

on or about March 21, 1955 forged a stolen U. S. Postal Money Order. This money order was one of sixty-six such orders stolen in a burglary of the U. S. Post Office, Kellerville, Illinois on March 7, 1955. Defendant emphatically denies the burglary of the post office. He states that his companion in the instant offense, Walter F. Rife, whom he met at a bar in Quincy, Illinois suggested that he accompany Rife and cash the money orders which Rife reportedly had purchased from an unknown person. Defendant states that he purchased for \$1 the identification he and Rife used in uttering these stolen orders in various states. When arrested for the instant offense defendant was in possession of thirty-four money orders which had been stolen from the Kellerville, Illinois Post Office. He admits the forgery and uttering of fourteen money orders. His companion, Rife, has admitted the forgery and uttering or attempting to utter eighteen of the stolen money orders.

Approximately one year before becoming involved in the instant offense defendant was released from service of a sentence of one to two years for armed robbery in the Illinois State Penitentiary. In August of 1954 he burglarized a cleaning establishment in East Alton, Illinois. Although he admittedly was charged with burglary he apparently has never been before the appropriate court and apparently is not presently wanted on this charge. In 1949 in Los Angeles, California he was convicted of burglary and sentenced to eight months in the county jail. After serving ninety days of this sentence he was released on probation for a period of two years.

Defendant shows absolutely no remorse at this time. He anticipates receiving a substantial sentence for the instant offense. In writer's opinion he is a confirmed criminal and a menace to society when in the free world.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward S. Murray
U. S. Probation Officer

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Date: 4/23/68

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FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

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Enclosed for each Office is one copy of a pre-sentence report prepared regarding JAMES EARL RAY for the U. S. District Court, Western District of Missouri, Kansas City, Missouri, dated April 26, 1955. This report contains background information regarding JAMES EARL RAY, including his travel through numerous states in connection with the theft and passing of stolen money orders in March, 1955. RIFE located and interviewed Quincy, Illinois.

LEADS

All Offices are requested to review the enclosure thoroughly for the purpose of covering all pertinent leads suggested in the enclosure. This coverage should include, if not already done, a check of all places where the subject is listed as having been incarcerated, all places at which he is believed to have visited in the passing of stolen money orders, and any other investigation, including contact of law enforcement agencies, credit bureaus, public sources, informants and any other logical investigation suggested by the enclosed material which might assist in developing information helpful in locating JAMES EARL RAY at this time.

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TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : SA EDWARD J. CARNEY, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/24/68

Re Kansas City airtel to Memphis, 4/23/68, which enclosed a copy of a presentence report from the Western District of Missouri, Kansas City, Mo., dated 4/26/55. Information in this presentence report indicated that JAMES EARL RAY, WALTER TERRY RIFE, and an unknown woman companion, in March, 1955, engaged in the passing of numerous stolen US Postal Money Orders in Missouri, Arkansas, Florida, Tennessee, and New Orleans, La. The specific information relating to New Orleans, indicated that RAY, on an undisclosed date in March, 1955, passed US Postal Money Order #557 (last 3 digits only), at Wright Tailors; that on 3/21/55, RIFE passed US Postal Money Order #558 (last 3 digits only), at Schneiders; and on 3/16/55, RIFE passed US Postal Money Order #559 (last 3 digits only), at Todd's Sportswear Shop. The first two money orders were in the amount of \$75 and the last money order in the amount of \$50. They were all passed in New Orleans.

The known names for which these money orders were utilized were apparently normally made payable to WILLARD J. MC BRIDE, with the purchaser as VERNON MC BRIDE.

One money order passed in Kansas City, contained the full number 7-42,239568, and these first six digits may be the same numbers as attributable to the above-mentioned money orders for which the last three digits only are furnished.

Office indices are negative in the name WILLARD J. MC BRIDE and VERNON MC BRIDE.

