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GERTRUDE FRITH, 102 Arlington Street, advised that her son, BILLY RAY KING, left the Lake Providence area on April 4, 1968, to return to his job with KGW Towing Co. The exact time of his departure is unknown inasmuch as his girlfriend MARJORIE KENNEDY drove him to Greensville, Mississippi, to catch a bus to Quincy, Illinois, where he was to board a riverboat. Mrs. FRITH has not heard from her son since he left Lake Providence on April 4, 1968.

FRITH stated that her son recently purchased a 1967 Mustang two-door, blue in color, from TRAVIS SHEFFIELD. She stated the 1967 Mustang is presently in the possession of MARJORIE KENNEDY who resides at 501 Davis Street, Lake Providence, Louisiana.

FRITH further advised that to the best of her knowledge her son BILLY RAY KING has never been associated with the Ku Klux Klan or any militant-type group. She stated KING works on a tow boat on the Mississippi River and is, therefore, not home much of the time.

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MARJORIE KENNEDY, 501 Davis Street, advised that she drove her boyfriend, BILLY RAY KING, to Greenville, Mississippi, April 4, 1965, where he boarded a Trailways bus for Quincy, Illinois. They used KING's 1967 Mustang. To the best of her knowledge KING left Greenville, Mississippi, by Trailways bus at approximately 7:00 PM, April 4, 1968. KENNEDY stated that she returned to Lake Providence in the 1967 Mustang which she is keeping matil KING returns in May. At about 10:00 PM, April 4, 1968, she received a call from KING who stated that he was in Clarksdale, Mississippi, at the Downtowner Motel. He stated that the bus could not go any further than Clarksdale and requested her to pick him up at the Downtowner Motel. She then drove to Clarksdale, Mississippi, where she picked up KING at about 1:00 AM, April 5, 1968, and they returned to Lake Providence. In the late morning hours on April 5, 1968, she drove KING to the KGW Towing Office; Greenville, Mississippi, where he was to obtain transportation to his tow beat. KENNEDY advised that she did not know how KING left Greenville, Mississippi, inasmuch as she returned to lake Providence immediately after she dropped him off at the KGW Office,

KENNEDY advised that to the best of her knowledge KING is not associated with the Ku Klux Klan or any militant groups. She also stated that to the best of her knowledge KING only had a duffle bag containing his clothes when he left Lake Providence, and she does not know of any weapons in his personnica.

KENNEDY pointed out the 1967 Mustang two-door, blue in color, parked in front of her residence as the one recently purchased by KING. The registration for this vehicle reflected that it has vehicle identification number 77017127813, bearing 1968-69 Louisiana License 86F948. The registration further reflected the owner as TRAVIS SHEFF NELD.

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LUBERT FONCENOT, Route 1, Box 107, Welsh, Louisiana,

He advised he went to Memphis, Tennessee, on April 2, 1968, arriving there about 12:30 PM. He purchased some farm equipment and left Memphis, about 1:00 PM, on Wednesday, April 3, 1968. He stated he arrived in Welsh, Louisiana, on Thursday, at about noon, and he later learned of the shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. He stated he was driving the company's 1964 C600 tilt-cab Ford truck, which is twenty-seven feet long, bearing Louisiana license 292028. He advised he has no information whatsoever, concerning the killing of Dr. KING.

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At 10:10 p.m., Central Standard Time, April 4, 1968, an anonymous telephone call was received by the New Orleans Office from a person believed to be a white male, who advised he was a resident of Memphis, Tennessee, and that he was calling from Alexandria, Louisiana. The caller steadfastly refused to identify himself, but furnished the following information:

About breakfast time Wednesday, April 3, 1968, he was in the restaurant at the Downtowner Motel, Memphis, Tennessee. BERNARD LANSKY, LANSKY's brother and an unknown white male were seated about three feet away at the next table. LANSKY is the owner of Lansky's Clothing Store, Beale Street, Memphis. The caller described the unknown white male as 26 or 27 years old, 160 to 165 pounds, 5 feet 8 inches tall, straight black hair.

