VELANTI has not seen GANN since he was released but has heard that GANN was released from the penitentiary approximately one month ago. He recalls JOHNNY JOHNSON, FRANK MAYBERRY, KENNY HURT, and NONEY EDEN as fellow inmates at the Missouri State Penitentiary. He believes the true name of NONEY EDEN to be JAMES EDEN. He explained that EDEN is tongue-tied and was nicknamed NONEY for his inability to pronounce bolcna. He is unaware of EDEN's present whereabouts.

VELANTI advised that the name COOLEY (phonetic) and Cooley's Organization have no meaning to him. He advised that COOLEY may apply to a Negro inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary whose true identity is unknown to him.

The following description and background information was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	JOHN PAUL VELANTI
Address	1632 South 18th Street, St. Louis, Missouri
Employment	Announcer at WMRY, FM, 9500 West Route 460, Belleville, Illinois
Date of birth	
Place of birth	Portsmouth, Virginia
Height	5'9"
Weight	180
Hair	Black, slightly receding
Eyes	Brown

Date May 8, 1968

JAMES EDWARD "TED" RICHARDSON, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) #49632, was interviewed at his place of employment, the Jefferson Cleaning Shop, 1650 South Jefferson. His residence is in the rear of this establishment. RICHARDSON furnished information that he was born [redacted] at Chillicothe, Missouri, and entered the MSP on a murder charge from Trenton, Missouri, in May, 1935. He was sentenced to "death row" at that time but his death sentence was later commuted. He was released from MSP on March 30, 1965, and has resided in the St. Louis area since that time.

He described RAY as one of the "nuts" or "cowboys" who according to RICHARDSON were small time hoodlums who would be involved in most any type or petty thievery or gangsterism going on inside the institution.

RICHARDSON stated he knew subject RAY only casually since he worked more than 20 years in the hospital in the institution under Doctor HUGH W. MANLEY. RICHARDSON stated he read some publicity concerning RAY escaping shortly after it occurred but had heard nothing indicating that subject RAY had been in St. Louis or made any contacts in the St. Louis area since that time.

He described RAY as one of the inmates who used narcotics or medicine of any kind whenever obtainable. He stated that his most frequent encounter with RAY was upon the occasions of RAY's reporting to the hospital for sick call.

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Date May 8, 1968

ORVILLE ERNEST GANN was interviewed at Dismas House, 901 Cole Street, at which time he advised that his last Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) number was 69729. GANN stated he first entered the MSP in August, 1926, on a four-year sentence of burglary from Butler County, Missouri. He re-entered the MSP April, 1931, on a 25-year sentence for murder from Butler County and entered a third time in April, 1955, on a 20-year sentence for armed robbery at St. Louis, Missouri. He was released from this institution on parole to Dismas House on April 9, 1968.

GANN is presently employed in maintenance work at the Milner Hotel, 20th and Washington, but is seeking employment as an employee of the Missouri State Hospital on Arsenal Street in the laundry department. GANN expects to be residing soon with his wife, EILEEN MASCHINO, 4040 Laclede in St. Louis.

GANN knew subject RAY casually while they were both inmates in MSP at Jefferson City. During the period of this casual acquaintance, RAY was living in K Hall while GANN was a resident of J Hall. Their association consisted of casual passing in the hallways of the institution, some slight association in the yard and slight association based on the fact that RAY worked on the food detail and sometimes served special dishes to GANN and GANN reciprocated by giving RAY special consideration in connection with his laundry service since GANN was assigned to the laundry in the institution. GANN recalled that RAY was always a neat, clean individual, but he stated he could not picture RAY as a person who would plan and carry out an assassination such as that committed on Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING.