The current New Orleans Telephone Directory contains no listing in the name of Todd's Sportswear Shop or Schneiders, but there is a current listing in the name of Wright Tailors, 166 S. Rampart St., which may be the business establishment where RAY passed his money order.

It would appear that the US Postal Inspector's Office in New Orleans, would have a report of investigation in this matter.

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LEAD:

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA: Will contact US Postal Inspector's Office and obtain copy of investigative report in connection with above matter if available.

In the absence of such a report, will consider conducting credit and criminal in the names of WILLARD J. MC BRIDE and VERNON MC BRIDE.

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PM URGENT 4/24/68 CRS

TO: NEW ORLEANS (157-10678), CHICAGO (44-1114)

FROM: MOBILE (157-2627)

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RE: SUSPECT JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO MOBILE APR. TWENTY AND MOBILE AIRTEL
MEMPHIS AND OTHER OFFICES, APR. TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYEIGHT.

TWENTYFOUR INSTANT RAYMOND M. HILBURN LOCATED ONE THREE
ZERO W. PATTON STREET, MONTGOMERY, ALA. HE REPORTED TO SA
JOHN C. MC CLUNEY:

ON APR. NINETEEN LAST HE TRAVELED TO NEW ORLEANS, LA.,
IN HIS WHITE CORVAIR, ILL. LICENSE D G THREE ONE ZERO NINE.
SOUTH MOBILE, ALA., HE PICKED UP HITCHHIKER JOSEPH (LNU).
AT PASCAGOULA, MISS., THEY WERE STOPPED BY PD. JOSEPH
IDENTIFIED HIMSELF TO OFFICER WHO SAID HE RESEMBLED GALT.

ON APR. TWENTYTHREE LAST HILBURN LEFT JOSEPH AT NEW
ORLEANS, LA. JOSEPH IS EMPLOYED AS BARTENDER AND RESIDES AT
MUSIC BOX LOUNGE, ONE NINE ZERO/ZERO CANAL ST., NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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NEW ORLEANS INTERVIEW JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE.

CHICAGO DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE HILBURN.

AM COPIES MEMPHIS AND JACKSON.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ASAC

FROM : SAC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/24/68

At 1:15 p.m. this date USA LOUIS C. LACOUR called me from Washington, D. C. where he is attending the Attorney General's Conference of the U. S. Attorneys.

Mr. LACOUR stated that he had just received a telephone call from VETTERS, his Assistant, saying that VETTERS had just heard over the radio an announcement that a New Orleans industrialist had hired RAY to assassinate Dr. KING.

I told Mr. LACOUR there was a headline in this regard in the Red Comet edition of the States-Item this date by LOUIS LOMAX under the News Service NANA.

Mr. LACOUR asked me to read him the article, which I did.

Mr. LACOUR asked me about the matter and I explained to him that I had been on sick leave and was not familiar with this case, that SYLVESTER had handled the matter but that I did recall in a press release made by the Director it was stated that GALT left Los Angeles on 12/15/67 and drove his white Mustang to New Orleans. He left New Orleans on 12/19/67 and arrived back in Los Angeles on 12/21/67.

Mr. LACOUR said that he was familiar with LOMAX and said in the event any information is developed that a New Orleans industrialist was actually involved in this matter he would appreciate a telephone call.

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TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : SA REED W. JENSEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

**RE: SECURING OF MAILING LIST DATA
COVERING MARITIME INDUSTRIES**

A contact with a variety of sources in the New Orleans area determined that the New Orleans Port Authority would probably have the best mailing list for utilization in this matter.

Mr. MC CABE, Captain of the Port, New Orleans Port Authority, International Trade Mart Building, phone 522-2551, extension 292, was contacted in this regard and he stated his office would cooperate in every way possible and referred the writer to Mr. WILFRED MYLIE, extension 211, who is in charge of the New Orleans Port Authority Mailing Room.

