

On 4-20-68, WALTER TERRY RIFE was re-interviewed at the Virginia Hotel, 534 North Second Street, by SA ELYON H. DAVIS and ASAC DONALD T. SULLIVAN.

RIFE furnished the following information:

RIFE advised that he had had no contact with JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #306 443 A, since he last saw RAY in the Federal Penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1957.

RIFE advised that the best he could remember concerning RAY that RAY had had close associates or relatives at one time in the Alton, Illinois, area. He stated that he felt that RAY had at one time hung out around taverns owned by TERRY TWEET in the Alton area.

RIFE advised that he knew that RAY had at one time close contact with some fence in Peoria, Illinois, to whom RAY sold stolen items. By this he stated that he meant that RAY was a thief and would steal anything during the period of time he knew RAY from the late 1940s until 1955 and this included household items, groups of burglaries of business establishments and such like and that RAY would get rid of hot items through a fence in Peoria. RIFE advised that he had no idea as to the identity of this fence.

RIFE stated that he (RIFE) had lived in the Peoria, Illinois, area until 1967 when RIFE moved to the home of his brother LONNIE RIFE at Baylis, Illinois. RIFE then in 2-68 had taken over the operation of the restaurant at the Virginia Hotel and had been operating this restaurant since that time.

RIFE again reiterated that any of the individuals who lived or worked at the Virginia Hotel could verify the fact that he had been at the Virginia Hotel for the period 3-27-68 through 4-4-68. He stated also that since he and his wife operated the restaurant together and since his wife

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had had a baby in 2-68, it had been necessary for him to work long hours and to also be at home on a regular basis to take care of the RIFE's three other children.

He again stated that members of the Quincy Police Force could verify that RIFE had been in Quincy on a daily basis inasmuch as the police checked the Virginia Hotel every night.

RIFE advised that he would be available for interviews by the FBI at any time and that in the event that he was not working or at his home 214 Lynn Street, Quincy, Illinois, SAMUEL EDNA HARPER, a Clerk at the Virginia Hotel, would know of his exact whereabouts, and RIFE could be reached in a short period of time.

RIFE advised that he could not remember anyone in the Quincy area who was close to the subject and could not think of anyone who might have any information concerning RAY.

RIFE advised that he did not feel that MELBA MARIE RYAN, the sister of the subject, has had any contact with RAY and he certainly is aware of the fact that MELBA MARIE RYAN has had serious mental problems and that any information that she would furnish could not be relied on.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA'S ELYON H. DAVIS AND THOMAS M. SCHOENHOFER on 4-19-68:

Trooper EARL MC FEETERS, Illinois State Police, Hull, Illinois, advised that he has since 3-18-68 seen LONNIE RIFE and WALTER RIFE almost on a daily basis. He advised that until recently, WALTER RIFE had lived at the home of LONNIE RIFE; however, WALTER RIFE is now working at the Virginia Hotel in Quincy, Illinois, operating the restaurant in that Hotel. MC FEETERS advised that he does not believe either RIFE has made any long trips from the Quincy, Illinois, area or has been gone from Quincy, Ill., for any extended period of time during the past month.

On 4-19-68, Detectives DON CAPPS and HAROLD LAMB, Quincy, Ill., PD, advised that they are night detectives for that PD. Each advised that as a usual thing on their night routines they pass the Virginia Hotel, 534 North Second St., Quincy, Ill. They advised that they cannot state for certain on any exact date that WALTER RIFE was at the Virginia Hotel; however, they have seen him there practically every night operating the restaurant in the Virginia Hotel. Each advised that RIFE certainly could not have been gone for any extended period of time from Quincy without their knowing of this and that RIFE was certainly not gone for several days at any time.

On 4-19-68, MARY JAN RIFE, home address 214 Lind Street, Quincy, Illinois, was interviewed at her place of employment, the restaurant at the Virginia Hotel, 534 North Second Street, Quincy, Illinois. She advised that she is married to WALTER TERRY RIFE and that her husband has been in Quincy, Illinois, for every day since February, 1968. She stated that her husband certainly was not gone any day from 3-27-68 through 4-4-68. She advised that he was working each day at the restaurant in the Virginia Hotel operated by her husband. She viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY,

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FBI # 306 443 A, made on 3-17-60. She advised that she had never seen this individual in her life and had never heard her husband speak concerning this individual. MARY JAN RIFE advised that she has been married to WALTER TERRY RIFE since 1961 and that during that period of time JAMES EARL RAY has never contacted him for any reason. She advised that MELBA MARIE RYAN resides at the Virginia Hotel and that shortly before being interviewed she had learned that MELBA MARIE RYAN was supposed to be the sister of the individual charged with the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING. She advised this was the first time she had ever heard of JAMES EARL RAY and did not know that RAY was a brother to MELBA MARIE RYAN.

