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August 10, 1978

The Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division  
Attention: Mr. Robert Keuch

Director, FBI

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

In accordance with Attorney General Order 116-56, this memorandum advises that Special Agent Thomas H. Weaver of the Jefferson City, Missouri, Resident Agency, Kansas City Division was interviewed on July 28, 1978. A memorandum setting forth Mr. Weaver's account of this interview is enclosed for your information.

Enclosure

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Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division  
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch  
Director, FBI

September 5, 1978

1 - Mr. Mintz  
Attn: Mr. Heller  
1 - Mr. Bailey  
1 - Mr. Foster

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS  
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated July 26, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested certain information from files of FBI Headquarters.

Enclosed are an original and one copy of a memorandum in response to referenced letter. It is requested that you furnish a copy of the enclosed memorandum to the HSCA.

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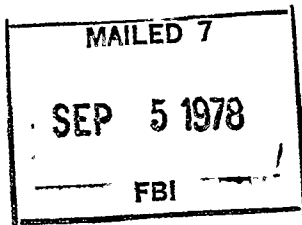
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NOTE: HSCA request of 7/26/78 concerned a racial matters conference held at FBI Headquarters 2/29/68-3/1/68 and 3/4/68-3/5/68 involving Agents from approximately 45 field divisions. Counterintelligence activity against King was one topic discussed.

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September 5, 1978

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS  
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

Reference is made to letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated July 26, 1978, which, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., requested information concerning a racial matters conference held at FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) in early 1968.

This letter is to confirm that material in response to referenced HSCA letter has been processed and is available for HSCA access at FBIHQ. Where information is not provided, it is either not retrievable or is not being furnished pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding.

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ORIGINAL AND ONE SENT TO THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL DIVISION, ATTENTION: MR. ROBERT L. KEUCH.

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated September 5, 1978, captioned as above.

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Select Committee on Assassinations

U.S. House of Representatives  
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July 26, 1978

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The Honorable Griffin B. Bell  
Attorney General of the United States  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division, Room 2113

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation by this Committee into the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation assist this Committee by providing us with certain material.

The attached memorandum refers to a racial conference which was held at FBI Headquarters in early 1968. Counter-intelligence proposals directed at Martin Luther King were apparently discussed at that conference.

The House Select Committee on Assassinations requests that we be provided with all documents in existence pertaining to such conference and any action taken as a result thereof. Your response should also include any documents relating to the scheduling of the conference.

Your earliest attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

G. Robert Blakey

G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

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3/11/68

SECTION CHIEF GEORGE C. MOORE  
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE, SOG

WASHINGTON SPRING PROJECT  
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At 5 PM, 3/11/68, GEORGE C. MOORE, Section Chief, Racial Intelligence, Division 5, SOG, advised ASAC ELMER F. LINBERG and Supervisor JAMES O. INGRAM AS follows:

He advised that the following proposal was sent to the Director:

The racial conference at the SOG discussed the Washington Spring Project headed by MARTIN LUTHER KING and recommended that the facts about the Project be brought to the attention of possible participants through a rumor campaign. We would use our informants, without their knowledge, to spread the story about lack of funds and organization. Fears of economic reprisal and personal safety should dissuade potential participants. We would point out also that the Project is strictly for MARTIN LUTHER KING's benefit which is actually the case. He thinks he can regain lost prestige by this demonstration. Some suggested rumors would consist of:

The participants would be told that their names would be taken in Washington and welfare checks from the Government discontinued.

Possible threats of violence and bodily harm to the participants would be spread. Also information showing that the Washington Negro Community is incensed and furious with respect to this march on Washington by outside Negroes.

The above are a few of the type of rumors that can be used and you should tie in any rumor of this nature to your local problem. Also think of other counterintelligence methods and secure telephonic approval from the Bureau prior to utilization.

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Date 9/5/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)  
 ATTENTION: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT,  
 RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (66-2197) (P)

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

Re Bureau teletype to Memphis dated 8/30/78.

Enclosed under separate cover to the Bureau are 3 items containing Xerox copies of serials from Memphis files 157-109 and 157-1022 regarding the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

The enclosed items represent retrievable information maintained by the Memphis Office regarding SNCC for the period 1/1/68 - 5/31/68.

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RE LONDON AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR DATED 6/28/78, AND COMMUNICATIONS  
IN BUREAU FILE 62-117290, RE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS  
(HSCA).

AS FBIHQ IS AWARE HSCA STAFF MEMBERS EDWARD M. EVANS, PROF.  
CHARLES ROGOVIN AND ROBIN LINDLEY WERE RECENTLY IN LONDON FOR TWO  
WEEK PERIOD CONDUCTING INTERVIEWS IN MURKIN CASE.

RELONAIRTEL FURNISHED RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH ALEXANDER EIST,  
CAMBRIDGE SHIRE, ENGLAND. WHEN STAFF MEMBERS IN ENGLAND THEY ALSO  
INTERVIEWED EIST.

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ON 8/21/78, EIST APPEARED AT AMERICAN EMBASSY, LONDON, SEEKING  
ADVICE AS TO METHOD OF BRINGING SLANDER SUIT AGAINST MARK LANE,  
COUNSEL FOR RAY. EUROPEAN AND BRITISH NEWSPAPERS HAVE GIVEN FRONT  
PAGE COVERAGE TO INFORMATION FURNISHED BY EIST TO HSCA AND ALSO SEP 6  
ALLEGATIONS OF LANE THAT EIST HAD BEEN IMPLICATED IN CORRUPTION AND  
JEWEL ROBBERIES WHEN HE WAS OFFICER WITH NEW SCOTLAND YARD (NSY).

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EIST ADVISED HE HAS BEEN BESEIGED BY CBS, BBC AND BRITISH NEWSPAPERS SINCE THE ALLEGATIONS APPEARED.

EIST ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT WHETHER HE WILL BE CALLED BEFORE COMMITTEE DURING HEARINGS AND IF HE WOULD HAVE COUNSEL AVAILABLE TO COUNTER ANY CHARACTER ALLEGATIONS MADE AGAINST HIM. EIST SUGGESTS HAVING HIGHT RANKING NEW SCOTLAND YARD OFFICER PRESENT TO COUNTER ALLEGATIONS. ADDITIONALLY EIST ADVISED HE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH A FORMER LONDON " DAILY MAIL" CRIME REPORTER, OWEN SUMMERS, WHO RECALLS PRIOR CONVERSATIONS WITH EIST DURING TIME EIST WAS INVOLVED IN RAY INVESTIGATION. EIST REQUESTED HIS CONCERN BE RELAYED TO MR. EDWARD M. EVANS, HSCA.

IN ADDITION, AMERICAN EMBASSY, LONDON, IN RECEIPT OF BILL FOR \$200.00 U. S. DATED 8/16/78, FROM HARRY COUNSELL AND CO., COURT REPORTERS, 61 CAREY STREET, LONDON, FOR STENOGRAPHIC FEE INCURRED BY STAFF MEMBERS, HSCA.

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CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS UNIT, LEGAL AFFAIRS DIVISION, REQUESTED TO CONTACT EVANS AND ADVISE OF EIST'S CONCERNS AND INFORM EVANS OF OUTSTANDING CHARGES.

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**Select Committee on Assassinations**

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3331 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX 2

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

September 8, 1978

*C* *7B7*  
The Honorable Griffin B. Bell  
Attorney General of the United States  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division, Room 2113

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation by this Committee into the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is requested in regard to the following matters:

- 1) Prepare for delivery Identification Division Records and all BUFILE material on:
  - a) Charles Parris, dob 3/07/31  
FBI Number 46-45-6A
  - b) Charles Parris, dob 5/07/48  
Jefferson County Louisiana Police Department #26333
- 2) Prepare for access all available references and files, BUFILE and Field Office, on a St. Louis Organization named the Veiled Prophet.
- 3) Make delivery (on a loan basis) the original Piedmont Laundry Slip which is believed to be in the possession of the Atlanta Field Office. *EX-137 REC-70 62-117290-1161*
- 4) Make access available to any rosters of agents for the St. Louis Field Office for the years 1967, 1968, and 1974.

As time is of the utmost importance your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly, *62-117290*  
*G. Robert Blakey*  
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Chief Counsel and Director

*Robert Blakey*  
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xc: Ron Heller

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)  
 FROM LEGAT, LONDON (62-604) (RUC)

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON  
 ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

Enclosed herewith are four copies of an LHM dated 8/11/78, prepared by RICHARD S. CLARK, Legal Attache, London, England.

It is noted that the visitors, Professor CHARLES H. ROGOVIN, Special Counsel, EDWARD M. EVANS, Chief Investigator and ROBIN D. LINDLEY, Staff Counsel, on several occasions expressed sincere appreciation for the cooperation afforded them by the American Embassy and British authorities. Basically, they accomplished their interviews through New Scotland Yard or independently. It is noted that they interviewed ALEC HIRST and previously had requested background information on this interview from Legat personnel.

EVANS returned the weekend of 8/5/78 to the United States and ROGOVIN and LINDLEY had reservations to return on 8/12/78.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

August 11, 1978

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON  
ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

On the morning of July 31, 1978, representatives of the HSCA questioned Legal Attache RICHARD S. CLARK, London, England, concerning his knowledge of the investigation concerning JAMES EARL RAY in Mexico. C

Questions were in general terms as to the nature of our work in this matter in Mexico. Legat CLARK explained that he was an Assistant Legal Attache in Mexico at that time, and that while he undoubtedly did some work in the investigation, he could not recall any specific assignments or trips without reviewing the resulting reports. C

Legat CLARK explained the police structure in Mexico (and the United Kingdom) in general terms, and identified some of the personalities who might have been involved in the investigation. C

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FM JACKSON (62-544)

TO DIRECTOR (62-117290) IMMEDIATE

ATTENTION CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT  
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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA).

RE JACKSON TELEPHONE CALL TO FBI HQ, AUGUST 13, 1973.

ON AUGUST 13, 1973, 1:15 A.M., MR. WILLIAM V. GLADEN,  
ROUTE 1, POST OFFICE BOX 205H3, OCEAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI,  
TELEPHONE NUMBER 375-3513, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED  
THE JACKSON FBI OFFICE AND FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING  
INFORMATION:

ON AUGUST 17, 1973, 11:45 P.M., GLADEN WAS TELEPHONICALLY  
CONTACTED BY BILL WILSON, WHITE MALE, 46 YEARS OF AGE,  
EMPLOYEE OF GLADEN, WHO REQUESTED TO MEET WITH GLADEN

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AND WIFE. GLADEN AND WIFE MET WILSON AT A CARD AND GIFT SHOP OWNED BY GLADEN IN OCEAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI.

WILSON ADVISED MR. AND MRS. GLADEN ABOUT HOW HE KILLED MARTIN LUTHER KING. FOR AN HOUR WILSON PROVIDED DETAILS CONCERNING THE PLAN TO KILL KING.

GLADEN ADVISED THAT HE RENTED PART OF HIS SHOP TO WILSON IN JULY, 1978, TO OPERATE A WATCH REPAIR SERVICE. WILSON TOLD THE GLADENS HE WAS SORRY FOR THE EXPENSES HE CAUSED THEM IN SETTING UP HIS WATCH REPAIR BUSINESS BUT HE HAD TO GET THIS OFF OF HIS CHEST. HE STATED THAT THE SHERIFF FROM MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, WAS THE ONLY PERSON HE WOULD SURRENDER TO AND THAT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, SHERIFF WAS TO MEET HIM AT THE HOLIDAY INN, BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI, MORNING OF AUGUST 18, 1978.

GLADEN ADVISED THAT WILSON IS A VERY INTELLIGENT MAN AND ALTHOUGH HE WAS DRINKING AT THE TIME THE MEETING TOOK PLACE, HE THINKS WILSON IS SERIOUS ABOUT THE MURDER OF KING.

LHM FOLLOWS.

BASED ON DESCRIPTIVE DATA AVAILABLE, THE NAME BILL

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WILSON NOT IDENTIFIABLE THROUGH JACKSON OFFICE INDICES.

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8/28/78

Attached teletype from SAC, Jackson advised of information received telephonically from a Mr. William V. Gladen, Ocean Springs, Mississippi, who reported that an acquaintance, Bill Wilson, had informed him on 8/17/78 that he had killed Martin Luther King. Gladen advised that Wilson was drinking at the time he furnished this information, however, he believes Wilson is a very intelligent person and thinks he is serious about the murder of King. *WM, page 46*

SAC, Memphis, at approximately 10 am, today, advised that he had been telephonically contacted by Shelby County Sheriff Barksdale, who advised that he had received two telephone calls from a Burgess Audie Wilson who claimed that he had been "the trigger man" in the assassination of Dr. King, that his daughter had driven the white mustang and that he would only surrender to Sheriff Barksdale on Sunday, 8/20/78, at 9:30 am, at the Holiday Inn in Biloxi, Mississippi. A subsequent call from SAC, Memphis at 11:35 am this date advised that Sheriff Barksdale had received additional instructions to the effect that Wilson was expecting his arrival in Gulfport, Mississippi, on this date and would meet him at the Holiday Inn at Gulfport.

Contact has been maintained with AAG Robert Keuch who requested that this information be provided to the House Select Committee on Assassinations immediately. This was done. Mr. Keuch further requested that any media inquiries received by any offices of the FBI be referred to the Department of Justice. Since it was anticipated that Sheriff Barksdale might inquire as to FBI and USDJ desires in this matter, AAG Keuch conferred with Deputy AAG Turner, Civil Rights Division, USDJ. Subsequent to the first advisement given Mr. Keuch in this matter, his office received a telephone call from Sheriff Barksdale. Mr. Keuch advised that it was the determination of the Justice Department that Sheriff Barksdale should be contacted by the FBI and requested, if he so desires, to meet with Wilson and request Wilson to provide a statement to the FBI or if Wilson was not willing to do this, to request Wilson to provide a statement to Sheriff Barksdale. Mr. Keuch also requested that the FBI, in the meantime, seek to identify the daughter and a father-in-law of Wilson who resides in Memphis, Tennessee, in the event that these persons needed to be contacted in the future. Mr. Keuch advised that he would personally contact the SAC, Memphis Division, and ask him to relay these requests to Sheriff Barksdale since Sheriff Barksdale had tried to contact Mr. Keuch personally. Subsequently, SAC Trimbach telephonically advised FBIHQ of the request of Mr. Keuch's call and confirmed Mr. Keuch's request.

Based upon information furnished, a search of Bureau indices discloses no information identifiable with Burgess Audie Wilson, however, SAC, Memphis advised that information received from Sheriff Barksdale indicates that Wilson is known under FBI #879 421 E, having last been arrested 3/1/76, on a theft charge. The ident record is being located and Memphis will sutel. *See [signature]*

DJC:mjl

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## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION*Memorandum*

TO : Mr. Bassett

DATE: 8-17-78

FROM : D. Ryan *DR*1 - Mr. Bassett  
1 - Mr. Bailey  
1 - Mr. Ryan  
1 - Mr. Foster  
1 - Mr. BuschiSUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATION  
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PURPOSE: To provide copy of opening statement by James Ray at the public hearings of the HSCA on 8-16-78.

DETAILS: On 8-16-78, after the recess of the Committee hearings that date, G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, made available the attached copy of an opening statement which was prepared by James Earl Ray and read by him during the public hearing of 8-16-78. It is noted that when Mr. Ray made the statement, he made some revisions to it. Mr. Blakey advised that the Number 5 imprinted on the various pages is not significant and only an internal control number used by the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

Enclosure

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Subsequent to the above, Memphis advised that due to the potential civil unrest (police strike) Sheriff Barksdale was unable to proceed to Gulfport, Mississippi, and further did not feel he should leave the city of Memphis at this time.

Contact was made with AAG Keuch who advised that the FBI should endeavor to locate and interview Wilson. Instructions have gone forth to this effect to Memphis who will coordinate with Jackson.

You will be advised of developments.

See San Antonio airtel dated 7/12/72, attached, re interview of Wilson in 1972 regarding threat to Congressman Gonzalez from Texas.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
7/10/78

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*Wilson not yet located*

*Sheriff Barksdale told Wilson he would  
be in Gulfport at 6:30 PM  
He will be with the group in the school  
at the Holiday Inn*

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS  
UNITES STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Gladen advised that in July 1978, he had rented Mr. Wilson part of his shop to establish a watch repair service.

Mr. Gladen described Wilson as a white male, 46 years of age. He stated that Wilson is a very intelligent man and although he was drinking at the time of above meeting he thinks Wilson is serious about the murder of King.

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## PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate  
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Date 8/21/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)  
 ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT  
 RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (62-544)

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

Re Jackson teletype to Bureau, 8/18/78, captioned as above, concerning BILL WILSON.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and Memphis are four and two copies, respectively, of an LHM dated 8/21/78, captioned "House Select Committee on Assassinations, United States House of Representatives.

For the Bureau's information, page one, paragraph one, line one of referenced teletype should read WILLIAM D. GLADEN.

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- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 4)  
 1 - Memphis (Enc. 2) (Info)  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jackson, Mississippi

August 21, 1978

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS  
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

On August 18, 1978, 1:15 A.M., Mr. William D. Gladen, Route 1, Post Office Box 205H3, Ocean Springs, Mississippi, telephone number 875-3518, telephonically contacted the Jackson Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation. He advised that on August 17, 1978, one of his employees, Bill Wilson, telephonically requested that he and Mrs. Gladen meet with him. Thereafter, he and Mrs. Gladen met Wilson at their card and gift shop located in Ocean Springs.

Mr. Wilson told them he had killed Martin Luther King. He talked for one hour concerning the details of the plan to kill King and stated the sheriff, Memphis, Tennessee is the only person to whom he will surrender. Also, he said he is to meet the sheriff at the Holiday Inn, Biloxi, Mississippi, the morning of August 18, 1978.

Mr. Wilson further advised Mr. and Mrs. Gladen he is sorry for the expense he caused them in setting up his watch repair business but he had to get this off his chest.

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 Director's Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

TO : Mr. Bassett *HB*

DATE: 8-16-78

FROM : D. Ryan *DR*

1 - Mr. Bassett  
 1 - Mr. Ryan  
 1 - Mr. Bailey  
 1 - Mr. Foster  
 1 - Mr. Busching

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS  
 U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

PURPOSE: To provide results of research concerning Reverend Ralph David Abernathy's statement before the HSCA's public hearings on August 14, 1978, that, to this date, the FBI has not interviewed him concerning the death of Martin Luther King, Jr.

DETAILS: Public source material reveals that Reverend Ralph David Abernathy made a statement at the public hearings of the HSCA on August 14, 1978, that to this date, the FBI has not interviewed him concerning the death of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Indices search regarding Abernathy was conducted regarding main Bureau MURKIN file 44-38861 for references other than newspaper clippings with negative results. However, a search of logical areas of the file revealed the attached serials of file 44-38861 setting forth interviews of Abernathy regarding the assassination of Dr. King: 2322 Page 48, and 5531 (attached).

Serial 2322 indicated Abernathy was interviewed on evening of April 4, 1968, at 10:55 p.m. at the Memphis Police Department concerning the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., that evening. Serial 5531 concerns an interview of Abernathy on January 30, 1969, at Atlanta, Georgia, concerning his published allegation that a conspiracy existed with regard to the assassination of Dr. King. These are two interviews of Abernathy regarding the assassination retrievable in files to this date.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>MEMPHIS</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MEMPHIS</b>	DATE <b>4/17/68</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>April 4-16, 1968</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>UNSUB; aka Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmeyer, John Willard; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM</b>		REPORT MADE BY  <b>SA JOE C. HESTER</b>	TYPED BY <b>bbs, jms, raj</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>	

SYNOPSIS:

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**ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:**

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In view of the large volume of correspondence in this case, no attempt has been made to reference any particular communication.

Because of the urgency of this matter, leads for other offices are being set out by telephone or teletype, and it would serve no purpose to set out leads for other offices in this report.

The information included in this report has been carefully reviewed, and negative interviews have been eliminated wherever it was believed possible to do so without giving the appearance that less than a complete and thorough investigation was conducted.

A copy of this report has not been designated for

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LEAD:

THE MEMPHIS OFFICE:

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE:

Will continue efforts to identify the Unknown Subject.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Copy to:

Report of: SA JOE C. HESTER  
Date: 4/17/68

Office: MEMPHIS

File Number: ME 44-1987

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT,  
also known as  
Eric Starvo Galt,  
Harvey Lowmeyer,  
John Willard;  
~~XXXXX~~  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

At about 6:00 PM on 4/4/68, while standing on second floor balcony outside room 306 of the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry Street, Memphis, Tennessee, victim was struck in right side of face by a single bullet. Autopsy report indicated that "the severing of the spinal cord at this level and to this extent was a wound that was fatal very shortly after its occurrence." This investigation, predicated upon a specific request from the Attorney General of the U.S., disclosed fatal shot was fired from the bathroom of a rooming house located at 422½ S. Main Street, Memphis, which bathroom was located at the rear of the rooming house, and which had a window overlooking the Lorraine Motel. (Crime scene diagram included in details.) On afternoon of 4/4/68, Unknown Subject rented room 5-B at 422½ S. Main Street and paid one weeks rent. After hearing rifle shot at about 6:00 PM on 4/4/68, other tenants in rooming house observed Unknown Subject flee from rooming house carrying a large package which was subsequently abandoned by him on sidewalk in front of Canipe Amusement Company, 424 S. Main Street, from which place he was observed to flee in a white Mustang. Found abandoned in front of 424 S. Main Street was 30-06 Remington model 760 rifle, serial number 461476, a small plastic suitcase containing numerous articles, undershorts, a tee shirt, binoculars, and a brown and green bedspread in which all of these items were partially wrapped. Investigation at motels in the vicinity of Memphis, Tennessee, to locate an individual driving a white Mustang, disclosed

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that ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, had spent the night of 4/3/68, at the Rebel Motel, 3466 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, and was driving a Mustang with Alabama license 1-38993. Investigation disclosed binoculars abandoned by Unknown Subject were purchased afternoon of 4/4/68, from RALPH M. CARPENTER, salesman, York Arms Company, Memphis. Gillette shaving kit abandoned by Unknown Subject determined to have been purchased Oliver Rexall Drug Store, Whitehaven, Tennessee. Autopsy findings set out. IN VIEW OF THE CRIME FOR WHICH UNSUB BEING SOUGHT, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*Ralph B.*Date April 8, 1968

Reverend RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY, 690 La Verne Drive, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia, was interviewed at the Memphis Police Department at 10:55 p.m., April 4, 1968. Reverend ABERNATHY was advised of the Agent's identity and of the nature of the matter under investigation.