Mr. MYLIE advised 4/23/68, that their mailing list is not all on Addressograph plates, but the complete list is compiled on an IBM Univac Address Label System. He stated the New Orleans Port Authority puts out a monthly magazine to approximately ten thousand individuals. He advised that there are approximately two hundred addresses which would include steamship companies and exporters out of the Port of New Orleans. There is another list of concerns on his mailing list which would cover approximately two thousand firms that utilize in some way facilities of the Port of New Orleans.

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Mr. MYLIE advised that when he wants to send out any mailings he takes the material and the IBM address tabs to the Mailers and Printers, Inc., 531 North Alexander Street, New Orleans, telephone 482-2364. This concern has a machine that pastes the tab on the article being mailed. He felt this system could be adapted to for our folded type identification orders.

Mr. MYLIE stated that this type of addressing is very fast, as for example Mailers and Printers, Inc. can address the Port Authorities' 10,000 magazines in approximately three hours.

Mr. MYLIE stated that RALPH HAY is the Manager of Mailers and Printers, Inc.

Mr. MYLIE also advised that he has approximately ^{thousand} four hundred concerns on a foreign mailing list covering South and Central America.

Mr. MYLIE advised that if ^{we} they desired to do so he would make any of the aforementioned mailing lists available so that it could be taken to Mailers and Printers, Inc. to be placed on our IO's.

Mr. RALPH HAY has not been contacted as yet in this matter until it is positively decided that we desire to distribute IO's in this manner.

*Good
per Thompson*

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : ASAC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

~~JOHN LANG~~, AP, telephonically contacted the New Orleans Office at 10:30 a.m. referring to headline story in the New Orleans States-Item written by LOUIS LOMAX of the NANA, an independent news association, to the effect that a mystery Hollywood blonde was being located tying RAY in with a New Orleans industrialist, that RAY was in New Orleans on 12/16-17/67 at a motel.

LANG stated that LOUIS LOMAX was reportedly a regular reporter of Negro affairs for the North American Newspaper Alliance, a syndicate.

Mr. LANG was advised "no comment".

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA KENNETH G. OERTEL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Mr. ED SCARLAN, President, States Savings and Loan Company, 940 Common St., New Orleans, (who refused to give his home address), advised on 4/19/68, he took dancing lessons at the Continental Dance Studios sometime in either 1964 or 1965. Mr. SCARLAN did not recall how many lessons he took but stated he spent about \$100 to \$125 at a cost of \$8 per lesson. He stated he did not remember the names of anyone else who took lessons or the names of any instructors. He believed the person who ran Continental was FNU MYERS. He stated whenever he took lessons at the studios, there was never any more than two or three other people. He was shown pictures of JAMES EARL RAY, Aka., Eric Starvo Galt, but he stated that these pictures looked like no one familiar to him.

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J. W. GILMORE, SA

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Informant (protect identity; has furnished reliable information in past) advised SA J. W. GILMORE 4-23-68 after viewing photographs of both JAMES EARL RAY and WALTER TERRY RIFE that he has never seen either of these two individuals, does not know either, and has no information in his possession concerning them.

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① cc 157-10673 (MURKIN)

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TO SAC OMAHA

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)

MURKIN; CR.

Re: Nebraska Lic 436-092

ON APR. TWENTY-FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, MRS. W. E. DAVIS, ONE EIGHT THREE FOUR COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, ADVISED THAT AT APPROXIMATELY FOUR O'CLOCK P.M., APRIL TWENTYTHIRD, SIXTYEIGHT, SHE OBSERVED A WHITE MALE, ~~RESEMBLING~~ RESEMBLING JAMES EARL RAY, LEAVING CITY PAWN SHOP. INDIVIDUAL WAS DRIVING A SIXTYFIVE CHEVROLET OR PONTIAC, COLOR OFF WHITE, BEARING NEBRASKA LICENSE FOUR THREE SIX - ZERO NINE TWO.