She also advised that MELBA MARIE RYAN is a mental case and has been in Jacksonville State Hospital, Jacksonville, Illinois, on numerous occasions.

On 4-19-68, SAMUEL EDWARD HARPER, Desk Clerk, Virginia Hotel, 534 North Second Street, advised that WALTER TERRY RIFE operates the restaurant in the Hotel. HARPER advised that WALTER TERRY RIFE had been working every day at the restaurant since 2-68 when he took over the operation of the restaurant. He advised that RIFE's wife had given birth to a child in 2-68 and that during the period of time that RIFE's wife was in the hospital, he had operated the restaurant practically without any help and had worked from 15 to 18 hours a day. HARPER advised that RIFE has not been gone from Quincy, Ill., for any one-day period since taking over the operation of the restaurant.

A photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was exhibited to HARPER. HARPER advised that this individual was unknown to him and stated he had never seen RAY to his recollection during his life.

HARPER advised that MELBA MARIE RYAN resides at the Virginia Hotel; however, he had never heard her mention JAMES EARL RAY and did not know that this was the brother of MELBA MARIE RYAN until that date. HARPER advised that MELBA MARIE RYAN had resided at the Virginia Hotel since 12-67 and he is certain that RAY has not visited the Virginia Hotel during that period of time.

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On 4-19-68, attempts were made to interview MELBA MARIE RYAN; however, she was in a hysterical state and it was impossible to conduct an interview on that date. She advised that she would be available for an interview on 4-20-68 and that she was willing to consent to an interview with the FBI. She did stated during a short period of time an interview was attempted to be conducted that she had no idea as to the whereabouts of her brother JAMES EARL RAY.

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Date MAY 1, 1968

On April 19, 1968, WALTER TERRY RIFE, home address 214 Lind Street, Quincy, Illinois, was interviewed at his place of business, Virginia Hotel, 534 North Second Street, Quincy, Illinois. Before the interview, RIFE was advised of his rights by SA ELYON H. DAVIS and a Waiver of Rights Form was read to RIFE. RIFE advised he would not sign the Waiver of Rights Form but that he was willing to discuss anything with FBI Agents.

RIFE furnished the following information:

RIFE advised that he last saw JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #306 443 A, in 1957 when WALTER TERRY RIFE was released from the United States Prison at Leavenworth, Kansas.

RIFE advised that he had been arrested in 1955 with JAMES EARL RAY at Hannibal, Missouri, and both had been charged with the possession of stolen money orders from a Post Office. He advised that these had been taken from a Post Office at Kellerville, Illinois, in a burglary and that he and JAMES EARL RAY had then traveled throughout the United States cashing these postal money orders. He advised that they had traveled to New Orleans, Florida, Kansas City and California, cashing the stolen money orders before being arrested at Hannibal, Missouri.

Both were then sentenced to the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

RIFE advised that he had seen JAMES EARL RAY almost on a daily basis at the penitentiary at Leavenworth from 1955 until RIFE was released from the penitentiary in 1957. RIFE later learned that RAY was not released from the penitentiary at Leavenworth until 1958. He stated that he had not been in contact with RAY since that date and had no knowledge of RAY's activities other than he had heard that RAY was sentenced to the Missouri State Penitentiary in the early 1960's. He had no idea as to the charge concerning RAY at that time; however, he thought it was some type of armed robbery.

On 4-19-68 at Quincy, Illinois File # SI 44-561 -
by SA THOMAS M. SCHOENHOEFER
SA ELYON H. DAVIS /ras Date dictated 4-25-68

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money and he knew that during that time that RAY broke into houses and stole money or goods he could sell. RAY also pulled stick-ups with a gun and that RAY committed burglaries in which safes were involved. RIFE advised that he does not want to talk about any particular job that he might have been involved in with RAY. He stated that RAY would also roll drunks to obtain money and would obtain money any way that a thief could obtain money. He stated that RAY was a roamer and a loaner and did not seem to have any close friends.