GANN stated he had never heard RAY or anyone else in the institution discuss any plans concerning the assassination of KING or anyone else for a monetary consideration. He recalled vaguely the name COOLEY (phonetic) among inmates in the MSP but could not place this individual as to race or any associates. When questioned concerning possible close associates of subject RAY while he was in the MSP, GANN named one CARL DRAKE, age about 40, tinner, who has returned to the St. Louis area and was recently ~~shot~~ in South St. Louis in a tavern brawl. He also mentioned one "TED" RICHARDSON employed in a ~~small~~ cleaning establishment in the 1600 block of South Jefferson in St. Louis, Missouri.

When questioned concerning any individuals in the MSP who might be capable of planning a major assassination such as that of

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KING he named BOBBY ASH, current inmate of the penitentiary who is doing 30 years for armed robbery in the vicinity of Kansas City, Missouri. He also named JIM BRADLEY, who is serving time in the penitentiary for killing a St. Louis policeman. He described the majority of the MSP inmates as small time hoodlums but advised that ASH and BRADLEY may have connections on the outside that would afford them information such as a planned assassination. He attributed political connections to ASH.

He pointed out at the time of RAY's escape from the penitentiary he, GANN, was not ~~confined~~ at Jefferson City but at the honor farm located at Fordland near Springfield, Missouri.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4-26-68

At the onset of the interview SAs PATRICK W. BRADLEY and ROBERT A. HESS identified themselves to WALTER E. NOLAN in the lobby of the rooming house where he resides. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents he stated, "I want nothing to do with you people.", and then said, "What do you want with me? I haven't done anything since I've been out."

Mr. NOLAN was advised that we were not investigating his activities, however, we were conducting a fugitive investigation to locate one JAMES EARL RAY, a former inmate of the Missouri State Penitentiary. At this point NOLAN stated, "I remember Jim Ray but I don't know anything about him now and if I did know anything about him I wouldn't tell any representative of law enforcement."

It was pointed out to NOLAN that the agents had spoken earlier in the day to acquaintances of NOLAN who spoke very highly of NOLAN's intelligence and ability in legal research and briefs. Therefore, he should have a clear understanding of the possible consequences of harboring a fugitive.

NOLAN stated that he had nothing to do with the escape of RAY and has not seen or heard from RAY since the Saturday before he left from behind the walls of the Missouri State Penitentiary.

At this point NOLAN volunteered that he knew JIM RAY approximately 10 years, the entire acquaintanceship being made and carried on in the Missouri State Penitentiary. He pointed out that he was aware of RAY planning to escape on the three occasions that he attempted to do so, however, was not aware of the details of the plans nor was he aware of the exact time that RAY planned to go. He noted that he resided in the same hall with RAY although both he and RAY were celled individually, not having cellmates. He further noted that RAY was gone approximately 30 days from the penitentiary before his escape was reported and during that 30-day period on a daily basis he was reported present in the hall when he actually had already escaped.

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NOLAN stated that he believes that he (NOLAN) was the closest associate that RAY had in the penitentiary and walked in the yard with him daily. He pointed out that RAY in effect was a loner with no one really close to him. NOLAN stated that even though he considered himself the closest friend of RAY, RAY never really told him any personal information other than on one occasion he mentioned that he had an unnamed brother in Chicago, Illinois, and allegedly was raised in a small town in the State of Illinois.

NOLAN stated that RAY was a loner in his opinion because he felt all convicts were potential "stool pigeon material" and he did not trust any of them because he had been "done in a couple of times" by the stool pigeon system that operated in the prison. At this point NOLAN noted that it was his opinion that if RAY saw one of his former fellow-convicts he would immediately leave the area for fear of that individual turning "stool pigeon." He continued indicating that he felt RAY would never contact a former fellow-convict for this reason, including himself.

With regard to RAY's last escape from the penitentiary he stated that it was not as reported that RAY left in a bread box because he knew it to be a fact that RAY walked out the front door of the prison. He would not go into further details regarding this statement. When questioned as to whether or not he meant there was a bribery in connection with this escape he stated that he did not mean it in this manner, however, would not elaborate.