BERNARD LANSKY was heard to tell this unknown white male, "Let's get the black mother (obscene). If he comes back we are going to be bankrupt."

The unknown white male said, "I want half now."

BERNARD LANSKY was heard to say that the unknown white male was to get the other half after the job was done.

The anonymous caller stated he saw money change hands, and heard the amount \$1,000 mentioned. The caller also overheard arrangements made for the unknown white male to leave town after the job. The caller furnished no other details concerning this event.

The caller stated that Lansky's Clothing Store is on the verge of bankruptcy, was fire bombed last week, and this "was final blow."

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN A. PFEIFER at Alexandria, Louisiana, on April 5, 1968:

DON HUDSON, Manager, Bentley Hotel, advised that there were no calls through the hotel switchboard to any New Orleans phones on the night of April 4, 1968, and the following were guests on April 4, 1968, who were registered as being from Tennessee:

R. COOPER, Memphis (no other address), a driver for Herrin Truck Company, Room 331

M. T. ROWLAND, Memphis (no other address), a driver for Herrin Truck Company, Room 425

J. C. STAFFORD, Memphis (no other address), a driver for Herrin Truck Company, Room 506

JAMES H. HEUSTESS, 830 Bresslyn, Nashville, Metro Public Schools employee, Room 757, checked out April 5, 1968

C. L. HUGHEY, 4014 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Room 430, registered since February 18, 1968

Mrs. MARGARET KRALEY, Manager, Imperial 400 Motel, advised there were no guests registered on April 4, 1968, as being from Tennessee and the following are the only calls made by guests to New Orleans through her switchboard on April 4, 1968:

RICHARD FLYNN, 423 Baronne Street, New Orleans, employee of Consumer Credit Corporation, on April 4, 1968, called 504-288-9271 and spoke for five minutes.

Mr. N. O. RUSH, Manager, Colonel Motel, advised there were no calls through his switchboard on April 4, 1968, and no guests registered on April 4, 1968, from anywhere in Tennessee.

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Mrs. RONNIE LUNO, Manager, Luno Courts, advised that her motel has no switchboard or phones in the guest rooms and no one at her motel on April 4, 1968, registered as living in Tennessee.

N. N. ALLUMS, Manager, Vista Courts, formerly Kerry's Motel, advised his motel has no switchboard and there are no guest room phones. No one in his motel on April 4, 1968, registered as being from Tennessee.

SALLY LANDRUM, Clerk, Pelican Motel, advised no calls were made through her switchboard on April 4, 1968, to New Orleans and the only guest there on April 4, 1968, registered as living in Tennessee was W. C. STUDDARD (or STADDORD), 1744 Weir (or Wurr) Street, Memphis, who was in Room 221 with a Mrs. COGGINS, not further identified.

MIKE HUSTERD, Manager, Greenbrier Motel, advised no calls were made to New Orleans on April 4, 1968, through his switchboard and the only guests registered from Tennessee are the following, who are all rooming together in Room 8:

LARRY HUGNEY, Box 64, Union City, driving a 1968 red and black Oldsmobile sedan with Tennessee likense IZ 5776

GERALD BASS, Union City, driving a 1967 beige Dodge Charger

HUSTERD advised both HUGHEY and BASS work for Hughey Revell Construction Company and have been registered monthly since December 6, 1967.

HARRY DUSCHANG, Manager, Cenla Courts, advised that his motel has no switchboard, and none of his guests on April 4, 1968, registered as living in Tennessee.

CLARA B. FLOWERS, Manager, Paradise Motel, advised there is no switchboard in her Negro motel and no one registered there on April 4, 1968, was from Tennessee.

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The Epps Motel was determined to be a Negro motel and was not contacted.