RIFE felt that in the event that JAMES EARL RAY ever returns to the Quincy, Illinois, area, RAY will contact RIFE. RIFE stated, however, that he has no knowledge that RAY has returned to Quincy since 1955 and does not believe RAY has returned to Quincy or he would have known something concerning the return of RAY.

RIFE advised that he would not hide JAMES EARL RAY and would immediately notify the FBI of any information he receives concerning RAY's whereabouts.

RIFE advised that he personally knew nothing concerning the shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING in Memphis, Tennessee and that he most certainly himself was not in the Memphis area during the period of March 27, 1968 through April 4, 1968. He advised that this could be verified from all people connected with the Virginia Hotel as well as members of the Police Department of Quincy, Illinois. He stated that night policemen cruise by his restaurant at the Virginia Hotel practically every hour of each night and that the night detectives and also patrolman LARRY COLLINS could verify that he had not left the Quincy, Illinois, area.

RIFE advised that he knew that JAMES EARL RAY's uncle EARL RAY had moved to California from the Quincy, Illinois, area ten to fifteen years before and that he thought the uncle had died with a heart attack. He knew that somewhere he had understood that EARL RAY was dead.

RIFE advised that he could furnish no information concerning possible contacts of JAMES EARL RAY.

The Harboring Statute was explained to RIFE by SA ELYON H. DAVIS.

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RIFE advised that he first met JAMES EARL RAY around 1942 when apparently RAY and his family moved to Quincy, Illinois, from some small town in Missouri. He stated that RAY had close connections in Quincy and that during the period of time that he had known RAY, RAY had resided with his Uncle, EARL RAY, in Quincy and at the time he and RAY were arrested in Hannibla, Missouri, RAY was living at the Victor Hotel on North Sixth Street in Quincy, Illinois. He advised that the Victor Hotel has been closed for many years and that he understands the operator of the Victor Hotel is now deceased.

RIFE advised that he had never heard RAY mention his father or talk very much concerning his relatives and RIFE advised that he did not know that MELBA RYAN, who resides at the Virginia Hotel was RAY's sister until learning on that date that RAY was charged with the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

RIFE advised that when he and RAY were apprehended in Hannibal, Missouri, they were accompanied by KATHERINE DORIS BUSKIRK. He advised that he is certain that RAY had never met BUSKIRK until the date of their arrest in Hannibal and that he (RIFE) had picked up BUSKIRK in a tavern in Quincy and took her to Hannibal on a date. He advised that BUSKIRK is presently married to WILBUR CONNORS in Quincy, Illinois.

RIFE stated that he remembered distinctly that BUSKIRK and RAY did not know each other until he introduced them on the date the three were arrested in Hannibal. He stated that BUSKIRK was not actually arrested but was released and that she had nothing to do with the passing of the stolen postal money orders.

RIFE advised that he had never visited in the RAY home in Quincy, Illinois, and had no idea as to the address of RAY's people or the number of relatives that RAY had in Quincy. He stated that he and RAY as a normal thing, did not actually run around together but would meet each other in taverns at which time they would talk and decide to do something together.

RIFE advised that during the period of time that he had known JAMES EARL RAY, RAY had been "a thief". He stated that RAY would do anything during that period of time to make

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Date: 5/29/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-133) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
 OO: Memphis

Re Jacksonville airtel to the Bureau dated 5/22/68, regarding alleged offer of \$100,000.00 by White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKK), Jackson, Mississippi, to anyone who kills MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Enclosed for Little Rock is one copy each of Dallas airtel to the Bureau, 6/6/67; Kansas City airtel to the Bureau, 7/21/67; Dallas airtel to the Bureau, 5/1/68, and Jacksonville airtel to the Bureau, 5/22/68, which are background information.

On 5/27/68, EDWARD J. PRESTON, 1565 Sharon Way, Reno, Nevada, advised SA NORMAN M. STONE he is a partner in Safety Auto Control, Inc., which recently moved to 855 Marrietta Way, Sparks, Nevada. He said DONALD JAMES NISSEN, is unknown to him and has never been employed by that company which has only been in existence about one year.