MURRAY HOROWITZ, CITY PAWN SHOP, BATON ROUGE, LA., ADVISED HE HAD NO CUSTOMERS ON APR. TWENTYTHIRD, SIXTYEIGHT, RESEMBLING JAMES EARL RAY. HE STATED ONE CUSTOMER LLOYD BEECHLEY, CARE/ OF WESTERNER MOTEL, PORT ALLEN, HOCKED A BOX OF TOOLS AT APPROXIMATELY FOUR P.M., APR. TWENTYTHIRD, SIXTYEIGHT. BEECHLEY DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE: SIX FEET, FOUR INCHES; ONE SIX FIVE POUNDS; BROWN HAIR AND EYES; AGE THIRTYFOUR.

OMAHA AT LINCOLN, NEBRASKA. IDENTIFY OWNER OF NEBRASKA LICENSE FOUR THREE SIX - ZERO NINE TWO, AND ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN DESCRIPTIVE DATA RE OWNER; *current address to*

1 - OMAHA

1 - MEMPHIS (AM)

1 - NEW ORLEANS

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TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

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CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS COMMUNICATIONS
MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORY TO INSURE THAT THERE IS FREQUENT
REFERENCE TO RAY AND HIS CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

SINCE YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADVISED THAT JAMES EARL
RAY IS IDENTICAL WITH ERIC STARVO GALT AND YOU HAVE BEEN
FURNISHED IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS ON RAY, YOU ARE TO BE
CERTAIN THAT ALL APPROPRIATE STOPS HAVE BEEN RENEWED ON
JAMES EARL RAY AND UNDER ALL OF HIS KNOWN ALIASES AS SET
FORTH ON THE IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS. THIS IS TO INSURE THAT
THE BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED IF THE SUBJECT IS
ARRESTED OR COMES TO THE ATTENTION OF AUTHORITIES WITH WHOM
STOPS PLACED.

OFFICES COVERING DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS
FLIGHTS SHOULD HAVE RENEWED STOPS AND SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH
SHOULD BE DISPLAYED APPROPRIATELY.

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ALL OFFICES SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION
AT ALL "~~HIPPIE~~" ROOMING HOUSES AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS TO
OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER CONCERNING RAY.

APPROPRIATE LEGATS BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC NEW ORLEANS (137-517)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA G. MYRYWIN ALDERSON

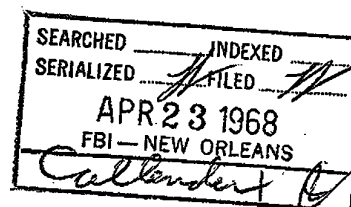
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SUBJECT: WALTER J. BLUMSTEIN

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PCI was shown a group of photographs which contained the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and WALTER TERRY RIFE. Informant was unable to identify RAY and RIFE as being identical with anyone known to him.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Very Good	Coverage 42, 88, 31, 26
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TO : SAC NEW ORLEANS (137-2384)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA G. MYRYWIN ALDERSON

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SUBJECT: EDITH RITA BRAND

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TO : SAC New Orleans (137-2698)

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FROM : SA G. MYRYWIN ALDERSON

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SUBJECT: ROBERT J. COMEAUX

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FROM : SA G. MYRYWIN ALDERSON

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SUBJECT: JAY JOHN GEORGE WEIL, JR.

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TO : SAC New Orleans (137-2699)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA G. MYRYWIN ALDERSON

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SUBJECT: A. HORACE LASSEIGNE

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<p>PCI was exhibited a group of photographs which contained the photos of JAMES EARL RAY and WALTER TERRY RIFE. Informant was not able to identify RAY and RIFE as anyone he knew, or had ever seen.</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Very Good	Coverage 26, 42, 76, 88
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Date 4-24-68

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
MURKIN

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 9-6-96 BY SP2clb/bk
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RE NEW ORLEANS TELCALLS TO THE BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES INSTANT DATE AND ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM "RED COMET" EDITION, INSTANT DATE UNDER BYLINE OF LOUIS LOMAX WITH DATE LINE BEVERLY HILLS (NANA).