The following investigation was conducted by SA PATRICK J. DENTE at Alexandria, Louisiana:

The following individuals listed below were contacted on April 5, 1968, concerning a possible telephone call from their premises to New Orleans on April 4, 1968, and concerning any guests registered on April 4, 1968, as being from the state of Tennessee, with negative results:

Mrs. DOUIE NOVGSTRETH Cavelier Motor Hotel 3057 Masonic Drive

CHARLOTTE HYNSON, Clerk Alexandria Inn 1212 McCarthy Drive

GEORGE BARKER, Manager Travel Lodge 116 McCarthy Drive

Mrs. HAZEL HOLLAND Howard Johnson Motor Lodge 700 McCarthy Drive

Mrs. EVLENA HANCOCK, Manager Fleur De Lis Motel 1000 McCarthy Drive

ENNIS G. DAVIS Holiday Inn 2300 McCarthy Drive

Miss LILLIAN HURLOCK, Owner Hurlock Courts 2700 North Shreveport Highway

Mr. J. C. JOHNSON, Owner "71" Courts 2809 North Shreveport Highway

The following investigation was conducted by SA RICHARD M. ALU at Alexandria, Louisiana:

On April 5, 1968, a records check by the below-listed individuals at the following indicated motels regarding a male, not further identified, who called the New Orleans Office of the FBI at approximately 10:00 p.m. on April 4, 1968, met with negative results:

ALBERT LOWE Southern Motel 3405 McCarthy Drive

J, H, STROUD Leroy's Motor Court 1133 McCarthy Drive

CECIL RANSBOTTOM Ransville Motel 3923 McCarthy Drive

J. S. JOHNSON Willowglen Courts 5522 McCarthy Drive

CHARLES GOYER
Ramada Inn
2211 McCarthy Drive

Miss PINKY EWEN Springhill Court Shreveport Highway

A check of the above-listed motels by the individuals indicated regarding guests with a Tennessee address produced the following:

Southern Motel

JIM JONES 4942 De Ranne Drive Memphis, Tennessee

CHARLES A. ROSS 5072 Churchill Cove Memphis, Tennessee

Ramada Inn

WALTER S. DUNCAN 217 Cumberland Street Memphis, Tennessee

The following investigation was conducted by SA PAUL R. LANCASTER:

On April 8, 1968, the following establishments were checked and they all advised that during the previous week no one registered in their establishment from Tennessee, especially Memphis, Tennessee:

Mrs. GLADYS E. REITH, Manager Ring Apartments 535 Lakeview Pineville, Louisiana

These are regular apartments and rental is usually on a weekly or monthly basis.

Mrs. THERESA JOHNSON, Manager Town and Country Motel 5215 Mac Arthur Drive Alexandria, Louisiana

She rents to both whites and colored. There have been no strangers or out-of-town customers during the previous week.

Mrs. LOLA BELL EPPS, Owner Epps Motel Tenth Packing House Road Alexandria, Louisiana

Mrs. EPPS only rents to Negroes.

The following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS J. FAY on April 5, 1968, at Monroe, Louisiana:

Chief of Police J. C. KELLY, Monroe, Louisiana, Police Department, advised that FORNEY MARION HAXEL is currently incarcerated in the jail at Monroe, Louisiana, and has been confined continuously since March 8, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER on April 5, 1968, at New Orleans, Louisiana:

Father LOUIS TOOMEY, Loyola University, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that at no time has any information ever come to his attention from any source of an alleged attempt to assassinate CHARLES EVERS.

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#### AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

On April 7, 1968, the two latent fingerprints on lifts submitted by Memphis were checked and were not identical with previously reported latent prints. Latents fingerprints in this case are not identical fingerprints of RONALD BARDIN SIMPSON, U. S. Air Force #14723426.

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RONALD BARDIN SIMPSON was interviewed at the Jefferson Davis Sheriff's Office in the presence of Deputy Sheriff GEORGE SPEIGHT. He was advised as to his rights and advised that he understood his rights but was very nervous and did not desire to sign any document.