PRESTON states his company manufactures an auto safety product which is sold nationally. He said his company does not handle any of the sales of this product, noting all sales are handled exclusively by Allstate Safety Control, Inc., Room 201, Tanglewood Office Building, 7509 Cantrell Road, Little Rock, Arkansas. He said if NISSEN was selling this auto safety part, he would be employed by Allstate Safety Control, Inc. He suggested ROBERT SPEARS, manager, of that company be contacted.

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LITTLE ROCK

AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Contact ROBERT SPEARS, Manager, Allstate Safety Control, Inc., Tanglewood Office Building, Room 201, 7509 Cantrell Road, in an effort to locate DONALD JAMES NISSEN.

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To: SAC, Jackson (157-9586)
New Orleans (157-10673)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Re Los Angeles teletype to Bureau dated May 30, 1968.

New Orleans, if not already done, will obtain background information regarding Dr. J. C. Hardin as this individual could possibly be identical with Hardin referred to by Allan O. Thompson, Manager of St. Francis Hotel.

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Date April 10, 1968

TOM MELSON DAVIS was photographed at the Mississippi Highway Patrol Substation, New Albany, Mississippi, with his permission.

DAVIS also gave his permission to photograph his 1967 white Ford Mustang, parked at the Substation. Photographs were taken of this vehicle.

No threats or promises were made to DAVIS to secure his permission for these photographs.

On 4/8/68 at New Albany, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586-554
by SA ROBIN O. COTTEN
SA JOHN DENNIS MILLER/JDM/bkh Date dictated 4/9/68

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TELETYPE

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
SAC, NEW ORLEANS /157-10673/

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE /44-947/

MURKIN

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE MAY TWENTYNINE LAST TO
DIRECTOR, JACKSON AND LOUISVILLE.

RE JAMES C. HARDIN.

PHOTO RECORD FILM REFLECTS DR. J. C. HARDIN,
ONE TWO NINE ARDMORE, SHREVEPORT, LA.

LOUISVILLE INDICES NEGATIVE RE ANYONE IDENTIFIABLE
WITH JAMES C. HARDIN, J. C. HARDIN, OR JAMES HARDIN.

JACKSON, ATLANTA, LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS
ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

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Ref. of SA John T. Reynolds
at New Orleans dated
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to James
HARDIN,
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on Hardin so far
as in known to
Jackson office.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (157-9586)

FROM : ASAC ELMER F. LINBERG

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/4/68

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James C. Hardin

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J. C. HARDIN

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James L.

Hardin

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3110 Old Canton Rd Jackson

Neighborhood investigation on 11/22-24/67

near residence of Rabbi Peter E. Hirschman,

3410 Old Canton Rd, Jackson in

after his residence was bombed by

unknown Subjects on 11/21/67.

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Karen Bracey

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S. J. Jennings

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AIRMAIL

TO : SAC, MOBILE
FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

EUGENE SMITH MANSFIELD, Barnes Lane, Buras, La., advised SA. L. M. SHEARER, JR., on May 28, 1968, that he has been working in offshore drilling for Penrod Drilling Co., and to the best of his recollection he heard of the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING while on a rig in the Gulf of Mexico.

He advised that since the date of the killing, he has had occasion to talk with several individuals whom he considers members of one Klan or another, and there is no indication from these conversations that the killing was a Klan action.

MANSFIELD was shown IO 4182 of JAMES EARL RAY, and he said he had observed an individual who somewhat resembled RAY in a tavern at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, in the period shortly after 1/17/68. This individual who resembles the photograph of RAY appeared to be friend of a dark-haired barmaid, name possibly NELL, who worked in tavern behind Johnny's Place at Broad Street, and Greensboro Avenue. The dark-haired barmaid has a sister, a redhead, who works at Pat's Bar, 9th Street and 22nd.

MANSFIELD said he could not say that this individual is identical with RAY; however, the resemblance is enough that the individual could be RAY.

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MANSFIELD requested that his identity not be revealed as the source of the information if it is to be checked out.

By way of background information concerning MANSFIELD, he advised that he is known to several FBI offices, that he was formerly Grand Dragon of United Klans of America at Houston, Texas, and quit in 1961. He said he is well acquainted with BOBBY SHELTON of the UKA, and that his brother, BILLY WAYNE MANSFIELD, was secretary of the UKA subsequent to the death of ALVIN SYKES in South Carolina.