Reverend ABERNATHY, who described himself as Vice President at Large and Treasurer of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, stated he was Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'s closest associate and stated that he and Dr. KING always shared a room whenever they travelled together. He stated that at about 10:30 a.m. on April 3, 1968, he and Dr. KING registered at the Lorraine Motel, Memphis, Tennessee.

Reverend ABERNATHY stated that on April 4, 1968, he and Dr. KING did not leave the motel and spent most of the day in their room, #306, which is located on the second floor of the motel. He stated that he and Dr. KING had been gone from their room for approximately one hour or less when they returned to the room at about 5:30 p.m. He said they got dressed as they were going to dinner at the home of Reverend BILLY KYLE and that at almost exactly 6 p.m. they started to leave the room. Reverend ABERNATHY stopped for a moment and Dr. KING walked out onto the balcony just outside the door to his room. Reverend ABERNATHY was still inside the motel room but could hear Dr. KING discussing the dinner engagement with other associates who Reverend ABERNATHY believes were standing in the parking area of the motel underneath and to the front of the balcony on which Dr. KING was standing.

Reverend ABERNATHY stated he heard what sounded like a fire-cracker and then heard the screams of persons to whom Dr. KING had been talking. Reverend ABERNATHY went then to the balcony and discovered Dr. KING lying there wounded in the right side of the face and neck. He said he believed Dr. KING attempted to speak to him but was unable to do so. Reverend ABERNATHY said he instructed someone to call an ambulance and then accompanied Dr. KING in the ambulance to the hospital where Dr. KING subsequently died.

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On 4/4/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # Memphis 44-1987

by SA JOE C. HESTER; bn Date dictated 4/8/68

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Reverend ABERNATHY stated that judging from the sound of the noise it appeared that the shot came from directly in front of the door and not from any great distance. He stated he did not observe anything that would indicate who fired the shot. Reverend ABERNATHY also stated that while they were in the motel room Dr. KING did not, to his knowledge, receive any telephone calls of a threatening nature or calls from persons who would not identify themselves. Reverend ABERNATHY said Dr. KING had not feared that any particular persons might harm him and Reverend ABERNATHY was unable to suggest any suspects or to provide any other information which might assist in identifying Dr. KING's killer.

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Date: 1/31/69

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

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Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau and Memphis dated 1/30/69, and Bureau telephone call to Atlanta, 1/30/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five (5) copies of LHM and to Memphis are two (2) copies of LHM captioned "ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, APRIL 4, 1968".

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Atlanta, Georgia

January 31, 1969

ASSASSINATION OF  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE  
APRIL 4, 1968

The January 29, 1969, edition of "The Washington Post" newspaper contained an article which quoted Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, as indicating in a news conference that a conspiracy exists with regard to the assassiantion of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

On January 30, 1969, Rev. Abernathy was interviewed by a Special Agent of the FBI at Atlanta, Georgia, and the results are set forth on the following page:

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date January 31, 1969

Rev. RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, 330 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia, telephonically advised with regards to his statement to the press, which was quoted in "The Washington Post" newspaper, Washington, D. C., on January 29, 1969, that what he told the press was that he believed in view of the assassinations of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, ROBERT F. KENNEDY, MEDGAR EVERS and MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., there would be an indication to him that there may be a conspiracy among the forces of evil to do away with any young militant who stands for righteousness. Rev. ABERNATHY advised that he has no specific information or other evidence that a conspiracy exists with respect to the specific assassination of Dr. KING. He advised that the statement made to the press on January 29, 1969, in which he referred to a conspiracy concerned the assassination of all of the above-mentioned persons. In regard to those assassinations he made it clear he has no evidence indicating a conspiracy and it is only his belief or fear on his part that such a conspiracy does exist. He stated he has no idea what individuals or forces would be involved in such a conspiracy.

Rev. ABERNATHY advised that several months ago Rev. JAMES LAWSON, Minister of the Centenary Methodist Church at Memphis, Tennessee, told him, Rev. ABERNATHY, that it was Rev. LAWSON's understanding that the day before the assassination of Dr. KING, two Negro firemen, who had been assigned to the fire station across the street from the motel where Dr. KING was killed, were moved to another fire station. According to Rev. LAWSON that move left the fire station unmanned and they were moved to a station which was already fully manned and equipped. Also according to Rev. LAWSON, a Negro policeman, who worked the beat which included the motel where Dr. KING was killed, was moved off of that beat the day Dr. KING was killed, April 4, 1968, but prior to the killing.

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On 1/30/69 at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2386

by SA G. RICHARD HAMILTON :wsc Date dictated 1/31/69

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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS  
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515.

IN RE: RAY V. TENNESSEE, CR. INDICTMENT  
NUMBER 16645, SHELBY COUNTY, TN.

STATEMENT OF, JAMES E. RAY.

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DATE 5/28/86 BY SP4BWP/RE

THE STATEMENT I AM ABOUT TO GIVE THIS COMMITTEE IS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME TESTIMONY I WOULD HAVE GIVEN THE TRIAL COURT IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, IN 1969 IF THAT COURT WOULD HAVE HAD THE FORTITUDE TO HAVE ORDERED A PUBLIC TRIAL INTO THE MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING jr., RATHER THAN MAKING AN IN-CHAMBERS "DEAL" WITH THE ATTORNEY WHO WAS ALLEGEDLY REPRESENTING ME, PERCY FOREMAN, AND CAPITULATING TO THE WISHES OF THE DOMINANT COMMERCIAL PUBLISHING COMPANIES & THE COMPANIES SPECIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITIES. IN ESSENCE I WOULD HAVE TOLD THE TRIAL COURT & JURY THAT I DID NOT SHOOT MARTIN LUTHER KING jr. JUST AS I AM NOW TELLING THIS COMMITTEE, AND IF I WOULD HAVE HAD A LAWYER TO REPRESENT ME, I COULD HAVE OFFERED CONCLUSIVE PROOF IN SUPPORT OF THE DENIAL.

I KNOW SEVERAL LARGE PUBLISHING HOUSES WORKING WITH THE F.B.I. HAVE OFFERED UP VARIED MOTIVATIONAL ALLEGATIONS--WHICH ARE REFERRED TO BELOW-- TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT'S CASE AGAINST ME, BUT IT WAS NOT I WHO POSTED MARTIN LUTHER KING NOTES SUGGESTING HE KILL HIMSELF, RATHER IT WAS THE F.B.I.; NOR WAS IT THE WITNESS WHO CELEBRATED UPON HEARING OF HIS MURDER, THAT TO WAS THE F.B.I -- AND IT WAS ALSO NOT I WHO IN THE 1930'S INFECTED BLACKS WITH SYPHILIS GERMS FOR EXPERIMENTAL PURPOSES THEN DECLINED TO TREAT THEM, THAT WAS THE ACTION OF A GOVERNMENT BODY WITH THE ACQUIESCENCE OF THE DOMINANT PRESS.

IN RESPECT'S TO THE GUILTY PLEA I MADE IN THE KING CASE, IT IS NOT A DIFFICULT MATTER FOR AN ATTORNEY TO MANEUVER HIS CLIENT INTO A GUILTY PLEA TO A CRIMINAL INDICTMENT, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE ATTORNEY HAS THE ACTIVE COOPERATION OF THE JUDGE & PROSECUTOR, AND I AM SURE

EVERY MEMBER OF THIS COMMITTEE WITH LEGAL TRAINING KNOWS THIS, BUT THE PUBLIC DOESN'T, THEY THINK OF GUILTY PLEAS AS THEY USED TO THINK OF THE F.B.I., THAT THE PLEAS ARE MADE IN HEAVEN. FURTHER, EVERY JUDGE WHO HAS LAYED HANDS ON THIS CASE KNOWS THE PLEA WAS PROCURED BY FRAUD, AND THEREFORE KNEW A TRIAL SHOULD HAVE BEEN ORDERED. BUT THE COURTS HAVE BEEN MORE INFLUENCED BY SAY EDITORIALS IMBEDDED IN "TIME" MAGAZINE ARTICLES ABOUT THE CASE THAN THEY HAVE IN THE LAW BOOKS.

BUT MAYBE I SHOULD BE IN JAIL, ALTHOUGH NOT FOR SHOOTING ANYONE RATHER BEING FOOLISH ENOUGH TO RETURN TO A LEGAL SNAKE PIT, EVEN IF THE OFFER WAS FORT KNOX & CHARLIE'S ANGELS TO SPEND IT ON, ONCE I HAD REACHED CANADA IN 1967.

I BELIEVE WHAT EVER THIS COMMITTEE'S ULTIMATE FINDINGS ARE IN THIS MATTER IT WILL HAVE PERFORMED A VALUABLE SERVICE, IF UNINTENTIONAL, IN UNMASKING THE UNITED STATES JUDICIAL SYSTEM'S OPERATION, IN LEAGUE WITH DOMINANT PUBLISHING COMPANIES, IN RAILROADING INNOCENT DEFENDANTS IN CONTROVERSIAL CRIMINAL CASES INTO PRISON, THEN CONTRIBUTING TO THE SAVAGING OF THE DEFENDANTS THROUGH SOLITARY CONFINEMENT, ECT., AFTER THE DEFENDANTS ARE IMPRISONED. ALL OF THIS MERELY BECAUSE THE DEFENDANTS INSISTED ON PROVISIONS GUARANTEED THEM UNDER THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION AND LACKED THE POLITICAL INFLUENCE TO CLAIM IT. THAT IS, FOR CLASS OR OTHER REASONS THEY WERE OUT OF FAVOR WITH THE DOMINANT PRESS. IN THIS RESPECT, THE SYNDICATED COLUMNIST, CARL ROWEN, HAS WRITTEN TO THE EFFECT THAT "IF ANY GROUP IN THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT HAVE INFLUENCE WITH THE DOMINANT PRESS THEY CAN EXPECT TO BE GROUND UNDER.

FINALLY, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE LAST ACT PERFORMED BY THE INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES/PUBLISHING EMPIRES WHEN A PUBLIC FIGURE IS MURDERED, AND THE ALLEGED MURDERER IS DECIDED UPON, IS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A "PSYCHOLOGICAL PROFILE" FOR THE EDIFICATION OF THE JUDICIARY. ~~(WITNESS PROFILE ATTACHED AS EXH. A & A-1)~~

IN THE INSTANT CASE THE "PSYCHOLOGICAL PROFILE" AS PROMOTED BY THE F.B.I.; "TIME" MAGAZINE; "TIME'S" LEGMAN, GEORGE MCMILLIAN, AND UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL CHARACTERIZES THE WITNESS AS THUS:

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| 1.. A NARCOTIC ADDICT.....   | "TIME" MAG. JAN. 26, 1976 ISSUE.                        |
| 2. A NARCOTIC PEDDLER.....   | " " " " "   |
| 3. A SEX DEVIATE, TYPE UNEXPLAINED.....                                      | " " " " "   |
| 4. MAINLINED DRUGS.....  | F.B.I./U.P.I. WIRESERVICE<br>RELEASE, JANUARY 25, 1978. |
| 5. WENT INSANE, 1963-64 period.....  | " " " " "   |
| 6. CONSTANTLY READ GIRLIE MAGAZINES.....                                     | " " " " "   |
| 7. SENT OBSCENE LETTER TO POST OFFICE,<br>1967-68 Period.....                | " " " " "   |
| 8. PLAGUED TWO WOMEN WITH LATE NIGHT<br>TELEPHONE CALLS, 1967-68 period..... | " " " " "   |
| 9. INVOLVED IN DRUG TRAFFIC.....   | " " " " "   |
| LASTLY, CHEATED FELLOW PRISONERS IN<br>CROOKED CARD GAMES.....               | " " " " "   |

IN REGARD TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED "PSYCHOLOGICAL PROFILE", I WILL ACCEPT THE "PROFILE" AS THE TYPE PERSON WHO WOULD SHOOT MARTIN LUTHER KING Jr., FURTHER, AS I DID IN A LETTER TO ATTORNEY GENERAL, GRIFFIN BELL (EXH. B), IF ANY ONE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED ACCUSATIONS CAN BE SUBSTANTIATED BY THE RECORD: PRISON RECORDS; MILITARY RECORDS;

EMPLOYMENT RECORDS, OR ANY RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL CONVERSANT WITH SAID RECORDS, THEN I WILL APPEAR BEFORE THIS COMMITTEE AND TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE KING MURDER--WHEN I REFERS TO "RECORDS", THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE F.B.I. PURCHASED INFORMATION FROM THEIR INFORMERS.

WHILE THE GOVERNMENT/~~GOVERNMENT PRESS WAS ERECTING & DISSEMINATING~~ THE AFOREMENTIONED "PROFILE" CHARACTERIZATION, THE F.B.I. WAS ALSO HARASSING VARIOUS MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY IN ORDER TO MANUEVER THEM INTO A POSITION WHEREBY THEY WOULD HAVE TO PERJURE THEMSELVES AGAINST ME IN SOME MANNER RELATED TO THE KING CASE IN ORDER TO ESCAPE PRISON THEMSELVES, FOR INSTANCE:

1. THE F.B.I. EVIDENTLY BURGLARIZED MY SISTER, CAROL PEPPER'S HOME IN 1968 LOOKING FOR INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE. (JACK ANDERSON, SYNDICATED COLUMN, NOVEMBER 8, 1977.)
2. THE F.B.I. HAD MY BROTHER, JOHN L. RAY, PROSECUTED & CONVICTED FOR AIDING & ABETTING A BANK ROBBERY, AND THE THRIAL JUDGE, NOW F.B.I. DIRECTOR, WILLIAM H. WEBSTER, SENTENCE HIM TO EIGHTEEN YEARS; WHILE THE ACTUAL ROBBER LATER HAD HIS CHARGE TRANSFERED TO THE E.D. OF CALIFORNIA WHERE FEDERAL JUDGE M.D. CROCKER SENTENCED THE ROBBER TO EIGHTEEN MONTHS.
3. AND THE WIRESERVICES REPORTED ON AUGUST 8, 1978, THAT THE F.B.I. HAD PAIED AN INFORMER, OLIVER PATTERSON, TO: STEAL LETTERS; WIRETAP CONVERSATIONS, ect., FROM ANOTHER BROTHER, JERRY W. RAY.

ON APRIL 23, 1967, I ESCAPED FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PRISON IN A BREAD BOX IN THE MANNER AS FOLLOWS:

SEVERAL DAYS PRIOR TO THE ESCAPE I FASHIONED A BOARD APPROXIMATELY 3x4 FEET WHICH WOULD FIT INSIDE A BOX USED TO TRANSPORT BREAD OUTSIDE THE PRISON. IN ADDITION, I MADE SEVERAL HOLES IN THE LOWERS SIDES OF THE BOX WITH A HAMMER & NAIL. THEREAFTER ON APRIL 23, 1967, I ENTERED THE PRISON KITICHEN EARLY(I WORKED AFTERNOONS ), AT APPROXIMATELY 8:00AM. LATER I ENTERED THE BREAD ROOM WHERE BREAD FROM THE BAKERY WAS LOADED INTO THE BOX TO BE TRUCKED TO A PRISON FARM. SOMETIME AFTER ENTERING THE BREAD ROOM I GOT INTO THE BREAD BOX AND COVERED MYSELF WITH THE 3x4 FOOT BOARD. THEREAFTER A PRISONER FILLED THE BOX WITH BREAD AND THEN TRANSFERED THE BOX DOWNSTAIRS VIA ELEVATOR ONTO A PLATFORM USED TO LOAD TRUCKS TRANSPORTING ITEMS OUTSIDE THE PRISON COMPOUND. SHORTLY THEREAFTER THE BOX, WITH ME ENCLOSED, WAS PLACED ON A WAITING TRUCK. THE TRUCK THEN PROCEEDED THROUGH A PRISON SECURITY GATE WHERE A GUARD SEARCHED THE BOX BY RAISING THE LID AND VIEWING INSIDE. AFTER PASSING THROUGH THE PRISON GATE I GOT OUT OF THE BOX. AFTER THE TRUCK CROSSED THE MISSOURI RIVER BRIDGE, NEARBY THE PRISON FARM, IT STOPPED BEFORE TURNING INTO THE ROAD LEADING TO THE FARM; WHEN THE TRUCK STOPPED I DISEMBARKED. I THEN CROSSED THE HIGHWAY, TURNED RIGHT, AND FOLLOWED A DIRT ROAD UNTIL I CAME UPON SEVERAL JUNKED AUTOMOBILES. I STAYED IN ONE OF THE VECHICLES UNTIL DARK, THEN LEFT THE VECHICLE, CROSSED UNDER THE BRIDGE THAT I HAD PREVIOUSLY CROSSED IN THE BREAD TRUCK. I THEN MADE MY WAY TO A NEARBY RAILROAD TRACK.( I HAD DEPARTED THE PRISON WITH SEVERAL CANDY BARS AND IN ADDITION HAD TAKEN SOME BREAD FROM THE BREAD TRUCK; I HAD ALSO TAKEN FROM THE PRISON ON MY PERSON APPROXIMATELY \$250.00 . AND A RADIO ALONG WITH A SOCIAL SECURITY CARD NUMBER REGISTERED UNDER THE

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NAME OF, JOHN L. RAYNS & TWO PHONE NUMBERS.)

AFTER A PERIOD OF WALKING THE RAILROAD TRACKS I CROSSED VIA A SWITCH ONTO ANOTHER SET OF TRACKS. AFTER WALKING TWO OR THREE NIGHTS ON THE TRACKS, AND SLEEPING DAYS, AND HAVING RAN OUT OF FOOD, I CAME UPON A TRAILER. APPARENTLY THE TRAILER WAS INTENDED AS A FISHING CABIN AS I BELIEVE IT WAS LOCATED NEAR A RIVER. I ENTERED THE TRAILER AND FOUND A BOTTLE CONTAINING WINE AND SEVERAL ITEMS OF FOOD. UPON LEAVING THE TRAILER I HAD THE WINE & FOOD WITH ME. IT IS MY RECOLLECTION THAT DURING THIS APPROXIMATE PERIOD I AGAIN CROSSED A SWITCH ONTO ANOTHER TRACK; HOWEVER, DURING ALL OF THE WALKING I WAS MOVING IN THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. ON THE 4th OR 5th DAY OUT I WAS ALSO TRAVELING BY DAY. ON ONE OF THESE DAYS IT COMMENCED RAINING AND I MOVED UNDERNEATH A TRUSSEL AND STARTED A FIRE. SHORTLY THEREAFTER A HANDCAR STOPPED OVER THE TRUSSEL. THE TWO OPERATORS OF THE CAR DISEMBARKED AND ENQUIRED OF ME ABOUT THE SMOKE. I EXPLAINED I HAD BEEN CAUGHT IN THE RAIN AND HAD STARTED THE FIRE TO DRY OUT. THEY SAID ALRIGHT AND LEFT. ( DURING THIS PERIOD MY SHOES HAD FELL OFF CONSEQUENTLY I HAD TO MAKE A FORCIBLE ENTRY INTO A STORE TO OBTAIN ANOTHER PAIR).

ON THE 6TH DAY I OBSERVED A SMALL TOWN. THAT EVENING I ENTERED THE TOWN, PURCHASED FOOD & DRINK, THEN RETURNED TO THE RAILROAD YARDS. LATER THAT EVENING I CAUGHT A FRIEGHT TRAIN TRAVELING IN THE DIRECTION OF ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. I ARRIVED IN ST. LOUIS WHILE IT WAS STILL DARK. AFTER A PERIOD OF WAITING IN THE RAILROAD YARDS, AND WHEN IT COMMENCED TO LIGHTEN, I MADE MY WAY TO SOUTH ST. LOUIS TO THE RESIDENCE OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO CALLED HIMSELF THE " CATMAN", HIS APPARENT GIVEN NAME BEING, JACK GORWIN.