With regard to RAY's prior escape attempts, on one escape attempt charge he pled insanity as his defense and subsequently was sent to Fulton Mental Hospital for observation and after a short period of time was returned to the Missouri State Penitentiary adjudged sane.

With regard to RAY's emotional feelings he stated that JIM RAY was not an extremist, he never knew him to be emotional over anything, and if JIM RAY is responsible for the death of Dr. KING he feels that he was completely out of character with the person he knew as JIM RAY in the Missouri State Penitentiary. He described RAY's demeanor as being

that of a cynical individual, however, the cynicism always being in a humorous vane. NOLAN pointed out that RAY had the unique ability of being able to laugh at himself and be cynical in a humorous way about his own past mistakes.

NOLAN pointed out that the majority of the conversation between him and RAY had to do with their legal research in regard to preparing briefs for themselves in an attempt to gain freedom from prison. He pointed out RAY was extremely interested in law, especially if it concerned his particular case. This interest was to the extent that RAY spent extra moneys to purchase law books and literature regarding recent court decisions.

NOLAN again reiterated that he felt that RAY would never contact him and doubts that RAY even knows his current location, however, he reluctantly agreed to notify the FBI if he was contacted by RAY because of the possibility of a law violation which would cause him (NOLAN) to return to prison which he does not want to do.

He noted that in the preparation of the brief by which he was released he had obtained the services of Attorney ORVILLE RICHARDSON in St. Louis for arguing the brief through approaching a judge by letter and suggesting the appointment of one or five attorneys by which ORVILLE RICHARDSON was the appointed one.

NOLAN indicated that he is currently employed as a second cook at the Heritage House Restaurant in St. Louis, however, is going to work in connection with the poverty program on April 29, 1968, in St. Louis noting that he is doing this at a reduced salary in an effort to help others rehabilitate themselves.

He again noted that he never knew of RAY to have any racial extremist emotions or ideas particularly pointing out that during part of the time RAY was in prison he was employed in the kitchen with many members of the Negro race and he always spoke well of anybody who held up their own end of the work regardless of their race. He never expressed any animosity toward anyone because of their color.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 26, 1968

CAROL PEPPER advised that she was visiting her father, JERRY RAYNES, at Center, Missouri. She stated she had been born at Ewing, Missouri, on [redacted], and that she had no additional information.

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Date 5/2/68

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JAMES A. DUFFEY:

Mr. JERRY RAYNES, Rural Free Delivery, Center, Missouri, was re-interviewed April 25, 1968. He admitted he had lived with RUBY CARPENTER, from about 1952 until 1963, off and on, as they would split up and then go back to living together.

During this period they lived in St. Louis, and Clarence, Missouri.

He could not recall the St. Louis addresses, but when 4149 West Pine was suggested to him, he stated he believes that to be the address, where RUBY and he lived from about 1952 to 1961 when they moved to a farm near Clarence, Missouri.

While in St. Louis he stated that FRANKLIN, also known as "Buzz", and CAROL lived with him, but subject never lived with him to his recollection. He stated that subject from the time they left Ewing, Missouri, did not live with him, but with Mrs. MARY MAHER, subject's grandmother.

He stated that in the late 1950s subject visited "Buzz" and he recalled subject was then employed at some bakery but he did not know which bakery. He stated if subject ever lived on Pine Street, it was news to him.

Mr. RAYNES stated that he has always been known as JERRY RAYNES, sometimes spelled RAYNS, as the former is the name his mother claims was his. He denied using the name JAMES GERALD RAY.

Mr. RAYNES also denied ever living in Des Moines, Iowa, and added he has never lived or even been in Des Moines.

He stated that when in Clarence, Missouri, he and RUBY had lived on a farm which belonged to her. He stated while there he did not go to town more than on one or two occasions, had no associates, and can not recall the names of any persons there. They lived there two years.

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