MANSFIELD said he is also acquainted with L. E. MATTHEWS, reportedly a Klan member at Jackson, Mississippi, but actual knowledge of his membership is unknown to MANSFIELD.

LEADS:

DALLAS

AT DALLAS, TEXAS: Contact Penrod Drilling Co., 3333 First National Bank Building, and ascertain dates MANSFIELD was employed with company in offshore operation out of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

MOBILE

AT TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA: Will attempt to identify individual MANSFIELD said resembled subject RAY and who appeared to be friend of barmaid at bar behind Johnny's Place. Protect identity of MANSFIELD as the source of information.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Jackson airtel to Houston 5/2/68.

On 5/28/68, Miss COYDIA OLIPHANT, Clerk, Credit Bureau of Thibodaux, 100 Green Street, advised that she had no record identifiable with GLENDA WILKINSON or GLENDIA WILKINSON.

A check of the Lafourche telephone directory failed to reflect any listing for GLENDA WILKINSON.

Captain BENNY MUSSO, Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office, Thibodaux, La., advised that he had no record identifiable with GLENDA WILKINSON. He stated that this individual was unknown to him and that there were numerous bars that employed barmaids in LaRose, La.

LEADS:

HOUSTON

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

Will contact SYLVIA SNOWDEN, telephone 453-2874, and attempt to obtain address for her sister, GLENDA WILKINSON so that she may be interviewed pursuant to referenced communication.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Jackson airtel to Memphis 5/2/68, and Memphis phone call to Jackson 6/4/68.

Cost data for the Jackson Division from 5/1/68 to 5/31/68, is as follows:

1. A. Special Agents

Regular Man Hours	327 854 (hours)
Overtime	187 301 (hours)
- B. Clerical Employees

Regular Man Hours	52 134 (hours)
Overtime	None
2. Total Mileage (Estimated) 287 6,632 (miles)
3. Unusual or out-of-the-ordinary Expenses None
4. Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case at Anytime During the Month 7 40

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

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RE: DONALD JAMES NISSEN

Re Las Vegas airtel to Bureau, 5/23/68.

Mr. ROBERT SPAGERS, All State Safety Control Inc., 7403 Cantrell Road, Little Rock, Ark., advised on 6/3/68 that the name DONALD JAMES NISSEN is not familiar to him and, after a check of his records, advised that NISSEN is not employed by him. He had no suggestion as to the possible whereabouts of NISSEN.

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1 - Jackson (Info)
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TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 6/4/68

FROM : SA THOMAS E. BURG (P)

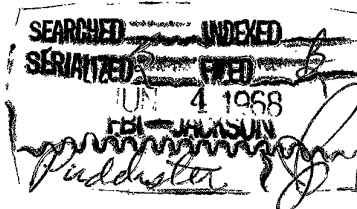
SUBJECT: MURKIN

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2 - Jackson (157-9586)
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReJNAirtel to HO, 4/23/68.

Re: SYLVIA SNOWDEN

On 5/29/68, contact was made with SYLVIA SNOWDEN, 13363 4th Street, Houston, telephone number 453-2874. In interview, Miss SNOWDEN advised that approximately eight weeks ago, she left Houston, Texas with J. R. FREEMAN, a friend, and her sister, GLENDA BAILEY, destination, La Rose, Louisiana. Miss SNOWDEN further stated that after staying in LaRose a couple of days, they drove to Memphis, where she obtained work at the White Stork Lounge. She stated she worked there three days and left because she was mad at a boy friend and departed to Jackson, Mississippi. She said after staying in Jackson, Mississippi, they drove to Meridian, Mississippi for a short period of time and then went to LaRose, Louisiana, again for one month, and then came back home. She stated that she felt the whole trip took about six weeks.

Miss SNOWDEN advised that J.R. FREEMAN stayed in Memphis, and she has not heard from him since. She further stated that JIMMY STUTTS did not make the trip and is living with her at this address. She said he works as a welder in Houston at the Pipefitters Local. Miss SNOWDEN further advised she has no association or hostilities toward MARTIN LUTHER KING and she never heard of ERIC STARVO GALT, aka James Earl Ray before seeing the name in the newspaper. She said JIMMY STUTTS has never been in any police trouble, and he has no association to her knowledge with the KING assassination.

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TO : ALL FIELD DIVISIONS
 FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI - 6-6-68 -

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 SUBJECT BELIEVED TO BE WEARING GLASSES.

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