I INTENDED FOR MR. GORWIN TO ARRANGE FOR MY TRANSPORTATION TO EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS; HOWEVER, GORWIN WAS NOT HOME THEREFORE I CAUGHT A TAXI TO, EAST

THEREAFTER I CAUGHT ANOTHER TAXI TO EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, THEN THE BUS STATION WHEREIN I BOARDED A BUS BOUND FOR CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. ALTHOUGH I AM NOT CERTAIN I BELIEVE I PAYED THE BUS DRIVER THE FARE RATHER THAN PURCHASING A TICKET IN THE STATION. UPON ARRIVING IN CHICAGO ON APRIL 30, 1967, I MADE MY WAY TO 2731 NORTH SHEFFIELD AND RENTED A ROOM. ON MAY 3, 1967, I APPLIED FOR A JOB AS DISHWASHER AT THE INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT IN WINNETKA, ILLINOIS, A CHICAGO SUBURB—I LEARNED OF THE JOB FROM AN ADVERTISEMENT IN THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER. I RECEIVED THE JOB AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER I PURCHASED A 1960 CHRYSLER FOR \$100.00. I PURCHASED THE CHRYSLER IN ORDER TO ACCUMULATE IDENTIFICATION & COMMUTE TO & FROM WORK. I ALSO TOOK A DRIVER'S TEST AND PASSED; HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH I RECEIVED A TEMPORARY DRIVING PERMIT I NEVER RECEIVED THE PERMANENT LICENSE. I USED THE NAME, JOHN L. RAYNS, DURING THIS PERIOD. WHILE I WAS EMPLOYED BY THE AFOREMENTIONED RESTAURANT I WROTE THE CANADIAN COUNSEL IN CHICAGO ENQUIRING ABOUT CANADIAN IMMIGRATION PROCEDURE; IN REPLY THE COUNSEL MAILED ME SEVERAL BROCHURES. ON OR ABOUT JUNE 27, 1967, I TERMINATED EMPLOYMENT AT THE INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT. THEREAFTER I DROVE TO QUINCY, ILLINOIS, TO WAIT FOR THE LAST CHECK TO CLEAR FROM SAID RESTAURANT EMPLOYMENT. IT WAS ALSO MY INTENTION TO VISIT WHILE IN QUINCY AN AUNT, MRS. FRANK FULLER, AND SEE ONE OR TWO ACQUAINTANCES. I STAYED IN QUINCY APPROXIMATELY 12 DAYS, ALTHOUGH I DID NOT SEE MY AUNT. DURING THE PERIOD IN QUINCY I STAYED ALTERNATIVELY IN TWO HOTELS; ONE BEING LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF 2ND AND OAK STREET, THE OTHER ON THE CORNER OF 3RD AND OAK STREET. THE ONLY INDIVIDUAL THAT I SAW AND WAS FAMILIAR WITH IN QUINCY WAS TED CROWLEY, A PROPRIETOR OF A LOCAL CLUB. I MAY HAVE TOLD MR. CROWLEY SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT THAT I HAD RECENTLY BEEN



THE ABOVE MENTIONED PERIOD, I RETURNED TO WINNETKA, ILLINOIS, TO PICK-UP THE CHECK I HAD COMING FROM THE INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT; IT IS ALSO MY RECOLLECTION THAT I CHECKED INTO A HOTEL LOCATED AT 1648 WEST LUNT STREET FOR A COUPLE DAYS. AFTER PICKING UP THE CHECK I DECIDED TO DRIVE TO EAST ST. LOISE, ILLINOIS, AND POSSIBLY SEE FAMILY MEMBERS BEFORE MOVING TO, CANADA. ON THE WAY TO EAST ST. LOUIS I DEVELOPED CAR TROUBLE. I RECALL SLEEPING IN THE CHRYSLER ONE NIGHT & A HIGHWAY PATROLMAN WAKING & ASKING ME IF I HAD ANY PROBLEMS. IN EAST ST. LOUIS I STAYED ONE NIGHT IN A RUN-DOWN HOTEL NEAR DOWNTOWN. THE NEXT DAY I SOLD THE CHRYSLER TO A SERVICE STATION OPERATOR FOR APPROXIMATELY \$50.00; I THEN PURCHASED IN EAST ST. LOUIS ON JULY 15, 1967, A RED PLYMOUTH FOR \$200.00— I HAD A PROBLEM MAKING THE PURCHASE ALTHOUGH I DON'T RECALL WHAT THE PROBLEM WAS. I PHONED JACK "THE CATMAN" GOWRIN DURING THE DAY; MET HIM IN EAST ST. LOUIS, AND HAD HIM PURCHASE ME A PISTOL FROM A FENCE HE KNEW AND THAT HE COULD PAY FOR PENSION DAY. I TOLD GOWRIN TO TELL MY FAMILY MEMBERS THAT I WAS LEAVING THE COUNTRY AND WOULD TRY TO CONTACT THEM LATER; AND FOR HIM NOT TO MENTION TO THE POLICE THAT HE HAD SAW ME UNLESS HE WANTED TO GO TO JAIL. LATER THAT DAY I DROVE TO INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, STAYING IN A HOTEL THAT NIGHT. THE NEXT DAY I CROSSED INTO CANADA VIA THE WINDSOR TUNNEL IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN. I SLEPT ALONG THE ROAD THE NIGHT OF JULY 16, 1967, AND THE NEXT DAY I ENTERED THE ENVIRONS OF MONTREAL, CANADA, STAYING IN A MOTEL PART OF THE DAY.

THE DAY I ENTERED MONTREAL PROPER ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS I DID WAS ENQUIRE OF A TRAVEL AGENCY, VIA TELEPHONE, THE PROCEDURE FOR A CANADIAN TO ACQUIRE A CANADIAN PASSPORT. I WAS INFORMED THAT I MUST HAVE A GUARANTOR WHO WOULD TESTIFY THAT HE/SHE HAD KNOWN ME FOR TWO YEARS.)

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THAT EVENING IN MONTREAL ON ST. CATHERINE EAST, IN A NIGHT CLUB, I WAS ACCOSTED BY A PROSTITUTE, SUBSEQUENTLY I AGREED TO GO TO HER PLACE VIA TAXICAB. AFTER WE GOT LOCATED IN HER APARTMENT I GAVE HER THE REQUESTED \$25.00 FEE AND SHE CARRIED THE MONEY TO AN "OFFICE". WHEN I LEFT I WROTE DOWN THE ADDRESS OF THE BUILDING. THE NEXT DAY I RENTED AN APARTMENT IN THE, HAR-K-APARTMENTS, LOCATED AT, 2589 NOTRE DAME EAST; THEN LATER, I PARKED MY AUTOMOBILE CLOSE TO THE BUILDING WHERE I HAD THE NIGHT BEFORE BEEN WITH THE PROSTITUTE. THAT EVENING I RETURNED TO THE AFOREMENTIONED NIGHT CLUB AND, MEETING THE SAME GIRL, AGAIN ACCOMPANIED HER VIA TAXI TO HER APARTMENT. INSIDE HER APARTMENT I GAVE HER ANOTHER \$25.00 BUT THIS TIME I SHOWED HER THE PISTOL MR. GORWIN HAD PURCHASED FOR ME AND TOLD HER I WOULD GO WITH HER TO WHERE EVER SHE WAS TAKING THE MONEY. WHEN SHE AROUSED THE MANAGER INTO OPENING THE "OFFICE" DOOR I PUT THE PISTOL ON HIM. WE MOVED BACK INTO THE OFFICE WHERE I ASKED HIM FOR THE MONEY. TAKING OUT HIS WALLET HE OFFERED ME THE SMALL AMOUNT IN IT, ABOUT 5 OR 10 DOLLARS. WHEN I TOLD HIM I WANTED THE REST OF THE MONEY, HE SPOKE ABOUT A CABINET NEARBY AND MOTIONED TO A CONTAINER. BEFORE LEAVING THE "OFFICE", I HAD THE MANAGER LIE ON A BED AND THE GIRL REMOVE HER STOCKING AND TIE HIS HANDS & LEGS. I THEN HAD HER GET UNDER THE BED BEFORE DEPARTING. LATER I FOUND I HAD TAKEN APPROXIMATELY \$1,700.00 IN MIXED CURRENCY FROM THE MANAGER'S OFFICE.

DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS I PURCHASED CLOTHING AND DECIDED THE ONLY WAY

I COULD COME BY TRAVEL DOCUMENTS IN ORDER TO LEAVE CANADA WOULD BE TO EITHER PERSUADE SOMEONE TO ACT AS MY GUARANTOR OR, PERHAPS ROLL A DRUNKING SEAMAN FOR HIS SEAMAN'S PAPERS. DURING THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS I DID SPEND CONSIDERABLE TIME NEAR THE MONTREAL DOCK AREA FREQUENTING BARS. I WAS NEVER ABLE TO COME BY MERCHANT SEAMAN PAPERS ALTHOUGH I DID CONTACT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO INTRODUCED HIMSELF AS ROUAL. I FIRST MET HIM IN THE NEPTUNE TAVERN, 121 WEST COMMISSIONERS STREET. HE WAS APPROXIMATELY 35 ~~TO 40~~ YEARS OLD, 5'9 INCHES TALL, WITH DARK HAIR AND A RED TINT IN IT, HE SPOKE WITH A SLIGHT SPANISH ACCENT. I ASSUMED FROM HIS DEEMANOR & CONVERSATION THAT OUR INTEREST COULD BE COMPATIBLE, AND AFTER A COUPLE MEETING IT WAS ESTABLISHED THAT I WAS INTERESTED IN SOME TYPE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, WHILE HIS INTEREST WAS IN LOCATING SOMEONE WHO WOULD, FOR A PRICE, HELP HIM MOVE SOME TYPE CONTRABAND THROUGH UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AT THE CANADIAN BORDER. DURING THE INITIAL MEETING WITH ROUAL, PERHAPS 3 OR 4, NOTHING WAS DECIDED DEFINITELY MAINLY BECAUSE I HAD DECIDED TO TAKE A VACATION IN A LAURENTIAN MOUNTAIN RESORT AND WHILE THERE ENLIST THE ASSISTANCE OF SOMEONE, PREFERABLE FEMALE, IN PROCURING A CANADIAN PASSPORT, i.e., ATTEMPTING TO FIND SOMEONE WHO WOULD ACT AS MY GUARANTOR IN MAKING APPLICATION FOR A PASSPORT. SUBSEQUENTLY I DID DRIVE TO THE GRAY ROCKS INN, IN THE LAURENTIAN MOUNTAINS, AND MET A WOMAN AND LATER SAW HER AGAIN IN THE CANADIAN CAPITOL OF OTTAWA. HOWEVER, I LEARNED SHE WAS EMPLOYED BY THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AND THUS CONSIDERED IT ILL ADVISED TO DISCUSS THE GUARANTOR QUESTION WITH HER. THEREFORE IN RETURNING TO MONTREAL FROM THE LAURENTIANS MOUNTAINS I HAD DECIDED TO ACCEPT ANY REASONABLE PROPOSITION ROUAL MIGHT OFFER IN RETURN FOR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS.

AFTER I RETURNED TO MONTREAL I DID MEET WITH ROUAL SEVERAL MORE TIMES. HIS PROPOSALS, AND MY ACCEPTANCE, WERE IN ESSENCE:

- 1) THAT I WOULD MEET HIM IN WINDSOR, CANADA, AT APPROXIMATELY 3:00PM AUGUST 21, 1967, NEAR THE RAILROAD STATION IN MY AUTOMOBILE.
- 2) THAT HE WOULD THEN PROVIDE ME WITH CERTAIN PACKAGES TO TRANSPORT ACROSS THE BORDER INTO THE UNITED STATES.
- 3) THAT I WOULD FOR TRANSPORTING THE PACKAGES INTO THE UNITED STATES BE PROVIDED WITH TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND AN UNSPECIFIED AMOUNT OF MONEY.
- 4) THAT THEREAFTER I WOULD SELL THE PLYMOUTH AUTOMOBILE AND TRAVEL TO BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, WHEREIN I WOULD AGAIN MEET ROUAL FOR SOME SIMILAR TYPE SMUGGLING OPERATION APPARENTLY IN MEXICO—ROUAL HAD INITIALLY SUGGESTED THAT I GO TO MOBILE, ALABAMA.

I ACCEPTED THE ABOVE MENTIONED PROPOSALS, ALTHOUGH IT WAS MY INTENTION ONCE I LAYED HANDS ON THE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS TO RETURN TO CANADA.

ON AUGUST 21, 1967, AT APPROXIMATELY 3:00PM I WAS PARKED NEAR THE WINDSOR, CANADA, RAILROAD STATION AND AFTER WAITING A HALF HOUR OR LESS ROUAL CAME TO THE PLYMOUTH WITH AN ATTACHE CASE, ENTERED THE AUTOMOBILE, AND SAID "LET'S GO". STARTING THE AUTOMOBILE HE DIRECTED ME TOWARD A SIDE STREET WHEREIN HE MOVED INTO THE BACK SEAT AFTER STOPPING AND PLACED THREE PACKAGES UNDER THE BACK REST, THEN RETURNING TO THE FRONT SEAT HE DIRECTED ME TOWARD THE TUNNEL THAT CONNECTS WINDSOR WITH DETROIT, MICHIGAN. BEFORE WE ARRIVED AT THE TUNNEL ENTRANCE HE ASK ME TO LET HIM OUT SAYING HE WOULD CROSS SEPARATELY

AND FOR ME TO PICK HIM UP ON THE UNITED STATES SIDE. HE SAID HE WOULD CROSS IN A CAB AND TO GIVE HIM A FEW MINUTES BEFORE I CROSSED. I CLEARED THE CUSTOMS WITH NO DIFFICULTY AND PICKED UP ROUAL ON THE UNITED STATES SIDE OF THE TUNNEL. HE THEN DIRECTED ME TO ANOTHER SIDE STREET WHERE HE REMOVED THE PACKAGES. I THEN DROVE HIM TO THE DETROIT BUS STATION. LETTING HIM OUT HE TOLD ME TO RETURN TO WINDSOR AND WAIT AT THE SAME PLACE AS BEFORE. I THEN RETURNED TO THE WINDSOR RAILROAD STATION AND AFTER 10 OR 15 MINUTES ROUAL APPEARED AGAIN AND WE REPEATED THE PROCEDURE EXCEPT THIS TIME WE TRAVELED OVER THE BRIDGE CONNECTING THE TWO COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, WHILE WAITING IN LINE TO CROSS THE BRIDGE I NOTICED CUSTOM'S OFFICERS WERE SEARCHING SEVERAL OF THE AUTOMOBILES AHEAD OF ME. RECALLING I HAD A TELEVISION SET IN THE PLYMOUTH, WHICH I WAS REQUIRED TO DECLARE AT CUSTOMS, AND WISHING TO AVOID A SEARCH OF THE PLYMOUTH, I DECLARED THE TELEVISION SET. THE CUSTOM'S OFFICER THEN DIRECTED ME INTO A SPECIAL LANE AND WAS IN THE PROCESS OF SEARCHING THE PLYMOUTH WHEN ANOTHER CUSTOM'S OFFICER APPEARED AND, APPARENTLY ORDERING THE FIRST CUSTOM'S OFFICER TO OTHER DUTIES, TOLD ME TO PAY A TELEVISION TAX IN CUSTOM'S OFFICE AND LEAVE. WHEN I LATER MET ROUAL ON THE UNITED STATES SIDE OF THE BRIDGE HE APPEARED SOMEWHAT NERVOUS, AND I INFORMED HIM I HAD BEEN HELD UP BY CUSTOMS AND SHOWED HIM THE TELEVISION TAX-RECEIPT PROVIDED BY CUSTOMS. WE THEN DROVE TO A SIDE STREET IN DETROIT AND MOVING INTO THE BACK OF THE PLYMOUTH HE REMOVED THE THREE PACKAGES FROM BEHIND THE BACK SEAT BACK REST. MOVING BACK INTO THE FRONT SEAT OF THE PLYMOUTH ROUAL GAVE ME APPROXIMATELY \$1,500.00 IN MIXED CURRENCY HOWEVER, OFFERING SOME EXCUSE, HE SAID HE WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN THE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS ALTHOUGH HE DID ASSURE ME HE WOULD BE ABLE TO COME BY THE PAPERS AT A LATER DATE. HE ALSO SUGGESTED I DISPOSE OF THE OLD PLYMOUTH THEN WE WOULD PURCHASE A LATER

MODEL AUTOMOBILE WHEN WE MET IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. HE THEN TOLD ME HE WOULD WRITE ME IN C/O GENERAL DELIVERY BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, UNDER THE GALT NAME; ALSO, HE GAVE ME A NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, TELEPHONE NUMBER IF I NEEDED TO CONTACT HIM. THEREAFTER I LEFT HIM AT THE BUS STATION AND DROVE TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, WHEREIN I GAVE MY BROTHER, JERRY W. RAY, THE PLYMOUTH AND CAUGHT A TRAIN TO BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. I ARRIVED IN BIRMINGHAM ON AUGUST 25, 1967. THE NEXT DAY I RENTED A ROOM AT 2608 HIGHLAND AVENUE UNDER THE NAME OF, ERIC S. GALT. THE FOLLOWING MONDAY AUGUST 28, 1967, I CHECKED AT THE GENERAL DELIVERY WINDOW IN THE MAIN POST OFFICE ENQUIRING ABOUT MAIL ADDRESSED TO ERIC GALT. THE POSTAL CLERK ASK ME FOR MY MIDDLE INITIAL AND WHEN I SUPPLIED THE LETTER S HE GAVE ME A LETTER FROM ROUAL. IN THE LETTER ROUAL ASK ME TO MEET HIM AT THE STARLITE CAFE, LOCATED DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE POST OFFICE, THAT EVENING. LATER I MET HIM IN THE STARLITE AND HE ASK ME TO TRY TO LOCATED FOR SALE A LATE MODEL AUTOMOBILE. THE NEXT DAY I FOUND THROUGH A NEWSPAPER ADD A 1966 MUSTANG. THAT EVENING I AGAIN MET ROUAL IN THE STARLITE AND DESCRIBED THE MUSTANG TO HIM. HE SAID IT SOUNDED ALRIGHT AND THE NEXT MORNING HE GAVE ME \$2,000.00 WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO BUY THE MUSTANG. LATER IN THE MORNING I TOOK A TAXI TO 701 SOUTH 48th STREET AND PURCHASED THE MUSTANG FROM IT'S OWNER, MR. WILLIAM D. PAISLEY. AFTER PURCHASING THE AUTOMOBILE I DROVE TO THE STARLITE CAFE, PICKED UP ROUAL, AND FROM THE STARLITE ON TO THE RESIDENCE IT WAS STAYING AT ON HIGHLAND AVENUE, PARKING ON A MALL IN FRONT OF THE RESIDENCE. BEFORE DEPARTING ROUAL ASK FOR, AND I GAVE HIM, A SET OF KEYS TO THE MUSTANG; HE ALSO WROTE DOWN MY ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER; HE THEN GAVE ME \$500.00 FOR LIVING EXPENSES, AND ANOTHER \$500.00 FOR A LIST OF CAMERA EQUIPMENT. LASTLY, HE GAVE ME ANOTHER TELEPHONE NUMBER LISTED IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, AS A "BACK UP" NUMBER, AND SUGGESTED I LAY LOW FOR A MONTH OR SO THEN HE WOULD CONTACT ME ABOUT THE BUSINESS AT HAND

AND THE MATTER OF TRAVEL DOCUMENTS FOR ME.

DURING MY STAY IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, I RENTED A BANK VAULT; ACCUMULATED IDENTIFICATION UNDER THE GALT NAME, AND MADE THE CAMERA PURCHASES ROUAL REQUESTED. I HAD ALSO CONTACTED A LINGERING VIRUS, APPARENTLY IN CANADA, AND WAS TREATED FOR THE AILMENT BY A DR. SCHWARTZ IN, BIRMINGHAM. SUBSEQUENTLY I WAS CONTACTED BY ROUAL'S APPARENT REPRESENTATIVE ASKING ME TO MEET ROUAL IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, IN EARLY OCTOBER, 1967. ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 6, 1967, I DEPARTED BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, IN ROUTE TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, INTENDING TO MEET ROUAL IN, NEW ORLEANS. THE NEXT DAY, OR THE DAY AFTER, UPON ARRIVING IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, I PHONED THE BATON ROUGE NUMBER ROUAL HAD GIVEN ME; UNABLE TO REACH THE PARTY I THEN PHONED THE NEW ORLEANS NUMBER AND DID REACH THIS PARTY. I WAS TOLD TO PROCEED ON TO NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO, AND WAS GIVEN THE NAME & ADDRESS OF A MOTEL TO CHECK INTO AFTER ARRIVING IN NUEVO LAREDO. BEFORE LEAVING BATON ROUGE I MAILED BACK TO THE BIRMINGHAM BANK THE SAFETY DEPOSIT VAULT KEY ASSUMING I WOULD NOT BE RETURNING TO BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. UPON LEAVING BATON ROUGE FOR MEXICO I BRIEFLY TRAVELED IN THE DIRECTION OF DALLAS, TEXAS, INTENDING TO SEE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS CONVERSANT WITH UNDERWORLD ACTIVITIES ALONG THE BORDER SEPARATING THE UNITED STATES FROM MEXICO, HOWEVER, I SUBSEQUENTLY DECIDED AGAINST THE DALLAS TRIP AND THEREFORE TURNED TOWARD SOUTH TEXAS & MEXICO. I ARRIVED IN NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO, ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 7, 1967, IN THE EVENING. UPON ENQUIRY FROM A POLICEMAN OR CAB DRIVER I LOCATED THE MOTEL I WAS EARLIER INSTRUCTED TO CHECK INTO. AFTER I HAD SIGNED INTO THE MOTEL AND WAITED A COUPLE HOURS ROUAL APPEARED ASKING HOW I WAS GETTING ALONG AND IF READY FOR BUSINESS. HE ASK IF I HAD A VISA AND I REPLIED 'NO. HE THEN SAID WE WOULD CROSS THE BORDER INTO THE UNITED

STATES AND TRANSPORT IN THE MUSTANG CERTAIN ITEMS INTO MEXICO. LEAVING THE MOTEL WE DROVE DOWN TO THE LOCAL SQUARE WHERE I LET HIM OUT. HE SAID TO GIVE HIM A FEW MINUTES TO CATCH A TAXI THEN TO MEET HIM ON THE OTHER-SIDE OF THE BORDER. PICKING HIM UP ON THE OTHER SIDE HE DIRECTED ME NORTH FOR MAYBE 7 OR 8 BLOCKS, THEN WEST FOR A COUPLE MILES ENDING UP ON A SIDE STREET BEHIND ~~ANOTHER AUTOMOBILE AND BESIDE~~ A FRAME HOUSE. HE THEN REMOVED A TIRE FROM THE OTHER AUTOMOBILE, PLACED IT IN THE TRUNK OF OUR MUSTANG, AND DIRECTED ME BACK TOWARD MEXICO. ON THE WAY TO THE MEXICAN CUSTOMS HE TOLD ME TO APPLY FOR A VISA AND WHEN CUSTOMS OFFICIALS COMMENCED SEARCHING THE MUSTANG GIVE THEM EACH A DOLLAR AND THEY WOULD THEN ONLY MAKE A PERFUNCTORY SEARCH. WHEN WE NEARED THE MEXICAN CUSTOM'S HOUSE ROUAL GOT OUT OF THE MUSTANG SAYING TO PICK HIM UP EITHER BESIDE OR IN FRONT OF THE CUSTOM 'S HOUSE AFTER I GOT THE VISA. I THEN APPLIED FOR THE VISA. THE PERSON WHO ISSUED THE VISA ASK FOR A VOTER REGISTRATION SLIP FOR IDENTIFICATION, BUT ACCEPTED A DRIVERS LICENSE & PINK SLIP (TITLE) IN LIEU. WHEN THE CUSTOMS OFFICER COMMENCED SEARCHING THE MUSTANG & PLACING A CUSTOMS MARK ON THE ITEMS ENCLOSED I GAVE THEM EACH A DOLLAR AND THEY WAIVED ME THROUGH. AFTER LEAVING CUSTOM'S I PICKED UP ROUAL BESIDE THE BUILDING AND WE RETURNED TO THE MOTEL BY A CIRCUITOUS ROUTE. I PULLED INTO THE MOTEL DRIVEWAY AND THE TIRE WAS REMOVED AND PLACED IN THE AUTOMOBILE IT WAS ORIGINALLY REMOVED FROM EARLIER ON. ROUAL TOLD ME HE WOULD SEE ME AGAIN IN THE MORNING, AND AS I BACKED OUT OF THE DRIVEWAY I BRIEFLY SAW THE PROFILE OF THE PERSON DRIVING THE OTHER AUTOMOBILE. THE NEXT MORNING ROUAL SHOWED UP, ASK IF I WERE READY, AND UPON AN AFFIRMATIVE REPLY, I CHECKED OUT OF THE MOTEL. UPON LEAVING HE RODE WITH ME FOR ABOUT 6 BLOCKS, THEN HE GOT INTO ~~ANOTHER AUTOMOBILE~~ AFTER TELLING ME TO FOLLOW THE OTHER CAR. ONCED



OUTSIDE THE CITY WE STOPPED AND AGAIN THE TIRE WAS PLACED IN MY AUTOMOBILE WITH ROUAL TELLING ME TO FOLLOW HIM UNTIL WE HAD CLEARED THE INTERIOR CUSTON'S HOUSE. ABOUT FIFTY KILOMETERS FURTHER ON WE ENTERED THE CUSTON'S CHECK. ROUAL'S CAR WAS HELD UP; HOWEVER, AFTER CHEACKING MY BACK TAG I WAS WAIVED ON THROUGH BY THE INSPECTOR. LATER A COUPLE KILOMETERS DOWN THE ROAD ROUAL PASSED ME AND STOPPED IN FRONT OF THE MUSTANG. ROUAL GOT INTO THE MUSTANG AND OFFERED SOME TYPE OF APOLOGY ABOUT STILL ~~NOT BEING ABLE TO GIVE BY TRAVEL DOCUMENTS~~ FOR ME; HOWEVER, HE GAVE ME \$2.000.00. HE THEN ASK ME IF AND WHERE HE COULD MEET ME IN THE FUTURE. I TOLD HIM I MOST LIKELY WOULD TRAVEL TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA; HE SAID THEN HE WOULD CONTACT ME THERE THROUGH POST BY GENERAL DELIVERY. HE ALSO GAVE ME ANOTHER NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND ASK IF I HAD THE OLD NEW ORLEANS NUMBER— I THINK I GAVE THE OLD NUMBER TO HIM.