SIMPSON stated that he was born on in Halifax County, North Carolina, and that prior to December 24 or 25, 1967, he was at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Durnham. North Carolina, where he was being treated for a nervous disorder. He advised that he was granted Christmas leave and in December hitchhiked to the West Coast where he remained until approximately March 15, 1967. He then traveled to Texas where he worked for Mr. AL WEBB, 4010 West Highway 80, Big Spring, Texas. On April 4, 1968, the recalls that he spent the entire day at the "Hone' Hut," a Negro bar located in Houston, Texas, address unknown. recalls being in this bar from the early morning hours until approximately 6:00 or 6:30 PM, April 4, 1968. On or about April 5, 1968, he then began hitchhiking from Houston via Interstate 10 east with the intentions of returning to Durham and to the Veterans Administration Hospital as his nervous disorder has become worse in the past few months. He denied being in Memphis, Tennessee, April 4, or March 28, 1968 and advises the last time he was in Memphis was approximately two years ago and he was merely passing through the city at that time. He stated he has no relatives or friends in Memphis, Tennessee.

The following description of SIMPSON was obtained by observation and interview:

Name RONALD BARDIN SIMPSON
Sex Male
Race White
Nationality American
Birth Data Born at Halifax, North Carolina
Height 6'

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Weight 150 pounds
Hair Black (thin and unruly)
Eyes Hazel
Complexion Ruddy
Permanent

Address 910 Henry Street, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina

Parents VERNEY WALTER SIMPSON, father (deceased);

LUCILLE FINCH, mother, 910 Henry Street, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina

HOWARD O'NEAL, step-father, above address

Education High school
Service
Record U. S. Air Fo

U. S. Air Force, 6 years, discharge in 1966, Air Force SN 14723426

Selective Service Number

31-43-41-435

Local Draft Board

#3, Halifax County, North Carolina O Positive

Blood Group Occupation Scars and Marks

Common laborer

None
SIMPSON attired in
dirty unwashed clothing
and has very unkempt

appearance

Arrest Record

Remarks

Tampa, Florida, 1966, Police Department, Disturbing the Peace, served 50 days Pate 4/8/68

Deputy Sheriff GEORGE SPEIGHT, Jefferson Davis. Sheriff's Office, advised that on the morning of April 6, 1968, at approximately 8:30 AM, he received a call from officials at the Southern Pacific Railroad, advising that a white male, was sleeping near the railroad tracks just east of the main section of Jennings. He advised he arrested this individual who furnished the name and had identification in the name of RONALD BARDIN SIMPSON, white male, born Halifax County, Worth Carolina.

Deputy SPEIGHT advised that he had observed the penciled sketch of the subject wanted for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING carried in the "Beaumont Enterprise," a Beaumont, Texas, morning newspaper and that this sketch resembled SIMPSON except for the well dressed appearance and hair of the subject as depicted in the sketch.

He stated that SIMPSON told him he had been hitchhiking from California to his home in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, at the time he was arrested, and on March 28, 1968, and April 4, 1968, he was in the Texas area. He arrested SIMPSON on vagrancy charges, and he advised that it was quite obvious that SIMPSON was extremely nervous and needed mental care.

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MAX DIXON, Service Manager, Cutler Chevrolet Company, U. S. Highway 80 East, advised that CLARENCE L. ROBINSON was not absent from work any day during the week of April 1, 1968, through April 5, 1968.

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Mrs. C. L. ROBINSON, Manager, Hilltop Motel, U. S. Highway 80 East, advised she resides in the office section of the motel with her husband. She advised that the only white male who would be observed coming from her living quarters section of the motel office and who may have been mistaken as an employee, would have been her husband, who is regularly employed as a mechanic at the Cutler Chevrolet Company in Delhi.