THIS ARTICLE STATED THAT THE HUNT FOR THE PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASINATION OF DR. KING NOW FOCUSES ON A "MYSTERIOUS HOLLYWOOD BLONDE AND A NEW ORLEANS INDUSTRIALIST." THE ARTICLE STATES THAT THE FBI LET IT BE KNOWN ON MONDAY "THAT THEY WERE IN SEARCH OF THE HOLLYWOOD BLONDE BUT COULD NOT LOCATE HER. THE REPORT WAS THAT SHE HAS DISAPPEARED."

THE ARTICLE STATES THAT LOMAX LOCATED THE BLONDE IN QUESTION LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND THAT SHE IS IN HER MID-TWENTIES AND AS SUSPECTED WAS A CLOSE CONFIDANT OF RAY.

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FURTHER THAT THE BLONDE WAS A HABITUE OF THE SULTAN ROOM IN THE RABBIT'S FOOT BARS ALONG A SLEEZY SECTION OF HOLLYWOOD BLVD. THIS BLONDE USES SEVERAL NAMES ACCORDING TO LOMAX, BUT WAS KNOWN AS "JERRI."

THE ARTICLE ALLEGES THAT JERRY SPENT SEVERAL NIGHTS, PERHAPS WEEKS, WITH RAY AND THAT ON THE DAY RAY LEFT LOS ANGELES ON THE TRIP THAT LED HIM TO MEMPHIS, HE PURCHASED JERRI AN AIRPLANE TICKET TO A MID-WESTERN CITY WHERE SHE IS NOW VISITING WITH HER PARENTS.

LOMAX FURTHER ALLEGES IN THE ARTICLE THAT ON ~~DECEMBER~~ DECEMBER SIXTEEN, LAST, RAY WAS IN TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH A MAJOR NEW ORLEANS INDUSTRIALIST, A MAN WHO IS CONSIDERED THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL "KILLER" OF THE COMMUNITY. FURTHER, THAT ON DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, LAST, RAY MET IN PERSON WITH THIS INDUSTRIALIST AND ON THE DAY OF THIS MEETING RAY WAS REGISTERED IN A MOTEL IN NEW ORLEANS. THE MEETING IS ALLEGED TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN "DOWNTOWN" NEW ORLEANS.

LATER, THE ARTICLE ALLEGES THAT THE FBI IS HAVING

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MAJOR DIFFICULTY TRACING THE BLONDE AND THE INDUSTRIALIST BECAUSE THE TRAIL LEADS THROUGH DENIZENS OF THE UNDERWORLD AND SEMI-UNDERWORLD WHO REFUSED TO COOPERATE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS; THAT THE NAME OF THE NEW ORLEANS INDUSTRIALIST IS NOT KNOWN.

→ LOMAX CLAIMS THAT HE IS AWARE OF HOW THE TELEPHONE CONTACT BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIALIST AND RAY WAS ESTABLISHED AND THAT A SEARCH IS NOW ON TO LOCATE RECORDS WHICH WILL REVEAL BOTH THE INDUSTRIALIST'S NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER.

Accent LOMAX DESCRIBED JERRI AS SPEAKING WITH A FOREIGN ~~ACCIDENT~~ AND IS PROBABLY FROM ONE OF THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES.

IN CONNECTION WITH INFORMATION APPEARING IN THIS ARTICLE, PRIOR INVESTIGATION BY NEW ORLEANS AT PROVINCIAL MOTEL, NEW ORLEANS, ESTABLISHED THAT JAMES EARL RAY REGISTERED AS ERIC S. GALT IN PROVINCIAL ^{MOTEL} ON DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN AND CHECKED OUT ON DECEMBER NINETEEN, SIXTYSEVEN. INVESTIGATION FURTHER ESTABLISHED NO PERTINENT

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LONG DISTANCE CALLS MADE FROM PAY TELEPHONE LOCATED NEAR
MOTEL SWIMMING POOL AND NO RECORDS OF ANY LONG DISTANCE CALLS
MADE BY GALT. RECORDS OF LOCAL CALLS WERE KEPT BY MOTEL,
BUT HAVE BEEN DESTROYED FOR DECEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN.