TRAVILING THROUGH MEXICO I ULTIMATELY ENDED UP IN PUERTO VALLERTA. DURING MY STAY IN PUERTO VALLERTA I ATTEPMTED TO TRADE THE MUSTANG FOR A PIECE OF REAL ESTATE PROPERTY, THUS STAY IN MEXICO; I ALSO SAW AN ADVERTISEMENT IN THE U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT NEWS MAGAZINE ASKING FOR PERSONS INTERESTED TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR IMMIGATION TO RHODESIA— I WROTE TO THE ADDRESS LIST FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE MATTER BUT NEVER RECEIVED A REPLY WHILE IN MEXICO.

I DEPARTED PUERTO VALLERTA, MEXICO, ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER 15, 1967, TRAVELING NORTH TOWARD ~~THE~~ UNITED STATES. ON THE WAY I GAVE A HITCH HIKER A RIDE TO THE BORDER. AFTER ARRIVING NEAR THE BORDER SEPERATING MEXICO FROM THE UNITED STATES I STAYED OVER NIGHT IN A MOTEL AT TLJUANA. THE NEXT DAY IN PREPARING TO LEAVE THE MOTEL FOR THE UNITED STATES, AS WAS MY PRACTICE, I SEARCHED THE MUSTANG. DOWN

BETWEEN THE FRONT SEAT & THE GEAR BOX I FOUND A CIGARETTE CASE WITH A PACK OF CIGARETTES IN THE CASE. INSIDE BETWEEN THE CASE & THE PACK WAS A BUSINESS CARD. THE NAME AND MOST OF THE ACCOMPANYING INFORMATION HAD BEEN INKED OUT. WHAT I COULD SEE THAT WAS STILL PARTLY VISIBLE WAS THE NAME "NEW ORLEANS" & THE LETTERS "LEAA". ON THE BACK SIDE OF THE CARD WAS THE HAND-WRITTEN NAME OF, RANDOLPH ERWIN ROSEN. RETAINING THE CARD I CROSSED THE BORDER INTO THE UNITED STATES. ( IN THE SEPTEMBER 1977 ISSUE OF PLAYBOY MAGAZINE, PLAYBOY REPORTED THAT IN 1967 LEAA WAS NOT IN EXISTENCE; HOWEVER, UPON ENQUIRY BY A PARTY REPRESENTING ME, LEAA OFFICES IN WASHINGTON D.C. STATED THAT PRIOR TO 1968 A FORERUNNER TO LEAA TITLED, ? , WAS IN EXISTENCE AND OPERATED IN , NEW ORLEANS. FURTHER, UPON REQUEST THE LATE MR. CLYDE WATTS, AN ATTORNEY WITH OFFICES IN OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, INVESTIGATED, IN 1974, AND REPORTED THEREAFTER, THAT RANDOLPH ERWIN ROSEN, WAS IN FACT, RANDOLPH ERWIN ROSENSEN).

ON NOVEMBER 19, 1967, I ARRIVED IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AND RENTED AN APARTMENT LOCATED AT 1535 NORTH SERRANO AVENUE. THEN LATER, ON JANUARY 19, 1967, I MOVED TO 5533 HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD RESIDING THERE UNTIL ABOUT MARCH 17, 1968.

DURING MY STAY IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, I MADE THE FOLLOWING ATTEMPTS TO FIND EMPLOYMENT:

- 1) PLACED AN ADD IN THE "HELP WANTED" SECTION OF THE LOS ANGELES TIMES NEWSPAPER.
- 2) CONTACTED THE "BIG BEAR" RESORT IN THE INTERIOR OF CALIFORNIA.
- 3) TOOK A BAR TENDERING COURSE.

4) APPLIED AT TWO HOTEL FOR EMPLOYMENT.

5) FILLED OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH THE  
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.

I MADE THE FOLLOWING ENQUIRES & ACTS IN AN ATTEMPT TO LEAVE THE  
UNITED STATES:

1) AFTER READING IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER THAT UNITED STATES  
CITIZENS COULD TRAVEL TO COLUMBIA, SOUTH AMERICA, WITHOUT A PASSPORT,  
I CHECKED INTO THIS MATTER.

2) CONTACTED SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS ABOUT INFORMATION  
PERTAINING TO RHODESIAN IMMIGRATION.

3) PHONED THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD SEVERAL TIMES  
ENQUIRING ABOUT THE PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW IN ORDER TO GAIN MERCHANT  
SEAMAN'S PAPERS— IN THIS RESPECT, I HAD MINOR PLASTIC SURGERY  
ON MY NOSE IN MARCH 1968 PERFORMED BY , DR. RUSSELL HADLEY, IN  
ORDER THAT I MIGHT CHANGE MY APPEARANCE ENOUGHT TO AVOID IDENTIFICATION  
IF I NEEDED A PICTURE FOR THE MERCHANT SEAMAN PAPERS. )

IN EARLY DECEMBER 1967 I CHECKED AT THE GENERAL DELIVERY SECTION, MAIN  
POST OFFICE, TO SEE IF ROUAL HAD POSTED ANY MESSAGES; FINDING THAT HE  
HAD NOT SENT A COMMUNICATION—I PHONED NEW ORLEANS UNDER THE NUMBER HE  
HAD GIVEN ME IN MEXICO. THE PERSON THAT ANSWERED ENQUIRED IF I COULD  
TRAVEL TO NEW ORLEANS IN LATE DECEMBER. I REPLIED IN THE POSITIVE AND  
THEREAFTER MADE ARRANGMENTS WITH A, CHARLEY STEIN, WHOM I HAD MET IN A  
LOCAL BAR, TO HELP WITH THE DRIVING TO NEW ORLEANS. WHEN MR. STEIN—WHO  
WAS HABITUALLY SHORT OF MONEY—AND I WERE READY TO LEAVE FOR NEW ORLEANS,  
ABOUT DECEMBER 15, 1967, HE ASK TO USE MY TELEPHONE IN ORDER TO NOTIFY

HIS FAMILY IN NEW ORLEANS OF HIS PENDING VISIT. DURING THE TRIP I PHONED MY BROTHER, JERRY W. RAY, ONE TIME. OTHER THAN MR. STEIN BUSYING HIMSELF LOOKING FOR FLYING SAUCERS, NOTHING ELSE OF INTEREST TRANSPIRED ON THE TRIP UNTIL WE REACHED NEW ORLEANS. UPON REACHING THE CITY I DIALED THE PHONE NUMBER ROUAL HAD PROVIDED ME WITH IN MEXICO; ARRANGED A MEETING WITH HIM IN THE LE BUNNY LOUNGE ON CANAL STREET, AND DURING THE SUBSEQUENT MEETING IN THE LOUNGE ROUAL TOLD ME THAT IN EARLY MAY HE WANTED TO TRANSPORT SOME RIFLES INTO MEXICO AND FOR ME TO HELP HIM. HE SAID THERE WOULD BE ABOUT \$12,000 IN IT FOR ME IN ADDITION TO THE USUAL PROMISE OF TRAVEL DOCUMENTS. I AGREED TO HIS PROPOSITION BUT TOLD HIM I WAS LOW ON FUNDS. SUBSEQUENTLY HE GAVE ME \$500.00 IN TWENTY DOLLAR NOTES.

RETURNING TO LOS ANGELES I MOVED TO THE AFOREMENTIONED HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD ADDRESS, RESIDING THERE WHEN IN FEBRUARY 1968 I RECEIVED A WRITTEN COMMUNICATION FROM ROUAL ASKING ME TO MEET HIM IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, ON A CERTAIN DAY IN MARCH, FOR A TRIP TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE COMMUNICATION. I ACKNOWLEDGED BY TELEPHONE THAT I WOULD BE IN NEW ORLEANS ON THE DATE REQUESTED. OF OTHER POSSIBLE INTEREST TO THE COMMITTEE, DURING MY STAY IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA, I WAS ROBBED OF A WATCH & THE KEYS TO THE MUSTANG OUTSIDE OF A BAR ON HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD, CONSEQUENTLY I HAD TO HIRE A LOCKSMITH TO MAKE ME ANOTHER SET OF KEYS. I DID COME BY SOME ADDRESSES THROUGH UNDERGROUND PUBLICATIONS ADVERTISING UNATTACHED FEMALES; LATER I DID USE ONE OF THESE ADDRESSES (SEE BELOW). I NEVER ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT ANY OF THE PERSONS LISTED UNDER THE ADVERTISEMENTS EXCEPT ONE, WHO LISTED HERSELF AS A "NYMPHO SOMETHING"—OF COURSE I HAD BEEN IN JAIL SIX YEARS.

ON OR ABOUT MARCH 17, 1968, I DEPARTED LOS ANGELES FOR NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. APPARENTLY I WAS LATE. IN ARRIVING IN NEW ORLEANS: IN CALLING THE PARTY UNDER THE AFOREMENTIONED NUMBER I WAS TOLD TO DRIVE ON TO BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, AND MEET ROUAL IN THE STARLITE CAFE. ARRIVING IN BIRMINGHAM AND ENTERING THE STARLITE, AGAIN SOMEWHAT LATE, I MET ROUAL AND WE PROCEEDED ON TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA. ARRIVING IN ATLANTA WE COMMENCED SEARCHING FOR AN APARTMENT FINALLY LOCATING A ROOM FOR RENT AT 113 14th STREET, NORTHEAST; HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THE INTOXICATED CONDITION OF THE PROPRIETOR I HAD A PROBLEM RENTING THE ROOM AND, BECAUSE OF THE DELAY, ROUAL BRIEFLY ENTERED THE "OFFICE". AFTER THE RENTAL WE WENT TO A RESTAURANT ON PEACHTREE STREET FOR A MEAL, AND WHILE IN THE RESTAURANT MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ROUAL TO MEET ME AT THE RECENTLY RENTED ROOM THE NEXT DAY. THE NEXT DAY, ROUAL CAME TO THE ROOM I HAD RENTED (NEXT DOOR TO THE PROPRIETOR'S OFFICE), AND THE CONVERSATION WAS A REHUN OF THE PREVIOUS EVENING'S CONVERSATION IN THE PEACHTREE STREET RESTAURANT. IN ESSENCE, I WAS TO PURCHASE RIFLES IN ATLANTA TO BE LATER SHOWN TO PROSPECTIVE BUYERS. BUT BECAUSE OF AN IDENTIFICATION PROBLEM, ALL OF MY IDENTIFICATION WAS LISTED UNDER THE STATE OF ALABAMA; I SUGGESTED WE PURCHASE THE RIFLES IN ALABAMA, WHICH ROUAL AGREED TO DO. UPON LEAVING ROUAL SUGGESTED I STAY CLOSE TO THE ROOM SINCE HE WOULD RETURN IN A COUPLE DAYS AND THEN WANTED ME TO DRIVE HIM TO MIAMI, FLORIDA—HOWEVER HE NEVER DID APPEAR FOR THE MIAMI TRIP.

AFTER ABOUT A WEEK ROUAL DID APPEAR AND WE DROVE TO BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, TO IMPLEMENT WHAT WE HAD PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO. I CHECKED INTO THE TRAVEL-LODGE IN BIRMINGHAM; WE THEN CHECKED THROUGH THE YELLOW PAGES OF THE PHONE BOOK, AND PERHAPS NEWSPAPERS, FOR AN ESTABLISHMENT THAT SOLD RIFLES,

DECIDING ON THE AEROMARINE SUPPLY COMPANY. SUBSEQUENTLY I DID PURCHASE A RIFLE WITH MILITARY SPECIFICATIONS AT AEROMARINE. AFTER THE PURCHASE ROUAL GAVE ME THE NAME OF A MOTEL ( NEW REBEL ), IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, TELLING ME TO TRANSPORT THE RIFLE TO THE MOTEL AND MEET HIM THERE AT A CERTAIN DATE ( APRIL 3, 1968 ), AND TIME, SAYING HE, IN THE INTERVAL, HAD TO MAKE A BUSINESS TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

THEREAFTER, COMMENCING ON MARCH 29, 1968, THE DAY I PICKED UP THE RIFLE, I TRAVELED IN THE DIRECTION OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. SUBSEQUENTLY I RENTED ROOMS IN: FLORENCE, ALABAMA; CORINTH, MISSISSIPPI; DESOTO, MISSISSIPPI, AND OTHER MOTEL ADDRESSES THAT I CANNOT RECALL ALTHOUGH I ASSUM THE F.B.I. HAS THE ADDRESSES. I DID NOT AT ANY TIME DEVIATE FROM THE AFOREMENTIONED ROUTE AND SPECIFICALLY, I DID NOT RETURN TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, AFTER DEPARTING BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, ON MARCH 29, 1968, UNTIL APRIL 5, 1968.

I ARRIVED IN THE SUBURBS OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL 2, 1968, AND CHECKED INTO THE NEW REBEL MOTEL IN MEMPHIS PROPER ON APRIL 3, 1968. IT COMMENCED RAINING THAT EVENING AND AT APPROXIMATELY 9:00PM ROUAL APPEARED AT THE ROOM I WAS OCCUPYING.

ROUAL TOLD ME IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO TAKE A ROOM FOR A FEW DAYS IN MEMPHIS. HE ALSO INFORMED ME HE HAD A PLACE LOCATED NEAR THE WATERFRONT AND THAT HE OR I, OR BOTH, WOULD RENT A ROOM AT THE LOCATION IN MY NAME. I TOLD ROUAL THAT I DID NOT CARE TO HAVE MY NAME USED IF THERE WERE GOING TO BE ANY GUNS IN THE PLACE, OR IF WE WERE INVOLVED IN SOMETHING WE COULD POSSIBLY BE ARRESTED FOR. ~~I THEN SUGGESTED A NAME, JOHN WILLARD, THAT I HAD USED INDIRECTLY ONCE BEFORE, THUS A NAME I COULD EASILY REMEMBER, THAT WE COULD USE TO RENT A ROOM UNDER.~~ ROUAL AGREED TO USE THE WILLARD NAME. HE THEN COMMENTED THAT IF EVERYTHING PROGRESSED ALRIGHT THEN HE & I WOULD RETURN TO BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, AND PURCHASE 10 OR MORE OF THE SCOPED RIFLES, IN ADDITION TO A LARGE SUPPLY OF THE FOREIGN BRAND RIFLES THAT I HAD LOOKED OVER IN THE GUN STORE IN BIRMINGHAM. HE IMPLIED THAT AFTER WE HAD PURCHASED THE FIREARMS THEY WOULD BE SHIPPED TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, BY BOAT. BEFORE DEPARTING ROUAL TOLD ME TO MEET HIM AT THE 422 $\frac{1}{2}$  SOUTH MAIN STREET ADDRESS AT 3 or 4 PM THE NEXT DAY. HE WROTE DOWN THE ADDRESS ON A SLIP OF PAPER AND I WROTE DOWN FOR HIM THE WILLARD NAME TO USE IF HE SHOULD RENT A ROOM FOR ME OR HIMSELF. HE MENTIONED THAT IF HE WERE NOT IN A ROOM AT THE SOUTH MAIN STREET ADDRESS WHEN I ARRIVED HE WOULD BE IN A BAR & GRILL LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE BUILDING. HE THEN TOOK THE RIFLE AND DEPARTED AND THAT WAS THE LAST TIME I SAW THE WEAPON. THE NEXT DAY I DID NOT CHECK OUT OF THE MOTEL UNTIL LATE MORNING. AFTER HAVING BREAKFAST AT A NEARBY RESTAURANT I DROVE TO THE SOUTH PART OF MEMPHIS ( I MAY HAVE BEEN IN MISSISSIPPI ) AND WAITED A PERIOD OF TIME IN A BEER HOUSE AND GENERALLY JUST STALLED UNTIL TIME FOR THE RENDEZVOUS WITH ROUAL AT 422 $\frac{1}{2}$  SOUTH MAIN STREET. FINALLY I DROVE TO A COMMERCIAL PARKING LOT; AFTER CHECKING THE MUSTANG INTO THE LOT, AND RECEIVING DIRECTIONS FROM THE PARKING LOT ATTENDANT TO THE LOCATION OF MAIN STREET, I THEN COMMENCED WALKING IN

A GENERAL DIRECTION TOWARD WHAT APPEARED TO BE THE MAIN SECTION OF MEMPHIS. FURTHER ON, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF A POLICEMAN, I LOCATED MAIN STREET AND TRAVELING SOUTH ON MAIN I MADE AT LEAST ONE INQUIRY IN BARS CONCERNING THE 422½ SOUTH MAIN STREET ADDRESS; ONE OF THE PLACES OF INQUIRY MAY HAVE BEEN A "JIM'S BAR". AFTER I HAD LOCATED THE APPARENT ADDRESS OF THE SOUTH MAIN STREET BUILDING I HAD BEEN SEARCHING FOR, AND WHICH HAD A "JIM'S GRILL" ON THE GROUND FLOOR; I ENTERED THE BAR/GRILL LOOKING FOR ROUAL, HE WAS NOT IN THE ESTABLISHMENT; HOWEVER, I DID NOTICE TWO WHITE MALES THAT I HAD PREVIOUSLY SEEN IN ONE OF THE BARS I HAD JUST RECENTLY BEEN IN MAKING INQUIRES CONCERNING THE ADDRESS I WAS SEARCHING FOR. ONE OF THE TWO INDIVIDUALS APPEARED TO BE NOTICING ME MORE THAN WAS NECESSARY.. ( I AM CERTAIN THAT I DID NOT MEET ROUAL IN JIM'S GRILL THE FIRST TIME I ENTERED THE ESTABLISHMENT BECAUSE OF THE CROWDED CONDITIONS, UNLIKE THE SECOND, AND THE TWO INDIVIDUALS IN THE BAR WHO WERE NOT PRESENT WHEN I DID MEET ROUAL). I ORDERED A BEER AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER DEPARTED THE TAVERN GOING UPSTAIRS TO INQUIRE ABOUT RENTING A ROOM. UPON INQUIRY THE PROPRIETRESS INFORMED ME SHE HAD TWO ROOMS TO LET AND SHOWED ME BOTH OF THEM. SINCE THE SECOND WAS ONLY A SLEEPING ROOM I RENTED IT PAYING WITH A \$20.00 BILL, AFTER SIGNING THE REGISTRY UNDER THE NAME OF JOHN WILLARD. THE ONLY OTHER PERSON I SAW, OR EVER SAW EXCEPT ROULA, IN THE ESTABLISHMENT, WAS AN ELDERLY WHITE MALE WHO WAS IN THE PROPRIETRESS "OFFICE" WHEN I FIRST INQUIRED ABOUT THE ROOM. IMMEDIATELY UPON RETAINING THE ROOM I LEFT THE BUILDING TO RETURN TO THE PARKING LOT TO PICK UP THE MUSTANG; IT WAS NOW APPROXIMATELY 4:00PM BECAUSE OF MY DELAY IN LOCATING THE SOUTH MAIN STREET ADDRESS. RETURNING TO THE PARKING LOT, WHICH I ESTIMATE WAS ONE MILE FROM THE 422½ SOUTH MAIN STREET ADDRESS, I PICKED UP THE MUSTANG AND SUBSEQUENTLY PARKED THE AUTOMOBILE ALMOST DIRECTLY IN LINE WITH THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF JIM'S GRILL, AND IMMEDIATELY BEHIND ANOTHER AUTOMOBILE. I DID NOT MOVE THE MUSTANG AGAIN UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 5:40PM THE SAME DAY. ( I LATER NOTICED UPON



LEAVING THE ROOMING HOUSE ON ONE OF SEVERAL OCCASSIONS THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL OTHER AUTOMOBILES PARKED NEARBY THE SAME COLOR AS THE MUSTANG, A WHITISH COLOR).

UPON ENTERING JIM'S GRILL FOR THE SECOND TIME, I FOUND THAT THE INDIVIDUAL CALLING HIMSELF ROUAL WAS PRESENT. THIS TIME THE BAR WAS NOT SO CROWDED AND ROUAL WAS SITTING IN THE LUNCH-COUNTER SECTION DRINKING COFFEE. AFTER THE AMENITIES I TOLD HIM I HAD SOME DIFFICULTY LOCATING THE ROOMING HOUSE UPSTAIRS. WE DEPARTED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY WHEN HE SUGGESTED WE GO UPSTAIRS TO THE ROOM I HAD RENTED. ON THE WAY OUT OF THE GRILL HE ASK ME IF I HAD THE MUSTANG WITH ME; I POINTED TO IT SAYING "THERE IT IS". ONCED UPSTAIRS IN THE ROOM I HAD RENTED ROUAL SUGGESTED I BRING WHAT PERSONAL ITEMS I HAD IN THE MUSTANG UP TO THE ROOM SAYING "WE MAY HAVE TO STAY HERE 3 or 4 DAYS". HE ALSO ASKED ME TO PURCHASE A PAIR OF BINOCULARS WITH INFRA-RED ATTACHMENTS SAYING THE "PEOPLE" ALSO WANTED TO EXAMINE SOME GLASSES. ROUAL GAVE ME DIRECTIONS TO A NEARBY SPORTING GOODS STORE WHEREIN I COULD PURCHASE THE GLASSES. LEAVING THE ROOMING HOUSE I WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE THE SPORTING GOODS STORE THE FIRST TRIP. RETURNING ROUAL AGAIN EXPLAINED TO ME THE LOCATION OF THE SPORTING GOODS STORE. ( UPON RETURNING TO THE ROOM AFTER THE FIRST TRIP LOOKING FOR THE SPORTING GOOD STORE, I REMOVED A SMALL TRAVELING CASE FROM THE MUSTANG CONTAINING PERSONAL ITEMS AND DEPOSITED THE CASE IN THE ROOM ; HOWEVER, BECAUSE I WAS SOMEWHAT CONVERSANT WITH THE TYPE ESTABLISHMENT I WAS IN, WHAT WITH NO LOCKS ON THE DOORS, OR EVEN DOOR NOBS, JUST A STRAP TO PULL THE DOOR TO, AND THE PLACE AN APPARENT HABITAT FOR WINO'S WHEREIN ANYONE COULD ENTER ANYONE ELSE'S RENTAL AT WILL, I DID NOT CARRY ANY OTHER PERSONAL ITEMS TO THE ROOM OTHER THAN THE AFOREMENTIONED CASE & IT'S CONTENTS EXCEPT A COVER WHICH I USED TO COVER THE COVERING ALREADY ON THE BED. I PLACED THE CASE UNDER THE BED).

ON THE SECOND TRIP SEEKING THE SPORTINGS GOODS STORE I LOCATED IT. UPON INQUIRY THE SALESMAN INFORMED ME THAT THE STORE DID NOT CARRY INFRA-RED ATTACHMENTS FOR BINOCULARS AND THAT I WOULD HAVE TO PURCHASE THEM AT AN ARMY SURPLUS STORE; HOWEVER THE SALESMAN DID SELL ME BINOCULARS. ON THE WAY BACK TO THE ROOMING HOUSE I STOPPED AT A DRUGSTORE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE CHISCA HOTEL AND ORDERED ICE CREAM. ~~WHILE WAITING ON THE ORDER I~~ SAT, AS CUSTOMARY, DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM THE CASH REGISTER AND DISTINCTLY RECALL THE APPARENT MANAGER, WHO WAS A WHITE MALE, INSTRUCTING A YOUNG BLACK WOMAN ON THE INTRICACIES OF USING A CASH REGISTER, THUS I ASSUM SHE HAD JUST STARTED WORKING IN THE STORE THAT DAY. ( THE ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING ME IN THE KING CASE IN 1968-69 WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE THE DRUGSTORE IN QUESTION; HOWEVER, IN FEBRUARY 1969 I DESCRIBED TO A POLICEMAN, WHO WAS GUARDING ME IN THE MEMPHIS JAIL CELL, THE APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF THE STORE AND HE INFORMED ME THE NAME OF THE STORE).

AFTER RETURNING TO THE MAIN STREET ROOMING HOUSE I TOLD ROUAL WE WOULD HAVE TO PURCHASE THE INFRA-RED ATTACHMENTS AT AN ARMY SURPLUS STORE; I ALSO INFORMED HIM THAT I HAD NOT EATEN SINCE BREAKFAST. HE SAID TO GO OUT AND HAVE A MEAL & TAKE IN A MOVIE SINCE HE WANTED TO SEE SOME PEOPLE IN PRIVATE THAT EVENING BUT, TO LEAVE THE MUSTANG OUT IN FRONT AS HE WOULD MOST LIKELY NEED IT THAT EVENING OR NIGHT. I THEN WENT DOWN STAIRS INTO JIM'S GRILL AND ORDERED A BEER ALTHOUGH I DID NOT DRINK IT...I SAY THIS BECAUSE I RECALL SEEING A WHITE WAITRESS ON ONE OCASSION WHILE I WAS IN THE ESTABLISHMENT, AND ON THE NEXT OCASSION THERE WAS A BLACK WAITRESS ON DUTY. LEAVING THE GRILL I SAT IN THE MUSTANG 10 or 15 MINUTES BEFORE TRAVELING NORTH ON MAIN STREET AND ENTERING A BAR & RESTAURANT LOCATED ON THE LEFT HAND SIDE OF THE STREET AND FAIRLY NEAR TO A MOVIE HOUSE ACROSS THE STREET. I ORDERED A

SANDWICH AND WHILE SITTING THERE RECALLED THAT I HAD CHANGED THE BACK REAR TIRE ON THE RIGHT SIDE, WHEN FACING THE FRONT OF THE MUSTANG, THE DAY BEFORE, AFTER THE TIRE HAD DEVELOPED A SLOW LEAK. THINKING THE DAMAGED TIRE SHOULD BE FIXED, ESPECIALLY IF THE MUSTANG SHOULD BE USED THAT NIGHT, I RETURNED TO THE MUSTANG AND DROVE IT NORTH ON MAIN STREET FOR MAYBE 3 or 4 BLOCKS BEFORE TURNING RIGHT AND TRAVELING 4 OR 5 MORE BLOCKS TO A SERVICE STATION. THERE WERE 2 OR 3 SERVICE STATIONS AT THE INTERSECTION; I ENQUIRED OF ONE IF THEY COULD ~~FIX A SPARE~~ TIRE WHILE I WAITED AND WAS INFORMED THAT I WOULD HAVE TO WAIT AWHILE BECAUSE OF THE BUSINESS VOLUME. MOVING TO THE OTHER STATION I DO NOT RECALL ASKING FOR THE TIRE TO BE REPAIRED ALTHOUGH I DID HAVE THE MUSTANG SERVICED. UPON LEAVING THE SERVICE STATION I CIRCLED AROUND IN A MANNER THAT WOULD RETURN ME TO THE ORIGINAL PARKING SPACE IN FRONT OF JIM'S GRILL; HOWEVER, WHEN DRIVING ONTO MAIN STREET I SAW A POLICE CAR PARKED BLOCKING OFF THE STREET THAT I WOULD HAVE TO DRIVE THROUGH IN ORDER TO RETURN TO MY ORIGINAL PARKING SPACE. IN ADDITION I SAW WHAT APPEARED TO BE 2 OR 3 PEOPLE RUNNING OR WALKING RATHER FAST OPPOSITE THE POLICE CAR. I THEN ~~VEERED~~ OFF TO THE LEFT TOWARD SOUTH MEMPHIS TRAVELING THROUGH WHAT APPEARED TO BE A PREDOMINANTLY BLACK COMMUNITY. I EVENTUALLY ENDED UP IN MISSISSIPPI TRAVELING TOWARD NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. IT WAS MY INTENTION TO PHONE A NEW ORLEANS NUMBER IN MY POSSESSION AND HAVE THE PARTY ON THE OTHER END ATTEMPT TO FIND OUT WHAT IF ANYTHING HAD HAPPENED IN THE AREA OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SOUTH MAIN STREET ROOMING HOUSE; HOWEVER, ~~SHORTLY AFTER~~ ENTERING THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI I HEARD OVER THE CAR RADIO THAT DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HAD BEEN SHOT IN MEMPHIS. A SHORT WHILE LATER ( APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES ), ANOTHER NEWS BULLETIN ON THE RADIO STATED POLICE AUTHORITIES WERE LOOKING FOR A WHITE MUSTANG & A WHITE MALE SUBJECT AS A SUSPECT IN THE SHOOTING OF DR. KING; CONSEQUENTLY THE FIRST INTERSECTION I CAME TO I TURNED EAST TRAVELING TOWARD ATLANTA, GEORGIA,

W. A. WAY OF BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. SHORTLY AFTER TURNING EAST I STOPPED THE MUSTANG AND THREW VARIOUS ITEMS OF OF THE TRUNK INCLUDING ALL OF THE CAMERA EQUIPMENT THAT ROUAL HAD HAD ME TO PURCHASE FOR HIM--THE EQUIPMENT WAS STILL IN THE ORIGINAL WRAPPING CASES WHEN I DISCARDED IT. IT WAS RAINING SLIGHTLY AT THE TIME AND I TOOK A CLOTH AND ATTEMPTED TO WIPE OFF ANY FINGERPRINTS ~~I MAY HAVE LEFT ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE MUSTANG.~~ ( SEVERAL YEARS LATER MY BROTHER, JERRY W. RAY, TOLD ME THAT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE GUILTY PLEA THE MEMPHIS ATTORNEY GENERAL GAVE HIM THE DAMAGED TIRE & THE FLOOR MATS FROM THE MUSTANG).

THEREAFTER I DROVE THROUGH BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, AND LATER INTO THE STATE OF GEORGIA. APPROXIMATELY THIRTY (30) MILES FROM ATLANTA, GEORGIA, I RAN LOW ON FUEL AND STOPPED AT A SERVICE STATION FOR GASOLINE. I ARRIVED IN ATLANTA AT APPROXIMATELY 7:30AM. I ABANDONED THE MUSTANG IN A PRIVATE PARKING LOT NEAR CAPITOL HOMES. I THEN RETURNED TO THE ROOM I HAD PREVIOUSLY RENTED LOCATED AT 113 14th STREET, NORTHEAST. I PLACED EVERYTHING IN A CASE THAT IT WOULD HOLD AND DISCARDED THE REMAINING ITEMS LEFT IN THE ROOM. I THEN WALKED TO THE PIEDMONT LAUNDRY WHEREIN I HAD LEFT SEVERAL ITEMS OF CLOTHING TO BE CLEANED IN LATE MARCH OF 1968. I THEN PHONED A BUS STATION FOR RESERVATIONS TO DETROIT, MICHIGAN. BEING INFORMED THAT A BUS WAS LEAVING ATLANTA FOR DETROIT, MICHIGAN, THAT AFTERNOON I RETURNED TO THE ROOMING HOUSE FOR THE CASE. I THEN DEPARTED THE BUILDING AND CAUGHT A TAXI CAB TO THE BUS STATION WHEREIN I PURCHASED A TICKET TO DETROIT, MICHIGAN. THE BUS WAS NOT DUE TO LEAVE ATLANTA FOR SEVERAL HOURS SO I CHECKED-IN THE CASE AND TRAVELED SEVERAL BLOCKS FROM THE BUS STATION AND WAITED IN A BAR UNTIL UNTIL DEPARTURE TIME FOR THE BUS; HOWEVER, UPON RETURNING TO THE BUS STATION I LEARNED THE BUS WOULD BE LATE IN IT'S DEPARTURE SCHEDULE. AFTER THE BUS

DID DEPART FROM ATLANTA IT PROCEEDED ON TO CINCINNATI, OHIO, WITH A LAYOVER IN THAT CITY FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS. DURING THE LAYOVER I WAITED IN A NEARBY BAR UNTIL IT CLOSED AT 2:30AM, THEN I WAITED IN THE BUS TERMINAL ANOTHER 20 OR 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE BUS DEPARTED FOR DETROIT, MICHIGAN. ARRIVING IN DETROIT AT APPROXIMATELY 7:30AM. I THEN MADE RESERVATIONS FOR A TRAIN BOUND FOR TORONTO, CANADA. BEFORE LEAVING FOR THE CANADIAN SIDE OF THE BORDER I TOOK A TAXI CAB TO A TRAIN STATION APPROXIMATELY TWO MILES FROM DOWNTOWN DETROIT. ADJACENT TO THE TRAIN STATION WAS AN OPEN SQUARE BLOCK (PARK). DIRECTLY ACROSS, DIAGONALLY, FROM THE TRAIN STATION, AND ACROSS THE OPEN LOT, WAS A BARBER SHOP WHEREIN I HAD A SHAVE & HAIRCUT.

I ARRIVED IN TORONTON, CANADA, AT APPROXIMATELY 6:30 PM APRIL 6, 1968. AFTER CHECKING MY CASE INTO THE LUGGAGE DEPARTMENT I MADE MY WAY WEST ON FOOT. AFTER WALKING APPROXIMATELY TWO MILES, AND MAKING ENQUIRES ALONG THE WAY FOR RENTAL QUARTERS, I EVENTUALLY FOUND A ROOM FOR RENT AT 102 OSSINGTON AVENUE. THE PROPRIETRESS'S NAME WAS, MRS. ADAM SZPAKOWSKI; I PAID MRS. SZPAKOWSKI \$10.00 FOR ONE WEEK'S RENT. MRS. SZPAKOWSKI, WHO SPOKE WITH A HEAVY ACCENT, DID NOT ASK ME MY NAME NOR DID I VOLUNTEER THE INFORMATION. THEREAFTER ON THE FOLLOWING MONDAY APRIL 8, 1968, I MADE MY WAY TO THE OFFICES OF THE TORONTO EVENING TELEGRAM AND ASK TO SEE BACK ISSUES OF THE PAPER FOR THE YEAR 1932. THE LIBRARIAN GAVE ME THE REQUESTED ISSUES ON MICROFILM AND ASSISTED ME WITH THE PROJECTOR. AFTER A TIME I CHOOSE SEVERAL NAMES FROM THE FILMS; TWO OF THE NAMES WERE, RAMON GEORGE SNEYD & PAUL E. BRIDGMAN. MY PURPOSE IN OBTAINING THESE NAMES WAS TO APPLY FOR A PASSPORT UNDER ONE OF THE NAMES IF CONDITIONS WERE FAVORABLE. LEAVING THE NEWSPAPER OFFICE I MADE MY WAY BACK TO THE ROOM ON OSSINGTON AVENUE; HOWEVER, BEFORE I GOT TO OSSINGTON I WAS STOPPED AND TICKETED BY A POLICEMAN FOR JAY-WALKING. I HAD REMEMBERED A WOMAN'S ADDRESS IN TORONTO, 6 CONDOR STREET, FROM SOME ADDRESSES I HAD GOTTEN OUT OF AN UNDERGROUND PUBLICATION APPARENTLY SPECIALIZING IN "BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER"; I GAVE THE POLICEMAN THE CONDOR STREET ADDRESS AS MY OWN. I AM FAIRLY CERTAIN I ALSO GAVE MY NAME AS, ERIC GALT, TO THE POLICEMAN. THE NEXT DAY I PHONED THE LOCAL POLICE STATION ENQUIRING ABOUT THE TICKET, HOWEVER, THE STATION DID NOT HAVE THE TICKET ON FILE. AFTER I ARRIVED BACK AT THE OSSINGTON AVENUE ADDRESS I WROTE THE NAME OF PAUL BRIDGMAN ON A SLIP OF PAPER AND GAVE IT TO MRS. SZPAKOWSKI INFORMING HER "THIS IS MY NAME". THE NEXT DAY I PROCEEDED TO CONTACT BY TELEPHONE SEVERAL OF THE NAMES I HAD GOTTEN FROM THE TORONTO EVENING TELEGRAM.

TELLING THEM I WAS WITH THE REGISTRA GENERAL'S OFFICE INVESTIGATING A PASSPORT MATTER; ENQUIRING OF THEM IF THEY HAD EVER BEEN ISSUED A CANADIAN PASSPORT. EVENTUALLY I CONTACTED, MR. RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, A TORONTO POLICEMAN, AND UPON ENQUIRY MR. SNEYD INFORMED ME THAT HE HAD NEVER APPLIED FOR A CANADIAN PASSPORT. THEREFORE SHORTLY THEREAFTER I MADE MY WAY TO THE ARCADE PHOTO STUDIO AND HAD SEVERAL PASSPORT PHOTOS TAKEN; I USED THE PAUL ~~BRIDGMAN~~ NAME IN APPLYING FOR THE PASSPORT PHOTOS. DURING THIS PERIOD I HAD RENTED ANOTHER ROOM LOCATED AT 962 DUNDAS STREET WEST FROM A, MRS. SUN LOO. I REGISTERED UNDER THE NAME OF, RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, AND TOLD MRS. LOO I WORKED NIGHT THUS WOULD BE IN DAYS—I SPENT THE NIGHTS AT THE OSSINGTON AVENUE ADDRESS.

I THEN VISITED THE KENNEDY TRAVEL AGENCY IN TORONTO ENQUIRING ABOUT THE PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING A CANADIAN PASSPORT. I TOLD THE OFFICE MANAGER, MRS. LILLIAN SPENCER, THAT I DID NOT HAVE A GUARANTOR HAVING JUST RETURNED TO TORONTO. MRS. SPENCER INFORMED ME THAT IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO HAVE A GUARANTOR, RATHER I COULD MAKE A SWORN STATEMENT THAT I WAS A CITIZEN OF CANADA; HAVE THE STATEMENT NOTORIZED; THEN HER OFFICE WOULD APPLY FOR THE PASSPORT. I DID APPLY FOR A PASSPORT THROUGH MRS. SPENCER'S OFFICE UNDER THE NAME OF, RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, AND USING THE DUNDAS STREET WEST ADDRESS.

( IF I HAD BEEN THROUGH ENOUGH TO GAIN THE AFOREMENTIONED INFORMATION DURING MY FIRST TRIP TO CANADA IN JULY 1967 I AM SURE I WOULD NOT BE TESTIFYING BEFORE THIS COMMITTEE TODAY).

DURING THIS PERIOD I ALSO MADE A BRIEF TRIP TO MONTREAL, CANADA, TO ENQUIRE ABOUT SHIP RESERVATIONS TO EUROPE.

IN EARLY MAY, 1968, MY PASSPORT IN THE NAME OF, RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, WAS PRESENTED TO ME BY THE KENNEDY TRAVEL AGENCY. ON MAY 6, 1968, I DEPARTED CANADA BOUND FOR LONDON, ENGLAND, AND ARRIVED IN LONDON ON MAY 7, 1968. IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER I BOARDED A PLANE FOR LISBON, PORTUGAL. WHILE IN LISBON, AND BECAUSE MY FINANCES WERE SUCH THAT I COULD NOT AFFORD FARE TO A MORE DISTANT COUNTRY, SAY AUSTRALIA, I MADE SEVERAL EFFORTS TO GAIN TRANSPORTATION TO AFRICA. DURING ONE PERIOD IN A MEETING WITH A BLACK & WHITE MALE I ATTEMPTED TO JOIN A MILITARY UNIT IN BIAFRA BUT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. FINALLY I DID FIND A SHIP WITH AN AVAILABLE BERTH BOUND FOR ANGOLA; HOWEVER, A VISA WAS REQUIRED TO ENTER ANGOLA AND SINCE THE SHIP WAS LEAVING FOR ANGOLA IN THREE DAYS, AND IT REQUIRED SEVEN DAYS FOR A VISA TO BE PROCESSED, I MISSED THE OPPORTUNITY.

RETURNING TO LONDON, ENGLAND, AFTER APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS IN PORTUGAL, I ATTEMPTED ON JUNE 8, 1968, TO LEAVE ENGLAND VIA AIRPLANE DESTINED FOR BRUSSELS, BELGIUM; HOWEVER, I WAS DETAINED AT LONDON'S HEATHROW AIRPORT BY THE POLICE AND SUBSEQUENTLY ARRESTED BY ENGLISH AUTHORITIES AND HELD FOR EXTRADITION TO THE UNITED STATES.

THEREAFTER I WROTE MESSRS, F. LEE BAILEY & ARTHUR J. HANES SR., OF THE MASSACHUSETTS & ALABAMA BAR RESPECTFULLY ABOUT REPRESENTATION IN THE MATTER I WAS BEING DETAINED UNDER, NAMELY THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOMICIDE. MR. BAILEY INFORMED ME INDIRECTLY THAT THERE WOULD BE A CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST INVOLVED IF HE SHOULD TAKE THE CASE, THUS DECLINED; MR. HANES ACCEPTED THE CASE, APPARENTLY AFTER CONTACTING THE ALABAMA NOVELIST, WILLIAM BRATFORD HUIE AND, PRESENTING ME WITH A LITERARY CONTRACT TO SIGN. THEREAFTER I WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ORDERED BY AN ENGLISH COURT TO BE



EXTRADITED TO THE UNITED STATES AND IN FACT WAS EXTRADITED AND  
LODGED IN THE MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, JAIL ON JULY 19, 1968.