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CONTACT WITH ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CONCERNS,
CHALMETTE, LA., AREA WERE CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS AS TO
KNOWLEDGE OF RAY, THEN KNOWN AS GALT, AS A RESULT OF RAY'S
MENTION TO CHARLES STEIN WHILE EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW
ORLEANS THAT HE WOULD CONTACT A COUPLE OF INDIVIDUALS CONNECTED
WITH ENGINEERING OR ~~CONSTRUCTION~~ ^{Contracting in Chalmette area} WHILE VISITING NEW ORLEANS.

INTERVIEW WITH MRS. CLOVINA A. OLONZO, MOTHER OF RITA
STEIN, DETERMINED THAT SHE DID NOT SEE GALT WHILE HE WAS IN
NEW ORLEANS. ^{unknown}

IDENTITY OF THE ALLEGED ^{unknown} NEW ORLEANS INDUSTRIALIST REFERRED
TO IN RE NEWS ARTICLE NOT KNOWN TO NEW ORLEANS OFFICE.

THE "RED FLASH" EDITION OF THE NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM
INSTANT DATE CARRIES A REHASH OF REFERENCED ARTICLE AND, IN
ADDITION, INCLUDES STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT
ATTORNEY, JIM GARRISON, WHICH IS QUOTED AS FOLLOWS:

"WE'RE VERY INTERESTED IN THE CASE."

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HOWEVER, THE DA SAID, "WE HAVE NO DATA AT PRESENT. THE
9 FEDERAL PEOPLE HAVE NOT GIVEN US THE INFORMATION."

HE ADDED THAT FEDERAL AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT REFUSED THE
INFORMATION - THEY HAVE NOT YET BEEN ASKED FOR IT. "NOW
THAT IT'S GETTING THIS SPECIFIC, WE'LL BE VERY MUCH INTERESTED."

→ GARRISON STRESSED THAT HE MEANS NO CRITICISM OF FEDERAL
INVESTIGATORS IN THIS INSTANCE. "THEY HAVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS,"
HE SAID.

REFERENCED NEWS ARTICLE BEING FORWARDED BUREAU, LOS ANGELES
AND MEMPHIS AMSD INSTANT DATE.

FILES OF NEW ORLEANS DIVISION REVEAL THAT IN SUMMER OF
SIXTYFIVE DURING RACIAL TURMOIL IN BOGALUSA, LA., AN INDIVIDUAL
IDENTIFIED AS LOUIS LOMAX AND DESCRIBED AS A WRITER AND TELEVISION
PERSONALITY FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIF., WAS PRESENT IN BOGALUSA
ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS. DURING THESE OCCASIONS LOMAX MADE
SPEECHES AND PARTICIPATED IN MARCHES CONDUCTED BY THE BOGALUSA
VOTERS LEAGUE (BVL), A LOCAL CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION.

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ON ONE OCCASION LOMAX IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS CHAIRMAN OF A GROUP KNOWN AS "CONCERNED CALIFORNIANS FOR BOGALUSA COMMITTEE." FILES REVEAL THAT ALLEGEDLY LOMAX HAD RAISED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CALIFORNIA DURING SIXTYFIVE TO FURNISH TO THE BVL TO CONTINUE ITS OPERATIONS. HOWEVER, INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED BY A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE THAT OF THE ALLEGED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS RAISED BY LOMAX, ONLY APPROXIMATELY SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS HAD ACTUALLY BEEN FURNISHED BY LOMAX TO THE BVL.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS.

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