AFTER I WAS LODGED IN THE MEMPHIS JAIL THE AFOREMENTIONED ATTORNEY, ,  
MR. ARTHUR J. HANES, sr., HAD ME ENTER INTO A SERIES OF LITERARY  
CONTRACTS WITH HIM AND, WILLIAM BRATFORD HUIE, THE ALABAMA NOVELIST,  
IN ORDER, MR. HANES SAID, TO FINANCE A JURY TRIAL IN THE KING CASE.  
SUBSEQUENTLY, IN NOVEMBER, 1968, MY BROTHER, JERRY W. RAY, VISITED  
ME IN SAID JAIL AND SAID THAT HE HAD RECENTLY VISITED, WILLIAM BRATFORD  
HUIE, AND THAT MR. HUIE HAD OFFERED ME, INDIRECTLY, THROUGH JERRY,  
\$12.000, IF I WOULD NOT TAKE THE WITNESS STAND IN THE KING CASE SAYING  
" MY TESTIMONY FROM THE WITNESS STAND WOULD DESTROY THE LITERARY VALUE  
OF THE BOOK HE (HUIE), WAS WRITING ABOUT THE CASE". CONSEQUENTLY WHEN  
PERCY FOREMAN, A MEMBER OF THE TEXAS BAR, APPEARED UNSOLICITED AT THE  
MEMPHIS JAIL A FEW DAYS LATER AND VISITED ME, I AGREED WITH MR. FOREMAN'S  
SUGGESTION THAT I FIRE MR. HANES AND HIRE, FOREMAN. PERCY FOREMAN HAD  
THE ABOVE MENTIONED CONTRACTS IN HAND AND SAID THE ONLY THING ARTHUR  
HANES WAS INTERESTED IN WAS THE MONEY BEING PROVIDED HIM BY BRATFORD  
HUIE, AND THEN PROMISED ME, AND LATER THE TRIAL JUDGE, THAT IF I  
RETAINED HIM IN THE CASE HE WOULD NOT BECOME INVOLVED WITH WILLIAM  
BRATFORD HUIE IN COMMERCIAL PUBLISHING VENTURES. THEREAFTER THIS  
"PROMISE" OF PERCY FOREMAN'S WAS OF A SHORT DURATION IN THAT WITHIN  
A FEW DAYS OF BECOMING COUNSEL-OF-RECORD IN THE CASE HE MADE ARRANGMENTS  
WITH BRATFORD HUIE TO HAVE, ARTHUR HANES sr., INTEREST IN SAID CONTRACTS  
TRANSFERED TO HIMSELF. THEN LATER, IN JANUARY 1969, MR. FOREMAN  
PRESENTED ME WITH A CHECK FROM, WILLIAM BRATFORD HUIE, FOR \$5.000  
FOR MY ENDORSEMENT SAYING HE "NEEDED THE FIVE THOUSAND TO RETAIN  
CO/COUNSEL". HOWEVER, IN DECEMBER 1968 ATTORNEY FOREMAN HAD PERSUADED

THE TRIAL JUDGE, W. PRESTON BATTLE, THAT NO FUNDS WERE FORTH-  
COMING FROM, BRATFORD HUIE, OR ELSE WHERE, AND THUS HAD THE JUDGE  
APPOINT THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, HUGH STANTON sr., AS CO/COUNSEL--MR.  
STANTON HAD PREVIOUSLY REPRESENTED THE STATE'S CHIEF WITNESS, CHARLEY  
STEPHENS, IN THE CASE. THE SAME CHARLEY STEPHENS WHO, FOR A PROMISE  
OF \$100.000 FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, HAD COMMITTED<sup>2</sup> PERJURY  
THROUGH A SWORN AFFIDAVIT BY FALSELY IDENTIFYING ME THROUGH A PICTURE  
IN ORDER FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO HAVE ME EXTRADITED FROM LONDON, ENGLAND.

THEN IN FEBRUARY, 1969, PERCY FOREMAN RECEIVED ANOTHER \$5.000 CHECK  
FROM WILLIAM BRATFORD HUIE. THIS TIME HE DID NOT BOTHER TO HAVE ME  
ENDORSE IT, RATHER HE JUST FORGED MY NAME TO IT AND CASHED IT IN  
COMPLICITY WITH, PLANTERS BANK OF MEMPHIS.

AFTER COLLECTING ALL THE MONEY THAT WAS AVAILABLE FROM, WILLIAM BRATFORD  
HUIE, ATTORNEY FOREMAN THEN COMMENCED, ON FEBRUARY 13, 1969, MANEUVERING  
ME INTO A GUILTY PLEA. FOREMAN'S ARGUMENTS FOR THE PLEA WERE IN  
ESSENCE:

- 1) THAT THE PRESS HAD ALREADY CONVICTED ME BY INFLAMING  
THE MINDS OF POTENTIAL JURORS.
- 2) THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD BRIBED AN ALLEGED WITNESS,  
CHARLEY STEPHENS, INTO PERJURING HIMSELF AGAINST ME  
BY OFFERING STEPHENS A \$100.000 REWARD TO SAY HE  
SAW SOMEONE FAVORING ME LEAVING THE ROOMING HOUSE,  
WHERE DR. KING WAS ALLEGEDLY SHOT FROM, IMMEDIATELY  
AFTER THE SHOT WAS FIRED. ( WIFE COMMITTED--EXH--C).
- 3) THAT IT WOULD IN SOME MANNER BE IN MY FINANCIAL  
INTEREST TO PLEAD GUILTY AS CHARGED.

- 4) THAT THE TRIAL JUDGE WANTED A GUILTY PLEA BECAUSE HE WAS CONCERNED THE BLACKS MIGHT BURN THE TOWN DOWN— IN RESPECT'S TO PERCY FOREMAN & THE JUDGE'S EX-PARTE MEETING ARRANGING THE PLEA, APPARENTLY THE TWO HAD EIGHT MEETING.

THEN LATER, IN MARCH 1969, FOREMAN SAID THAT IF THE CASE WAS NOT SETTLED THROUGH A GUILTY PLEA THE GOVERNMENT WOULD PROBABLY ARREST MY BROTHER, JERRY W. RAY, UNDER SOME TYPE CONSPIRACY CHARGE IN THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., HOMICIDE. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE F.B.I. WOULD MOST LIKELY ARREST MY FATHER, GEORGE RAY, WHO WAS THEN NEAR SEVENTY YEARS OF AGE, AND HAVE HIM RETURNED TO THE IOWA STATE PRISON WHEREIN HE HAD ESCAPED IN THE 1920's.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED THREATS & PROMISES, PERCY FOREMAN CONVINCED ME HE WOULD "THROW" THE CASE IF I MANAGED TO FORCE HIM TO TRIAL ( IN FACT IN AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN LOOK MAGAZINE IN MAY 1969, SOLD TO THE PUBLICATION BY PERCY FOREMAN FOR \$1,000, HE IN EFFECT ADMITTED HE WOULD HAVE "THROWEN" THE CASE IF I WOULD HAVE FORCED HIM TO TRIAL. CONSEQUENTLY, THROUGH WRITTEN CONTRACTS, I AGREED ON MARCH 9, 1969, TO ENTER THE GUILTY PLEA. MY CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH PERCY FOREMAN IN RESPECT'S TO THE TERMS OF THE GUILTY PLEA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1st. CONTRACT,

" IF THE PLEA IS ENTERED AND THE SENTENCE ACCEPTED AND NO EMBARRASSING CIRCUMSTANCES TAKE PLACE IN THE COURTROOM, I AM WILLING TO ASSIGN TO ANY BANK...ALL OF MY RECEIPTS UNDER THE ABOVE ASSIGNMENT IN EXCESS OF \$165,000".

2nd. CONTRACT,

"...I AM WILLING TO ADVANCE JERRY ( RAY) \$500 AND ADD IT TO THE \$165,000 MENTIONED IN MY OTHER LETTER TO YOU TODAY. IN OTHER WORDS, I WOULD RECEIVE THE FIRST \$165,000. BUT I WOULD NOT MAKE ANY OTHER ADVANCES—JUST THIS \$500. AND THIS ADVANCE ALSO IS CONTINGENT UPON THE PLEA OF GUILTY AND SENTENCE GOING THROUGH ON MARCH 10, 1969, WITHOUT ANY UNSEEMLY CONDUCT ON YOUR PART IN COURT". ( EXH--D).

DURING THE PERIOD OF MY CONFINEMENT IN THE MEMPHIS JAIL, WHICH TOTALED APPROXIMATELY EIGHT ( 8 ) MONTHS, THE CONDITIONS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

THE STATE OF TENNESSEE RETAINED, OR WAS ORDERED TO RETAIN, TWO FEDERAL PRISON OFFICIALS WHO IN A FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS ORDERED SHEETS OF MEDAL BE PLACED OVER ALL OF THE WINDOWS THUS SHUTTING OUT FRESH AIR AND LIGHT. THE FEDERALS THEN HAD A BLOWER INSTALLED FOR OXYGEN, WHICH RESULTED IN MY HAVING FREQUENT NOSE BLEEDS. THE BLOWER COULD ONLY BE OPERATED OUTSIDE THE CELL-BLOCK. BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF NATURAL LIGHT THE FEDERALS HAD LIGHTS RIGGED IN THE CELL-BLOCK, INCLUDING THE CELL I WAS CONFINED IN, WHICH WERE KEPT ON TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS A DAY. COMPLAINING TO THE TRIAL COURT ABOUT BEING UNABLE TO SLEEP UNDER THESES CONDITIONS THE COURT SAID " SLEEP IN A MASK". DURING THIS CONFINEMENT PERIOD I BROKE OUT IN A RASH. THINKING MAYBE I HAD BEEN POISONED I ASKED THE DOCTOR, WHO WAS RELATED TO THE PROSECUTOR, FOR A BLOOD TEST. IT REQUIRED 2 OR 3 DAYS TO HAVE THE TEST. AFTER THE BLOOD SAMPLE FINALLY WAS TAKEN I WAS NEVER TOLD THE TEST FINDINGS; HOWEVER, IN A 1974 HABEAS CORPUS HEARING THE DOCTOR TESTIFIED THE MEMPHIS SHERIFF, WILLIAM MORRIS, HAD ORDERED HIM TO DESTROY ALL OF MY MEDICAL RECORDS.

OF OTHER POSSIBLE INTEREST TO THIS COMMITTEE WHILE PERCY FOREMAN REPRESENTED ME: I ONCED PROVIDED ATTORNEY FOREMAN WITH A PHONE NUMBER, POSSIBLY CONNECTED TO THE KING HOMICIDE, TO INVESTIGATE, HOWEVER, FOREMAN

COMMENTED LATER THAT IF THERE WERE TO BE ANY PHONE NUMBERS INTRODUCED INTO THE CASE "HE" WOULD PRODUCE THEM THROUGH HIS INTERSTATE GAMBLING CONNECTIONS VIA A, MEYER LANSKY.

THE DAY AFTER THE GUILTY PLEA I WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE PRISON IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE. UPON ARRIVAL ALL OF MY PERSONAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING THE AFOREMENTIONED PHONE NUMBER I HAD WRITTEN DOWN BACKWARDS ON A SHEET OF PAPER, ~~WAS~~ CONFISCATED BY THE CORRECTIONS COMMISSIONER, MR. HARRY AVERY. TWO OR THREE DAYS LATER SAID PROPERTY WAS RETURNED TO ME EXCEPTING VARIOUS ITEMS OF PERSONAL & LEGAL MAIL THAT HAD BEEN POSTED TO ME IN C/O THE NASHVILLE PRISON. ( PHONE NO. -EXH--C).

THE FIRST DAY IN THE PRISON I WAS CONFINED FORTHWITH IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT AND WAS ON, THAT SAME DAY, INFORMED BY CORRECTIONS COMMISSIONER, HARRY AVERY, THAT I WOULD NEVER BE RELEASED FROM SOLITARY CONFINEMENT UNLESS I CEASED EFFORTS TO GAIN A PUBLIC TRIAL IN THE KING CASE: HE SAID HE WAS SPEAKING FOR THE "HIGHEST AUTHORITY" I HAD FILED A MOTION FOR A NEW TRIAL THE DAY AFTER I ENTERED THE PRISON, AND SO INFORMED MR. AVERY OF MY INTENT IN THIS MATTER.

THEREAFTER I WAS CONFINED FOR THIRTEEN ( 13 ) MONTHS IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT AND DURING THE INITIAL PERIOD OF THIS CONFINEMENT HAD TO BE TREATED BY A DOCTOR SEVERAL TIMES FOR NASAL MEMBRANE HEMORRHAGING. THIS AILMENT( DAMAGED MEMBRANE ) WAS DUE TO CONFINEMENT CONDITION IN THE MEMPHIS JAIL, i.e., LACK OF VENTILATION. IN ADDITION, DURING THIS PERIOD I WAS ALSO TREATED FOR ESOPHAGUS SPASMS, ALSO RELATED TO THE MEMPHIS JAIL CONFINEMENT CONDITIONS.

AFTER THIRTEEN ( 13 ) MONTHS OF THIS TYPE CONFINEMENT I UNDERSTAND THE

LATE WILLIAM E. MILLER, RECENTLY A JUDGE ON THE UNITED STATES SIXTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, INTERCEDED WITH PRISON AUTHORITIES AND HAD THEM TRANSFER ME TO THE STATE PRISON AT PETROS, TENNESSEE — IF I HAD NOT BEEN TRANSFERED I DOUBT IF I WOULD HAVE BEEN HERE TODAY.

IN LATE JULY OF 1972 THE PETROS PRISON WAS CLOSED AND I WAS TRANSFERRED BACK TO THE NASHVILLE PRISON. AFTER BEING IN THE GENERAL PRISON POPULATION FOR FOUR (4) DAYS I WAS SUMMONED TO THE MAIN PRISON OFFICE AND INFORMED I WOULD BE RETURNED TO SOLITARY CONFINEMENT. REQUESTING TO SEE THE WARDEN, JAMES ROSE, I WAS INFORMED BY MR. ROSE THAT "PEOPLE CUT IN TOWN" WANTED ME PLACED IN SOLITARY BUT THAT IF I QUITE LITIGATING THE CASE HE WAS SURE I WOULD BE RELEASED FROM SOLITARY CONFINEMENT.

THEREAFTER I STAYED IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT FOR THREE (3) YEARS, THE FIRST EIGHTEEN MONTHS I WAS PERMITTED OUT OF THE CELL, WHICH WAS APPROXIMATELY 6 x 12 FEET, FOR ONLY FOUR MINUTES PER DAY—THAT WAS TO TAKE A SHOWER. THE CELL BLOCK WAS INFESTED WITH INSECTS & RODENTS. DURING THE THREE (3) YEARS I WAS IN THE BUILDING FOUR PRISONERS ( EXH\*F) COMMITTED SUICIDE, TWO BY HANGING & TWO BY SETTING THEMSELVES ON FIRE...

NATURALLY THE DOMINANT PRESS IN THE UNITED STATES SAID NOTHING ABOUT THESE SUICIDES, ALTHOUGH IF THEY HAD HAPPENED IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY THE SAME PRESS WOULD HAVE BEEN IS A SELF-RIGHTEOUS RAGE, OR PRETENDED RAGE. DURING THIS PERIOD, SPECIFICALLY IN DECEMBER, 1973, TENNESSEE CORRECTIONS OFFICIALS ACTING IN COLLUSION WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, ATTEMPTED TO ILLEGALLY REANSFER ME TO THE FEDERAL MENTAL INSTITUTION IN SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI...THIS ATTEMPTED TRANSFER WAS AFTER THE AFOREMENTIONED OFFICIALS LEARNED OF A SUIT THAT WAS TO BE FILED IN MY BEHALF IN FEDERAL COURT REFERING TO THOES WHO MAY HAVE BEEN

RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SHOOTING OF, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.

OF OTHER POSSIBLE INTEREST TO THIS COMMITTEE DURING THIS PERIOD:

JUST RECENTLY THE AFOREMENTIONED CORRECTIONS COMMISSIONER, HARRY AVERY, HAS STATED HE GAVE ALL OF THE PAPERS, ECT., HE RETAINED OF MINE & THOES CONNECTED WITH THE KING CASE TO ATTORNEY, THOMAS WARDLOW STEELE, OF THE TENNESSEE ( NASHVILLE ) BAR, AND THAT THE PAPERS SUNSEQUENTLY <sup>4</sup> DISAPPEARED FROM MR. STEELE'S OFFICE.

IN ADDITION, ATTORNEY PERCY FOREMAN HAS TESTIFIED THAT HE TOO GAVE HIS COMPLETE FILE IN THE KING CASE INCLUDING ALL INFORMATION I HAD GIVEN MR. FOREMAN, TO ANOTHER NASHVILLE ATTORNEY, THE LATER JOHN J. HOOKER, sr., AND THAT MR. HOOKER "LOST" THEM.

Respectfully: James E. Ray

*James E. Ray*

REFERENCES

1. Percy Foreman testified he met with trial Judge, W. Preston Battle 6 or 8 times arranging the guilty plea. See Foreman deposition, Ray v. Foreman, et al, Civil No. 60199, W.D. Tenn.
2. See, CBS-TV tape I supplied this committee wherein Charley Stephens, shortly after the shooting of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and after viewing by picture, told CBS that I was not the person he saw leaving the 422 South Main Street address.
3. prison records, Nashville.
4. I have a copy of the tape wherein Harry Avery made said statements.



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## Ray Gets More Prison Freedom

By Associated Press  
James Earl Ray, the convicted assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is now allowed to mingle with other prisoners at the Tennessee State Penitentiary after years in maximum security.

Acting Warden Robert Morford said the case of every maximum security inmate is studied at regular intervals by the prison's board of review, "and the board recommended that Ray be released into the general prison population."

"I approved it today," Morford said Friday.

Ray, 46, has been in virtual isolation ever since his arrest in London for the April 4, 1968, slaying of King at Memphis.

Returned to the U.S. by special plane and kept in a television monitored cell at the Shelby County Jail, Ray pleaded guilty in March 1969, to murdering King and was sentenced to 99 years.

Morford said there are no

fears that Ray's safety would be endangered by his new freedom.

Ray's new environment will be a state prison built in 1905 to house 1,000 prisoners. Now woefully overcrowded, the facility has a population of about 2,100 inmates.

Morford said it will be next week before it is known what type of work Ray will perform. At the old state maximum security prison, Brushy Mountain, Ray worked for a short time in the laundry.

Since pleading guilty to murdering the civil rights leader, Ray has been trying to get a new trial. But his claim that he was coerced by defense lawyers, including Percy Foreman, Houston, Tex., was rejected late last year after a U.S. Supreme Court-ordered evidentiary hearing.

4 Arrested

## Prisoner Found Hung With Cord

The body of a Tennessee State Prison inmate was found hanging by a light cord Friday night by a prison guard, police said today.

Detective Donzaleigh Heard identified the inmate as Alex Baxter Jr.

"He left a note, which was so poorly written that investigators have been unable to make any sense from it," the detective said.

Baxter's body was found by prison guard Terry Gwatney as he was making his rounds through the cell block, authorities said.

Prison officials said Baxter, whose last home of record was Nashville, was

EXAMPLE

SOLITARY CONFINEMENT

# Informant Told FBI In 1973

WASHINGTON — The Federal Bureau of Investigation received information in 1973 that Russell G. Byers, a former auto parts dealer and police character from Rock Hill, S.C., knew who "made the payoff of James Earl Ray" after the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Byers' accusation, reported by an informant, is contained in an internal St. Louis FBI office memorandum made available Wednesday to the Post-Dispatch under the Freedom of Information Act.

The memorandum, which went unfiled for four years in the wrong file in the FBI, does not give the name of the man identified by Byers. But it describes the man as "a short stocky man who walked with a limp."

This description, several sources have told the Post-Dispatch, fits John R. Kauffmann, a one-time stockbroker of Imperial, Mo. Byers has reportedly told investigators for the House Assassinations Committee that Kauffmann and John W. Sutherland, both now dead, asked Byers to arrange King's murder.

Byers refused to comment on the FBI memo when reached at his Rock Hill home Wednesday night. He said the House committee had asked him not to make public statements.

Byers was keenly interested, however, in the new disclosure. He carefully analyzed the copy of the FBI memo released Wednesday. And, while hunting for a tape, he read through a New York Times story about the memo.

Byers' allegations are currently under scrutiny by the House Committee on Assassinations. A committee source told the Post-Dispatch Wednesday night that the committee was still trying to assess the significance of Byers' story.

All times but that of Byers were deleted from the FBI memorandum by the Freedom of Information Privacy Act.

Information for this story was provided by Paul Wagman, Robert Adams, Gerald M. Boyd, William Freilvogel and J. Pulitzer, all of the Post-Dispatch staff.

lawyer, also from Imperial, asked him to arrange King's murder.

The memorandum, dated March 19, 1974, was written by a St. Louis agent of the FBI on the basis of information supplied by an informant.

"In the fall of 1973," the memorandum reads, "Byers (the name is consistently misspelled in the memo) talked freely about himself and his business, and they later went to (short deletion by FBI) where he told a story about visiting

a lawyer in St. Louis County, now deceased, not further identified, who had offered to give him a contract to kill Martin Luther King. He said that also present was a short, stocky man, who walked with a limp."

The memorandum then continues with this sentence, enclosed in parentheses:

"(Later, with regard to the latter individual, Byers commented that this man was actually the individual who made the payoff of James Earl Ray after the killing.)"

Several sources have told the Post-Dispatch that Kauffmann was short, overweight and walked with a marked limp after being injured in an automobile accident several years prior to the events described by Byers.

One source said that accident also seemed to have impaired Kauffmann

mentally. "He was a completely different man after that." In fact, when Kauffmann was arrested in 1967 for selling 500,000 amphetamine pills to a federal agent he asked his attorney if he could plead innocent by reason of insanity. The source said that idea was abandoned however, and Kauffmann was convicted. Kauffmann, a stockbroker and businessman, died in 1973.

His wife Beulah G. Kauffmann testified for about three hours last week before the House select committee.

The committee did not ask her about the allegation that a "short stocky man, who walked with a limp," had paid off Ray, the Post-Dispatch was told by a source familiar with her interrogation. Mrs. Kauffmann refused to discuss the

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# Byers

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matter, hanging up on a reporter Wednesday night.

The memorandum largely jibes with an account Byers gave about the same time to a reputable St. Louisan.

In about 1974, the St. Louisan told the Post-Dispatch, Byers told him that a stockbroker who had lost his license was involved in offering Byers \$50,000 for a King's murder. The stockbroker apparently was Kauffmann.

The \$50,000 figure differs from the \$10,000 to \$20,000 figure cited in the FE memo. Byers said he never intended to go through with the plot, but followed along for a while out of curiosity.

Byers' allegations have led investigators to speculate that his brother-in-law, John Paul Spica, might have conveyed word of the bounty to Ray at the Missouri Penitentiary, where both were serving sentences at the time of the alleged offer in late 1968 or early 1967.

Spica, who now runs a fruit stand in St. Louis, has denied having any dealings with Ray.

Members of the House committee have refused to say how seriously they are

taking Byers' story. One committee source told the Post-Dispatch that the panel is undecided.

"We're just working on it," the source said. "We haven't come to any conclusions as to how seriously to take it."

The source noted, however, that the intensity of the committee's efforts shows that the panel considers the story well worth investigation.

"Certain things appear to corroborate the story," the source said, without elaborating. "But at this point, we're just following up all angles. . . . Basically, we take anything like this seriously until we prove otherwise."

Byers' allegations have focused attention on Kauffmann and Sutherland, whose names had not been mentioned publicly in connection with the King case until last week.

The FBI memorandum went unnoticed by investigators looking into King's assassination for four years because it was filed under Byers' name and not cross-referenced. It was uncovered in March when investigators were reviewing Byers' file in connection with the

theft of statues from the St. Louis Art Museum earlier this year.

Byers is described in the memorandum as a "very treacherous guy." The description apparently came from an associate of the FBI informant, who cautioned the informant "to stay from him if he wanted to stay out of trouble."

One of the investigators on the staff of the House committee was the federal drug agent who 11 years ago led the investigation into Kauffmann's illegal sale of amphetamines. Kauffmann was convicted in 1967.

The investigator Harold D. Leap, has been on the committee staff since last year. That indicates that he was not just hired to follow up on the Kauffmann angle, which was disclosed to the committee in March.

While heading the successful effort to prosecute Kauffmann and seven co-defendants, Leap was wounded in a shooting on a country road in St. Louis County.

No arrests were ever made in the shooting.

A well-placed source said drug agents suspected one of Kauffmann's co-defendants, but no evidence was developed linking any co-defendant to the shooting.

In addition two St. Louis County policemen who investigated said they and federal drug agents had questioned the authenticity of Leap's story.

Leap told county police that a car blocked his path on Sulphur Springs Road on his way back home after a late night meeting Sept. 22, 1967, with the informant, who had helped make the case against Kauffmann. The informant, Dallas Barr, had taken active part in Kauffmann's illegal amphetamine operation.

Leap said he struggled outside his car with two men from the other car before being shot in the head by his own pistol. The wound was superficial and he soon regained consciousness.

Leap refused to comment on his work with the assassinations committee or the shooting.

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# King Assassination Witness Grace Walden Freed!

by Greg Roberts

Grace Walden Stephens, a witness who saw the slayer of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. flee from the Memphis rooming house from where he fired at King, has been freed from the various Memphis and Tennessee state mental wards where she has been confined without due process for nearly 10 years.

Mark Lane, the veteran JFK and King assassination truth digger and current lawyer for James Earl Ray and Grace Walden, freed Ms. Walden at her urging from a Memphis "boarding house" on Thursday, May 4, and subsequently flew Ms. Walden to Los Angeles, where she is presently staying.

Previously, Ms. Walden, a diabetic, had been kept at the State Hospital for so-called psychiatric patients in Bolivar, Tenn., for the balance of the past 10 years.

Dr. King was assassinated as he stood on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis on April 4, 1968.

Ms. Walden, then married to Charles Stephens, had been living at the nearby boarding house from where the shot was fired and observed a man fleeing the bathroom, which had been locked for hours, immediately after she heard a rifle shot.

After the assassination, Ms. Walden provided Memphis police and FBI agents with the details of a sketch of the man, which the FBI subsequently released and identified as Eric Starvo Galt, who did not look anything like accused King assassin James Earl Ray.

Interestingly, the man whom Grace Walden saw fleeing the locked bathroom does resemble one of the male "tramps" whom Dallas police had arrested in Dealey Plaza shortly after the JFK assassination there on November 22, 1963, and whom neither the Dallas police nor the FBI have ever identified.

As for Grace Walden, she began to run into problems with the Memphis police and the FBI between May and July, 1968, when she refused to identify James Earl Ray as the man whom she saw fleeing the rooming house bathroom.

After the Robert Kennedy assassination in Los Angeles on June 5, 1968, public opinion forced U.S. intelligence to come up with Dr. King's killers, so the FBI and CIA reluctantly produced James Earl Ray, the King death patsy, in London on June 8, 1968.

However, when British authorities demanded evidence from the FBI that Ray had really murdered King, the FBI office in Memphis tried to con Ms. Walden and her husband to assert that it was Ray whom she had seen.

"They told me that I would get the

NAACP's \$100,000 reward if I would say it was Ray, but I couldn't accept their money because I didn't see Ray," Ms. Walden has said many times.

According to Lane, what then transpired was the FBI's convincing of Charlie Stephens, a reputed Memphis alcoholic with a long police record, to state that he had also seen the man and that the killer was Ray.

Subsequently, Mr. Stephens applied for the NAACP reward.

However, as for Ms. Walden, on July 31, 1968, two Memphis detectives from the homicide squad came out to the boarding house and picked her up.

From Memphis police headquarters, where Ms. Walden once again refused to say it was Ray, she was handcuffed and taken to the mental ward of the John Gastin City Hospital, where she was swiftly declared "insane."

After spending the night at the hospital, Ms. Walden was then chained with the other psychiatric patients and carted off to the State Hospital in Bolivar.

In recent years, as Mark Lane began concentrating on the King murder — co-authoring a book on the subject with activist-comedian Dick Gregory, *Code Name Zorro* — he and Memphis private detective Renfro Hayes traced Ms. Walden to the Bolivar snakepit.

Needless to say, Lane subsequently launched an international campaign to free Grace Walden, where a great deal of pressure was brought to bear on the Tennessee establishment and on Bolivar chief Dr. Morris Cohen, who reportedly fed Ms. Walden frequent doses of potent drugs such as the dreaded prolixim, a severe tranquilizer.

Recently, Lane's "free Grace Walden" campaign came to a climax when, on April 20, he and researcher April Ferguson dropped by the Russian Embassy in Paris, France.

With every major intelligence agency

in the world watching and listening, Lane reports that he "visited the Soviet Embassy there, and requested that Russian psychiatrists be assigned to examine Grace Walden in Tennessee.

"Since Dr. Cohen had refused to permit any psychiatrists, including Dr. Benjamin Bursten, the vice-chairman of the Psychiatry Department at the University of Tennessee, to examine Ms. Walden, I also called upon psychiatrists from various other nations to form an international brigade to come to Bolivar and examine her," Lane says.

Meanwhile, in Washington D.C., Associate FBI Director James Adams subsequently acknowledged to newly-appointed FBI Director William Webster, Attorney General Griffen Bell and CIA Director Stansfield Turner that Ms. Walden was really not insane, and Director Webster, through Adams, told the Memphis FBI office to pull strings to have Ms. Walden released.

Consequently, Tennessee authorities agreed to have Ms. Walden transferred to a boarding house in Memphis, where it was then only a matter of time before Lane was able to contact her.

Once contact was made and Ms. Walden explained to Mark Lane that she would like to take a trip to Los Angeles, they caught the next flight to L.A. from Memphis without further interference from the Memphis police or the FBI.

Subsequently, certain authorities in Tennessee are today heckling Mark Lane and threatening him with contempt, largely as a ploy for them to cover their tracks if and when the Justice Department gets around to prosecuting them.

Mark Lane, incidentally, replied to the Tennessee authorities that he will gladly meet them in court or anyplace else whenever they call.

And we all moved a day closer to a time when James Earl Ray receives a fair trial.

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You have heretofore assigned to me all of your royalties from magazine articles, book, motion picture, or other revenue to be derived from the writings of William Bradford Huie. These are my own property unconditionally.

It is contemplated that your case will be disposed of tomorrow, March 10, by the above plea and sentence. This will shorten the trial considerably. In consideration of the time it will save me, I am willing to make the following adjustment of my fee arrangement with you:

I have either spent or obligated myself to spend in excess of \$14,000, and I think these expenses should be paid in addition to

# HE SLEW THE DREAMER

Yours truly,  
PERCY FOREMAN

You have asked that I advance to Jerry Ray \$500 of the "\$5,000", referring to the first \$5,000 paid by William Bradford Huie. At that time I had spent in excess of \$9,500 on your case. Since then I have spent in excess of \$4,000 additional.

P. S. The rifle and the white Mustang are tied up in the suit filed by Renfro Hayes [the private detective who worked for Mr. Hanes]. Court costs and attorneys fees will be necessary, perhaps, to get them released. I will credit the \$165,500 with whatever they cost the cost of obtaining them, if any.

In December Mr. Foreman had pneumonia and lost a month's work. But on Friday, January 24, 1969, he flew into Huntsville airport, where I met him and we talked for another four hours between planes. The result was that on January 29, 1969, we signed a four-way amendatory agreement under which Mr. Hanes "got out" by transferring all his rights to Ray, and Ray reaffirmed all his grants to me, with all actions being approved by Mr. Foreman. Then on February 3, 1969, Mr. Foreman plucked Ray clean by having him sign a notarized two-way agreement which reads in part:

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That I, James Earl Ray, presently in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, for and in consideration of his agreement to represent me at the trial or trials of any cases presently pending against me in Shelby County, Tennessee, have signed over, given, conveyed and transferred, and do by this instrument here now give, assign, set over and transfer to Percy Foreman, of Houston, Harris County, Texas, all of my aforesaid right, title and interest in and to the proceeds that would otherwise have accrued to me pursuant to said Basic Agreement and to said Amendmentary Agreement, and to all of my rights thereunder as well as to any other right or rights that might be or have been mine because of the writing and subsequent publication of such writing by said Author William Bradford Huie, whether included in said assignment by the said Hanes to me under the Amendmentary Agreement of January 29, 1969, or otherwise, said assignment and transfer herein to the said Percy Foreman being absolute and irrevocable, and I hereby now authorize and direct any person, firm or corporation having funds due and owing me by virtue of said Basic Agreement, or otherwise owing to me because of the writings of said Author, to pay the same to the said Percy Foreman, at his office in Houston, Harris County, Texas, in his own name and as his own property.

I read that agreement with dismay because with it went my last hope of ever being able to exert financial leverage on Ray. It's hard

*Greene's Power*

DATE: Dec 23, 1968

3100 MAIN AVE. MEMPHIS  
TENNESSEE

Received of Sheriff William N. Morris, Jr. the  
sum of \$10.<sup>00</sup>. Said monies being sent  
by mail to James Earl Ray, with aliases, from CAROL PERRE  
who resides at 1055 BELLEVUE MARLEWOOD, NO. 63143

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VERA C. STAPLES

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BY: [Signature]

James Earl Ray, County Jail

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## James Earl Ray

FBI agents found Ray to be a 'lonely guy' who answered the ads in girlie magazines.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — James Earl Ray, the convicted assassin of Martin Luther King, is portrayed in FBI files as a painfully shy man who sought women's company through ballroom dance classes, phone calls and sex-oriented classified ads in the back pages of magazines.

Ray was described throughout the FBI probe as the classic example of a "lonely guy" — too shy to look a woman in the eye, yet able to proclaim a preference for oral sex in a letter to a woman he had never met.

FBI files also suggest that Ray sometimes sought out prostitutes. A woman he dated in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, said Ray advised her of his strict daily budget — \$8 for women and \$8 for drinks.

Prison inmates who served time with Ray in the early 1960s reported he constantly read "girlie magazines," and the FBI files indicate he often replied to the classified ads.

Ray himself placed a classified ad in the Los Angeles Free Press saying: "Wanted: discreet meeting with passionate married female." He left a box number and hired a mail forwarding service when he left the area.

Writing under his alias of Eric

Starvo Galt on Feb. 12, 1968 — less than two months before the King assassination — Ray answered a similar ad. He wrote:

"I am answering your listing in the Local Swinger since I think I share most of your interest, with emphasis on French culture (oral sex) and swing sessions.

"I have just returned from Mexico after five years and the few families I have met don't go for the swing parties and it takes two to swing. The same routine gets boring, don't you think."

On another occasion he ordered several books from an ad, including one entitled "Unusual Female Sex Practices."

The FBI files contain reports the Post Office Department received obscene letters from Galt, along with pictures of Ray. At least two women complained that he plagued them with late night telephone calls.

Ray also sought to be with women at dance classes. He took classes in New Orleans; Birmingham, Ala.; and Los Angeles, and once paid \$499 for 50 one-hour classes — \$150 down and \$50 a week.

But when he met women face-to-face in these classes, he froze. One instructor recalled he "stayed in himself."

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# Holdups Financed Ray's Flight, FBI Says

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The FBI concluded James Earl Ray financed his global escape from Memphis after killing Martin Luther King through a series of petty robberies and was not bankrolled by co-conspirators, FBI files disclosed yesterday.

Internal FBI documents, amassed in the largest manhunt in history, disclosed Ray was planning a flight to South Africa or Rhodesia a few days before his arrest by Scotland Yard at London's Heathrow Airport on June 8, 1968, one month after King was gunned down on a motel balcony in Memphis.

The reports, made available under the Freedom of Information Act, also showed a strong streak of racism and pro-Nazi feelings may have led Ray to assassinate the man who most symbolized black refusal to accept anything but equal status in America.

Just a few weeks before King's murder, Ray and a companion, Charles Stein, drove from Los Angeles to New Orleans and back. In the course of that trip, Ray gave vent to his racial feelings.

"IF NEGROES want to be free, they should go north or west," Stein quoted Ray. "If they stay in the South, they should be willing to be slaves."



UPI Telephone  
James Earl Ray

An uncle told agents Ray may have been influenced against blacks and Jews by "pro-Nazis" in a Quincy, Ill., tannery where he worked as a youth

and by his Army service in Germany where, the uncle said, Ray's attitude crystalized. He was discharged from the Army for "inopiness and lack of adaptability."

Ray first pleaded innocent, but stunned the court when his case came to trial March 10, 1969, by changing his plea to guilty. He was sentenced to 99 years.

He since has made numerous unsuccessful appeals, and last fall escaped from Brushy Mountain State Prison in Tennessee. He was apprehended a short time later.

Upon his guilty plea, Ray told Judge W. Preston Battle he could "not accept" the statements of the prosecutor and his attorney that he had acted alone without aid from any co-conspirator.

EVER SINCE, there has been speculation that Ray, a drifter who had spent most his life in jail, had been bankrolled by forces eager to silence King's Nobel Peace Prize winners.

As recently as June 27, 1974, however, the FBI files showed, the bureau concluded it could find "nothing to indicate that Ray ever received any large sum of money from anyone, and what

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we know of his living habits both before and after the murder would indicate that he lived on a very limited amount of money.

"We do not know the source of even the smallest amount of money possessed by Ray, but since we know him to have robbed a bank in England after fleeing to that country, it is a reasonable presumption that Ray committed robberies in the United States during the time he was a fugitive," the FBI said.

The more than 4,000 pages of FBI reports carried other hints of where Ray obtained money to pay \$199.99 for a white Mustang to escape from Memphis; \$134.95 for the 30.06 Remington pump rifle and \$74.60 for Redfield scope telescopic sight he used to kill King; and the funds to reach Canada, and to pay for his round trip plane ticket to London.

THERE WERE indications Ray was heavily involved in drug traffic in prison for four years prior to the slaying, one prisoner said he "mainlin" amphetamines and barbiturates, and there was testimony from another convict who said Ray "chopped" fellow prisoners in crooked poker games.

Another inmate said Ray had "unknown outside sources of income" to support a \$35-\$45 a week dope habit, as well as \$15-\$20 a week other expenditures in prison.

After he escaped, he spent money on dance lessons, visited a Los Angeles hypnotist, and had the tip of his nose reconstructed by a plastic surgeon. He paid for dance lessons in Los Angeles with a large wad of bills.

Two months before the assassination, Ray, under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, wrote, for information about travel to Rhodesia, saying it was "not my intention to leave before November (1968)."

At the time of his arrest, after returning to London from a trip to Portugal — Ray, now traveling under yet another alias, was carrying a timetable of South African Airways on which he had checked off Salisbury

Rhodesia, a report said.

The documents also showed:

- The FBI stymied for two months, explored the theory Ray might have been killed after the assassination. Agents had lab tests conducted whenever unidentified bodies were found any place in the country.
- So desperate was the FBI for leads that it instructed agents to "discreetly remind their news contacts" about the tens of thousands of dollars available in reward money.
- The discovery of a pair of pliers, a T-shirt and a pair of colored undershorts near the boarding house where the bullet was fired put authorities on Ray's trail almost instantly. The pliers were identified two days after the shooting as having been sold by the Rompage Hardware Co. on Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles. The underwear was traced to "Eric Galt" through laundry tags from a dry cleaning establishment three blocks from the hardware store.
- The landlady in the rooming house in Memphis told police her roomer had "a silly smile" — a remark which produced several tips from people who knew men with "silly" smiles.
- Ray was shy around women. He answered advertisements in a number of girls' magazines. One woman friend said his shyness was so pronounced he could not look her in the eye when they spoke.
- Walter Rife, a criminal friend, said Ray would pull stickups and would also roll drunks to obtain money and would obtain money any way that a thief could obtain money. He characterized him as a "roamer" and a "loner."
- Agents' notes on Ray's personality read: "has nervous habit of pulling one of his earlobes... has been reported to have a crooked smile... prefers filter cigarettes, beer, vodka... very shy, quiet, reserved, evasive loner."
- A former prisoner with Ray said Ray had a nervous breakdown in 1963 or 1964, developed a "bad stomach" and was forced to eat special foods.

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The Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division  
Attention: Mr. Robert Keuch

Director, FBI

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August 24, 1978

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In accordance with Attorney General Order 116-56, this memorandum advises that Special Agent Richard S. Clark, Legal Attache, London, England, was interviewed on August 11, 1978. A memorandum setting forth Mr. Clark's account of this interview is enclosed for your information.

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Director, FBI

August 24, 1978

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Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated August 11, 1978, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that delivery be made of Chicago Field Office file serial 44-114-772.

Enclosed are an original and one copy of a memorandum in response to the above-referenced letter. It is requested that a copy of the memorandum be furnished to the HSCA.

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NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated August 24, 1978, captioned as above.

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September 12, 1978

The Honorable Griffin B. Bell  
Attorney General of the United States  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division, Room 2113

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation by this Committee into the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is requested in regard to the following matters for the years 1967-1968:

- 1) Prepare for access on a priority basis all BUFILE material as well as material from the Field Offices of Birmingham, Jackson, Atlanta, New Orleans and Los Angeles on the Citizen's Council of America.

- 2) Prepare for delivery BUFILE and Identification Division Records on the following individuals:

a. Michael Thomas Jenkins - dob 7/13/50

b. Arman Kaliyan, Jr. - dob 9/24/43

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- 3) a. Provide the names of all FBI personnel, who may have been present (that is, all persons not assigned to the Memphis Field Office) in Shelby County during the period covering March 18, 1968 through April 4, 1968.

- b. Prepare for delivery any and all materials or communication generated by any such persons as discussed above.

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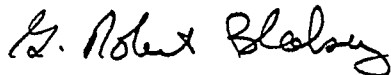
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- 4) Prepare for access any and all BUFILE and subfile material:

George Brusca, Jr. - dob 12/28/28

As always your prompt attention is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,



G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:ghh  
xc: Mr. Ron Heller

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Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division, Room 2113

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation by this Committee into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is requested that access be provided for Metropolitan Police Department officers Norman Smith, Darrell Linville and Ray Holbrook to all original fingerprint cards possessed by the FBI on the following subjects:

- 1) James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G
- 2) Jerry William Ray, FBI #862651A
- 3) John Larry Ray, FBI #368-725A
- 4) Randolph Rosenson, FBI #34-711E
- 5) Gus Prosch, dob 11/17/30
- 6) Jesse B. Stoner, dob 4/18/24

It is further requested that the above-named officers, who will be serving as fingerprint consultants to the Select Committee for the examination of latent prints resulting from the MURKIN investigation, be afforded access to these original fingerprint cards during evening and weekend hours where possible.

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Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*G. Robert Blakey*  
G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

RE: BUTEL TO MEXICO CITY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1978; MEXICO CITY  
TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU, SEPTEMBER 7, 1978.

ON SEPTEMBER 12, 1978, GERALD HAMILTON, HSCA, ADVISED THAT  
COMMITTEE WAS AGREEABLE TO CHANGE IN PROPOSED DATE OF INTERVIEW  
OF SPECIAL AGENT JOHN J. FOARDE, JR. HAMILTON STATED THAT  
COMMITTEE NOW DESIRES STAFF INTERVIEW TO BE CONDUCTED AT  
10:00 A.M., SEPTEMBER 28, 1978, AT HSCA OFFICE, 3331 HOUSE  
OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX 2, WASHINGTON, D. C. THIS IS THE OLD  
IDENTIFICATION BUILDING, LOCATED AT 3RD AND D STREETS, S.W.,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

SPECIAL AGENT RONALD HELLER, LEGAL LIAISON AND  
CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS UNIT, LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION, ADVISED THAT

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF FBI

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- 1 - LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION  
ATTN: MR. HELLER
- 1 - INTELLIGENCE DIVISION  
ATTN: LIAISON DESK
- 1 - MR. RYAN
- 1 - MR. FOSTER

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To: Legal Attache Mexico City

Fm: Director, FBI (62-117290)

NOTE: Staff member Hamilton, HSCA, initially indicated that Committee wanted interview of Foarde to be conducted during week of September 18-22, 1978. Special Agent Foarde during above-referenced telephone call, indicated that the proposed dates were in conflict with his schedule and the date of September 28, 1978, would be agreeable with his commitments.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS {HSCA}

BUREAU DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 21, 1978.

THE HSCA, WHICH IS INVESTIGATING THE ASSASSINATIONS OF  
PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BY LETTER  
DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 1978, REQUESTED DELIVERY {ON A LOAN BASIS}  
OF THE ORIGINAL PIEDMONT LAUNDRY SLIP WHICH IS BELIEVED TO BE IN  
THE POSSESSION OF THE ATLANTA FIELD OFFICE.

BUREAU INDICES SEARCH REVEALS THAT REQUESTED LAUNDRY  
SLIPS ARE LOCATED IN ATLANTA MURKIN SERIAL 44-2386-1A28.

IN RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE REQUEST, ATLANTA SHOULD MARK  
AFORESAID SERIAL AS EVIDENCE AND SUBMIT BY REGISTERED MAIL TO  
FBI HEADQUARTERS WITH THE NOTATION "HAND CARRY TO SPECIAL AGENT  
RICHARD C. BUSCHING, ROOM 8788, CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT,

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- 1 - MR. MINTZ  
ATTN: MR. HELLER
- 1 - MR. BASSETT
- 1 - MR. FOSTER
- 1 - MR. BUSCHING

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**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division  
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch  
Director, FBI

September 14, 1978

- 1 - Legal Counsel Div.  
(Attn: Mr. Heller)
- 1 - Mr. Ryan
- 1 - Mr. Foster

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS  
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

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Enclosed are an original and one copy of a memorandum with an attachment in partial response to above-referenced letter. It is requested that delivery be made of a copy of the memorandum and the attachment to the HSCA.

Enclosures (3)

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NOTE: In response to Butel to St. Louis, 8-31-78, St. Louis furnished a copy of their file regarding "John Larry Ray; EFP; 00: St. Louis (SL 76-4797)". This file was processed and is being furnished per Committee request.

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The Committee requested the Jackson Field Office file regarding Burgess Audie Wilson, who recently alleged he was involved in the assassination of Dr. King. It was explained to Gerald Hamilton, HSCA, that Jackson was only circumstantially

involved in this investigation. Hamilton orally modified above-referenced letter to request only the FBI Headquarters file on Wilson. Investigation in this matter is still being conducted and is being included in the MURKIN file (44-38861). No material is being made available until the investigation is completed. This is being coordinated with Special Agent Hal N. Helterhoff, Division Six.

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Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

The HSCA requested, in Item 4, the Memphis Field Office files for SNCC. In response to Butel to Memphis, 8-30-78, Memphis furnished all retrievable material for the time period in question.

Lastly, the HSCA requested certain information regarding photographs of latent fingerprints that had previously been furnished. Michael Eberhardt, HSCA, advised that as the Committee-retained fingerprint expert had resigned and the new experts found no problem with the photographs, there was no need to act on this particular request.

1 - Legal Counsel Div.  
Attn: Mr. Heller  
1 - Mr. Ryan  
1 - Mr. Foster

September 14, 1978

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Attached is the St. Louis Field Office file on the recent fugitive case involving John Larry Ray.

With respect to Item 2 in above-referenced letter, as discussed with HSCA Staff member Gerald Hamilton, the Jackson Field Office was only tangentially involved in this matter. In lieu of the Jackson Field Office file, the file at FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) will be processed; however, this is currently a pending matter and processing will be held in abeyance until investigation is completed.

This is to advise that no retrievable information was located pertaining to Alexander Anthony Eist for the period in question.

With respect to Item 4, the Memphis Field Office files regarding the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) have been processed and are available for review at FBIHQ.

Finally, this is to confirm a conversation between Special Agent Tron W. Brekke and Michael Eberhardt, HSCA, during which Mr. Eberhardt advised that there would be no need to address the last item in above-referenced letter, as the Committee has hired new latent fingerprint experts.

62-117290 ORIGINAL AND ONE SENT TO ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL DIVISION: ATTENTION: MR. ROBERT L. KEUCH.  
NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated September 14, 1978, captioned as above.

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Select Committee on Assassinations

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The Honorable Griffin B. Bell  
Attorney General of the United States  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20530

Attention: Mr. Robert Keuch  
Deputy Attorney General  
Criminal Division, Room 2113

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the ongoing investigation by this Committee into the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is requested in regard to the following matters.

- 1/ Prepare for delivery the St. Louis Field Office file pertaining to the recent fugitive case (August 21 - 22, 1978) concerning John Larry Ray.
- 2/ Make access available to the Jackson Field Office files pertaining to Burgess Audie Wilson.
- 3/ Make access available to all information pertaining to Alexander Anthony Eist, formerly with the Flying Squad of New Scotland Yard. (Period: 1967-1968)
- 4/ Make access available to the Memphis Field Office files pertaining to the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) for the period January 1, 1968 through May 31, 1968.

Finally, by letter dated March 23, 1978 to the Attorney General, this Committee requested photographic copies of all latent fingerprints collected in the MURKIN investigation. Subsequently, by letter dated April 13, 1978 to the Chief Counsel of the Committee, the FBI responded, and furnished the requested photographs. During the course of our examination of these photographs, the Committee's fingerprint identification expert has concluded that some of the photographs are of insufficient quality to make an adequate review.

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The Committee therefore requests that the Bureau review the duplicates of those photographs furnished, in order to determine if better quality copies can be produced. Otherwise, the Committee would suggest as an alternative method of examination, review of the original latent lifts.

Your continued cooperation and prompt attention in these matters is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,



G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

GRB:ghb

cc: Ron Heller



Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division  
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch  
Director, FBI

~~FEDERAL GOVERNMENT~~

September 15, 1978

- 1 - Mr. Mintz  
Attn: Mr. Heller
- 1 - Mr. Bassett
- 1 - Mr. Foster
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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS  
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

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By letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated August 21, 1978, the above request was modified from making available aforesaid information to delivery of it.

Enclosed are an original and one copy of a memorandum responding to the above request. It is requested that you furnish a copy of the enclosed memorandum to the HSCA.

Enclosures (2)

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In response to the above request, partial delivery of the items requested was made to HSCA representative Lisa Eorlow on September 8, 1978, with the remainder of the items delivered to HSCA representative Leslie Wizelman on September 13, 1978. Aforesaid items were retrieved from FBI Headquarters, Atlanta, Georgia, and Memphis, Tennessee, Field Office files.

Where information is not provided, it is either not retrievable or is not being produced pursuant to the "Memorandum of Understanding".

This letter completes our response to HSCA requests of August 7, 1978, and August 21, 1978.

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NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated September 15, 1978, captioned as above.

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division  
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch  
Director, FBI

September 20, 1978

- 1 - Legal Counsel Div.  
Attn: Mr. Heller
- 1 - Identification Div.  
Attn: Mr. Payne
- 1 - Mr. Ryan
- 1 - Mr. Foster

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS  
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated September 13, 1978, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that three (3) Metropolitan Police Department officers be provided access to the original fingerprint cards possessed by the FBI on six individuals. These six individuals are: James Earl Ray; Jerry William Ray; John Larry Ray; Randolph Rosenson; Gus Prosch; and Jesse B. Stoner.

Enclosed are an original and one copy of a memorandum in response to the above-referenced letter. It is requested that delivery be made of one copy of the memorandum to the HSCA.

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NOTE: On 9-15-78, SA Robert C. Payne, Identification Division, advised that, in conference with Deputy Assistant Director Conrad S. Banner, Identification Division, it was decided that access to the fingerprint cards would be provided to the three Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) officers referred to above. Access would be provided from Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until midnight; however, it would not be possible to have Identification personnel available to assist the MPD officers during the weekends. SA Payne stated that if the officers desired access to the fingerprint cards after normal working hours, Supervisor Francis M. Leapley, Extension 2163, should be advised so that he may make an employee available to assist those officers.

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- 1 - Identification Div.  
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This memorandum is to advise that MPD officers Norman Smith, Darrell Linville, and Ray Holbrook will be given access to all the original fingerprint cards requested above. These fingerprint cards may be reviewed at FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) from Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until midnight; however, it will not be possible to allow access to those fingerprint cards during weekends.

It is requested that, if at all possible, the MPD officers telephonically contact SA Tron W. Brekke, Congressional Inquiry Unit, Extension 3685, during normal working hours (8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.) prior to arrival at FBIHQ to review the fingerprint cards. This would facilitate in making arrangements to have an FBI employee available to assist those officers upon their arrival.

*Sub Rm*  
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ORIGINAL AND ONE SENT TO ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
CRIMINAL DIVISION, ATTENTION: MR. ROBERT L. KEUCH.

NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, dated September 20, 1978, captioned as above.

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Select Committee on Assassinations

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3331 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX 2  
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September 13, 1978

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Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch  
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Criminal Division, Room 2113

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Chief Counsel and Director

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS {HSCA}

BUREAU DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 21, 1978.

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PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BY LETTER  
DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 1978, REQUESTED ACCESS TO ALL AVAILABLE  
REFERENCES AND FILES, BUREAU FILES AND FIELD OFFICE, ON A  
ST. LOUIS ORGANIZATION NAMED THE VEILED PROPHET. THE LETTER  
ALSO REQUESTED ACCESS TO ANY ROSTERS OF AGENTS FOR THE ST. LOUIS  
FIELD OFFICE FOR THE YEARS 1967, 1968 AND 1974.

PARTIAL SEARCH OF BUREAU INDICES REVEALS THAT THE VEILED  
PROPHET APPEARS TO BE A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION MADE UP OF  
INDIVIDUALS IN THE HIGHER SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL STRATA OF THE  
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THEY WERE IN LONDON.

YERICAN EMBASSY, LONDON, WILLING TO PAY FEE BUT MUST HAVE  
A FUNDS CITATION IN ORDER TO KNOW WHO TO CHARGE FOR THIS AMOUNT.

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TO LEGAL ATTACHE LONDON PRIORITY

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

RE LEGAT LONDON TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 1978,  
CAPTIONED MURKIN.

ON SEPTEMBER 18, 1978, HSCA REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL  
EBERHARDT ADVISED THAT BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH THE  
AMERICAN EMBASSY, LONDON, STENOGRAPHIC EXPENSES AS OUTLINED IN  
REFERENCED TELETYPE WOULD BE PAID BY THE HSCA. EBERHARDT STATED  
THE EMBASSY SHOULD BE ADVISED TO FORWARD STENOGRAPHIC BILL TO  
THE HSCA, U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D. C.  
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LEGAT FURNISH ABOVE INFORMATION TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS  
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NOTE: In connection with the investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., the HSCA incurred stenographic fees while its investigators were in London. Referenced teletype requested FBI Headquarters advise Legat London regarding planned disposition of this debt by the HSCA.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS {HSCA}

BUREAU DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 26, 1978.

THE HSCA, WHICH IS INVESTIGATING THE ASSASSINATION OF  
JOHN F. KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., REQUESTED BY  
LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 12, 1978, ACCESS TO ALL BUREAU FILE  
MATERIAL AS WELL AS MATERIAL FROM THE FIELD OFFICES OF  
BIRMINGHAM, JACKSON, ATLANTA, NEW ORLEANS AND LOS ANGELES,  
ON THE CITIZENS COUNCIL OF AMERICA FOR THE YEARS 1967-1968.  
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Select Committee on Assassinations

U.S. House of Representatives

3331 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX 2

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

~~FEDERAL GOVERNMENT~~

September 21, 1978

The Honorable Griffin B. Bell  
Attorney General of the United States  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division, Room 2113

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation by this Committee into the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is requested in regard to the following matters:

- 1) Prepare for delivery the serials identified by House Select Committee on Assassinations staff member Barbara Robinson in Volumes 1 through 6 of the Atlanta Field Office MURKIN File. *(9/2)*
- 2) Prepare for delivery the materials previously prepared for access pertaining to George Russell Byers, as per House Select Committee on Assassinations request of August 9, 1978.
- 3) Prepare for delivery the following serials from the Atlanta United Klans of America files: 157-370-2-579, 590, 546, 591, 514 and 561 p.4-11.

As time is extremely crucial in these matters your prompt attention is appreciated.

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Very truly yours, *1186*

*G. Robert Blakey*  
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Chief Counsel and Director

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The Honorable Griffin B. Bell  
Attorney General of the United States  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20530

ATTENTION: Mr. Robert L. Keuch  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division, Room 2113

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with its investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Select Committee requests the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with regard to the following matter:

Prepare for delivery the following serials:

Chicago Field Office File 44-1114:

Sub G, Serial 2  
Sub H, Section 1, Serial 3  
Sub H, Section 1, Serial 17

Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*G. Robert Blakey*

G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

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xc: Mr. Ron Heller

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Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division  
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch  
Director, FBI

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

September 8, 1978

- 1 - Legal Counsel Division  
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- 1 - Mr. Ryan
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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS  
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, dated August 21, 1978, which requested, in connection with the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that all material pertaining to Joe Parish, Belle Chasse, Louisiana, in the files of FBI Headquarters and the New Orleans Field Office be made available.

Enclosed are an original and one copy of a memorandum in response to the above-referenced letter. It is requested that delivery of a copy of this memorandum be made to the HSCA.

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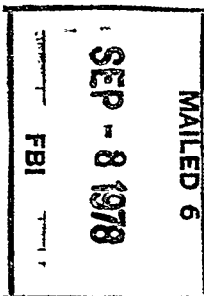
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NOTE: By teletype dated 8/29/78, New Orleans was requested to furnish all retrievable information regarding Joe Parish. New Orleans furnished this material, all of which was located in New Orleans file 157-10673, by airtel dated 8/31/78.

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This is to advise that all retrievable information in the files of FBI Headquarters and the New Orleans Field Office pertaining to Joe Parish has been processed and is available for review at FBIHQ.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS {HSCA}

BUREAU DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 26, 1978.

THE HSCA, WHICH IS INVESTIGATING THE ASSASSINATION OF JOHN F. KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., REQUESTED BY LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 12, 1978, THAT THEY BE PROVIDED THE NAMES OF ALL FBI PERSONNEL, WHO MAY HAVE BEEN PRESENT {THAT IS, ALL PERSONS NOT ASSIGNED TO THE MEMPHIS FIELD OFFICE} IN SHELBY COUNTY DURING THE PERIOD COVERING MARCH 18, 1968, THROUGH APRIL 4, 1968. THEY ALSO REQUESTED THE FBI PREPARE FOR DELIVERY ANY AND ALL MATERIALS OR COMMUNICATIONS GENERATED BY ANY SUCH PERSONS AS DISCUSSED ABOVE. TO DATE, A SEARCH OF RETRIEVABLE INFORMATION AT FBI HEADQUARTERS HAS FAILED TO ASCERTAIN ANY FBI PERSONNEL OTHER THAN THOSE ASSIGNED TO THE

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)  
ATTN: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT,  
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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (66-2280) (RUC)

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON ASSASSINATIONS

ReButel, 9/19/78, re Citizens Council of America.

Birmingham file 157-388 captioned, "Citizens Council of America" contains 29 serials, only one of which falls within the years 1967-1968. Two copies of that serial, an article from the 7/17/68 issue of "The Birmingham News", are enclosed. "The Birmingham News" is a daily newspaper published in Birmingham, Alabama.

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# \$500 Worth Of What?

The Citizens Council of America, which used to be called the White Citizens Council, is an organization which, despite the dropping of the racial adjective, still seems primarily interested in promoting white supremacy.

The Alabama State Sovereignty Commission is a legislatively created agency which spends \$100,000 a year from the public treasury.

Executive Secretary Eli Howell's rationalization notwithstanding, the Sovereignty Commission's spending of \$500 for a survey to be conducted by the Citizens Council (with another \$500 still to be spent) is highly questionable use of tax funds, some portion of which is paid by Negro citizens of Alabama.

Howell said the Citizens Council is to conduct a survey "on specific questions related to a general understand-

ing of the basic principle of constitutional government and the basic premises of a free society."

He said that the commission hopes to get other viewpoints, but acknowledged that "our objective in this case is not to get a controlled response, but one that will reflect a conservative viewpoint."

In other words, the Citizens Council is getting tax money to conduct a "survey" to establish a predetermined position—which is a curious way to conduct a poll, even aside from the questionable allocation of public funds.

If the Sovereignty Commission wants a conservative view on constitutional government, etc., it can get it from people a whole lot more qualified as conservative spokesmen than the Citizens Council; and it can get it a whole lot cheaper.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

11 THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS

BIRMINGHAM POST-HERALD

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Date: 7-17-68

Edition: Metro

Author:

Editor: John W. Bloomer

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)

DATE: 8/28/78

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (62- ) (BERKELEY RA)

SUBJECT: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON ASSASSINATIONS

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and four copies of an LHM concerning this matter.

SA ROBERT F. PEVAHOUSE, Berkeley Resident Agency, was initially contacted by Supervisor JAY L. ALDHIZER, Congressional Inquiry Unit, on 7/14/78, to advise request had been received from MIKE EBERHARDT, Council Select Committee on Assassinations, for telephonic interview of SA PEVAHOUSE, which has been approved by the Bureau and SA PEVAHOUSE has been cleared from employment agreement to talk with Mr. EBERHARDT. (91)

On 7/19/78, SA PEVAHOUSE discussed this matter further with Supervisor RON HELLER, Legal Counsel at the Bureau, as to potential statements concerning interview.

No further contact was made until Mr. EBERHARDT telephonically contacted SA PEVAHOUSE on 8/28/78 as set forth in enclosed LHM.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Francisco, California

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

August 28, 1978

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

On August 28, 1978, Special Agent (SA) Robert F. Pevahouse, Berkeley Resident Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), was telephonically contacted by Mike Eberhardt, House Select Committee on Assassinations. He was furnished the residence address and telephone number of SA Pevahouse.

Mr. Eberhardt inquired about the fugitive investigation of James Earl Ray during the time Ray was an Unlawful Flight fugitive. He was told SA Pevahouse received a lead from another office to contact Jerry Ray, brother of James Earl Ray, who was living in Northbrook, Illinois at the time. Jerry Ray was contacted telephonically by SA Pevahouse at which time Jerry advised he had not seen or heard from his brother since prior to his escape from prison. Jerry Ray also furnished information he had concerning other members of the family, including John Ray, none of whom were in the Chicago area. It was the recollection of SA Pevahouse that John Ray was in the St. Louis area at the time. SA Pevahouse could not recall specific time of interview as to number of months prior to assassination of Martin Luther King. He noted there were no other relatives or associates of James Earl Ray interviewed in the Chicago area to his knowledge.

Concerning the investigation after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Mr. Eberhardt inquired as to knowledge of any specific records from the Sportsman's Club in Northbrook, Illinois, to show if Jerry Ray was working at the time of the assassination. SA Pevahouse stated he could not recall at this late date any specific records concerning the dates worked, but, as he recalled, personnel at the Sportsman's Club had indicated Jerry Ray was there except during regular days off.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-117290)  
 FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (62-5097)  
 SUBJECT : HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON ASSASSINATIONS - MURKIN

Enclosed herewith are four copies of an LHM setting forth the results of a telephone interview between former SA CLETIS B. BIDEWELL and MICHAEL EBERHARDT, Staff Attorney, House Select Committee on Assassinations, Washington, D. C., on 8/31/78.

Former Agent BIDEWELL had previously been advised in late July, 1978, by SA JAY ALDHIZER, FBIHQ, that former Agent BIDEWELL might be contacted telephonically by Mr. EBERHARDT of the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

Former Agent BIDEWELL, on 8/31/78, received a telephone call at his home, 1116 Culverhill Drive, Webster Groves, Mo. 63119, telephone #962-0972, from an individual who identified himself as MICHAEL EBERHARDT, requesting an interview by telephone.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

St. Louis, Missouri

September 7, 1978

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

Former Agent Cletis B. Bidewell advised on questioning that he had on at least one occasion interviewed Carol Pepper, sister of James Earl Ray, suspect in the assassination of Doctor Martin Luther King in Memphis, Tennessee. At that time, Carol Pepper was residing in Maplewood, Missouri, and the unlawful flight to avoid confinement case against James Earl Ray, resulting from his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, was assigned to Special Agent (SA) Bidewell in the St. Louis Division. At this time, no information had been developed indicating that James Earl Ray was a suspect in the murder of Doctor King.

The interview with Carol Pepper was most frustrating since it appeared she was completely uncooperative in furnishing any information concerning the possible whereabouts of James Earl Ray. To the best of his recollection, SA Bidewell advised that no other Agent accompanied him on this interview and two or three young children, presumably children of Carol Pepper, were in the home at the time of the interview.

With respect as to how the lead to interview Carol Pepper was obtained, it was recalled by SA Bidewell that the lead was developed as a result of background information furnished by the Kansas City Division, office of origin in the unlawful flight to avoid confinement case. To the best of his recollection, SA Bidewell advised that no information was obtained through the interview of

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Pepper as to the possible whereabouts of her brother John Ray. Former SA Bidewell advised that investigation conducted by him failed to develop any information indicating that James Earl Ray had been in the St. Louis area subsequent to his escape from Missouri State Penitentiary in Jefferson City, Missouri.

SA Bidewell further recalled that shortly after his interview with Carol Pepper, James Earl Ray became the prime suspect in the Doctor King murder and the case on James Earl Ray was reassigned to an Agent who could give full time to this matter and no further investigation was conducted in this matter by SA Bidewell, other than to cover an occasional minor lead which was developed during the course of the investigation.

The Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division  
Attention: Mr. Robert Keuch

Director, FBI

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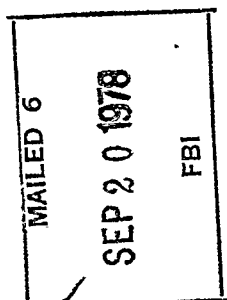
2 - Mr. Coulson - Enc.  
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In accordance with Attorney General Order 116-56, this memorandum advises that Special Agent Robert F. Pevahouse, Berkeley Resident Agency, San Francisco Division, was interviewed on August 28, 1978. A memorandum setting forth Mr. Pevahouse's account of this interview is enclosed for your information.

Enclosure

1 - Personnel file - Robert F. Pevahouse - Enclosure



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The Honorable Griffin B. Bell  
Attorney General of the United States  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division, Room 2113

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the investigation by this Committee into the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is requested in regard to the following matters:

- 1) Prepare for delivery the following Chicago Field Office file serials: 44-1114-4043 through 4069.
- 2) Make available for staff interview, Special Agent Cliff Halter assigned to the Memphis Field Office in 1968.
- 3) Prepare for delivery on a priority basis the MURKIN serials 6177 through 6224, appearing in Section 91 of the BUFILE, identified respectively:
  - a) 1/19/77 memo (12 pages)  
J.S. Peelman to Gallagher  
Subject: Report of the DOJ Task Force to Review the FBI-MLK Security and Assassination Investigations.
  - b) 1/21/77 memo (10 pages) *31-120*  
Director FBI to Attorney General  
Subject: Same
  - c) 2/2/77 memo (8 pages)  
J.S. Peelman to Gallagher  
Subject: Same

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- d) 2/18/77 memo  
Peelman to Gallagher  
Subject: Same
- 4) Make available for staff interview Special Agent William J. Quinn formerly assigned to Division 6 and temporarily assigned to Division 5 at Headquarters in 1968.

As always your assistance is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,



G. Robert Blakey  
Chief Counsel and Director

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✓xc: Mr. Ron Heller

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September 22, 1978

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The Honorable Griffin B. Bell  
Attorney General of the United States  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20430

CJ  
Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division, Room 2113

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with the ongoing investigation by the Committee into the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is requested in regard to the following matters:

1) Make available for staff interview the following Special Agents:

- a. Ted Rushing
- b. Joseph G. Deegan
- c. Thomas J. Deakin

2) Prepare for access any and all BUFILE and Field Office material on an individual named Leander Perez, Sr., who resided in Plaquemines Parrish, Louisiana.

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By memorandum to the HSCA dated February 13, 1978, the FBI responded and advised that their records indicated that Frank Raval Legis, neither served nor is presently serving as a Special Agent. In continuance of that request, January 24, 1978, the Committee would appreciate the FBI conducting the appropriate records check to determine whether Frank R. Legis; Frank Raul Legis; Frank Lee Legis; or Frank Raoul Legis is presently serving or has served the Bureau as a Special Agent. SEP 29 1978

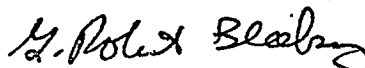
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Chief Counsel and Director

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