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CLARENCE L. ROBINSON, also known as Bud Robinson, was interviewed at the Cutler Chevrolet Company and advised that although he could not recall making any specific remarks concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING to a motel customer, he may very well have done so as he never has been a big supporter of many of KING's activities. ROBINSON advised that he was at work every day during the week of April 1 through 5, 1968, and particularly on April 4, 1968.

The following descriptive data was obtained through interview and observation:

Sex Male Race White Age 40 Hair Light brown Eves Blue 5' 11" Height Weight 170 pounds Build Medium Complexion pock marked

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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished by Mr. RONALD W. REHL, 1007 Greter Court, Alexandria, Louisiana:

Mr. REHL is the zone manager for Top Value Stamps. He has lived in Alexandria for the past two years and maintains an office in the MacArthur Village Shopping Center in Alexandria. He has three salesmen working with him and in connection with his work, he travels extensively in Central Louisiana.

On some occasions it is necessary for him to spend the night out of town but generally is able to return to his home for the night. On March 29, 1968, which was a Friday, he felt sure he was traveling some place in Louisiana but spent Friday night at home. On Saturday, March 30, 1968, he was positive he was in Alexandria all day and night. On Thursday, April 4, 1968, he was probably at Minden, Louisiana, for part of the day but was positive that he was back home in time for supper between 6:00 and 7:00 PM and after supper attended a church meeting at Alexandria at the First Methodist Church between 7:30 and 8:30 PM. He went to these services by himself.

The following description was obtained from observation and interview:

Name RONALD W. REHL  $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{x}$ Male Race White Date of birth Place of birth Milwaukee, Wisconsin 6 4 9 Height 200 Weight Eyes Green Hair Brown, has receeding hairline, high forehead and parts hair on left Has been with Top Value Occupation Stamps since 1959

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Marital Status

Married - Wife - DEANNE

R. REHL

Military Service

None

Selective Service

Classification 4-F with Local Board,

Dayton, Ohio

Louisiana drivers

Remarks

license

3189515, issued November 7,

1966, photograph number 1970, office number 40

Characteristics Appeared to be soft

spoken and mild mannered

Said he has never been

fingerprinted.

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On April 8, 1968, the following information was received from the Dallas Office of the FBI:

NANCY SAUNIER, 302 Louisiana, Abilene, Texas, advised that she had seen what was an alleged artist conception in an Abilene newspaper, of a suspect in the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

She informed that on the evening of March 28, 1968, she met an individual by the first name of MARK (IAST NAME UNKNOWN), at the Ramanda Inn, located in a town about thirty miles east of Shreveport, Louisiana. This person was supposedly a salesman for the Top Value Trading Stamp Company, from Alexandria, Louisiana. This individual sat near her at dinner and, subsequently, visited with her in her room.

She described MARK (LNU) as about six feet tall, receding hairline, and last saw him leaving the motel on the following morning in a red car, possibly a Porsche. She did not know in what direction he went. She has no basis other than the apparent feeling that MARK's (LNU) physical description is similar to that of the artist coesption.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JAMES W. SMITH at Minden, Louisiana, on April 8, 1968:

Mr. CLARENCE FISH, Manager, Ramada Inn, Minden, made available his file which showed a registration for the night of March 20, 1968, as NANCY SAULNIER, 302 Louisiana Avenue, Abilene, Texas. SAULNIER was driving a 1966 Pontiac white, 1968 Virginia license A480697. SAULNIER checked out of the Ramada Inn at 7:53 a.m., March 21, 1968. On rear bumper of SAULNIER's car was a sticker, Dyess Air Force Base, written on it.

On the same night, March 20, 1968, MARK RULL, registered for one night at Ramada Inn and he checked out at 7:53 a. m., March 21, 1968, the same time as SAULNIER.

RUELL is well known to Mr. FISH as the manager of Top Value Stamps, Inc., Alexandria, Louisiana. His address as listed on registration card was 1000 Grebell Avenue, Alexandria, Louisiana. FISH stated that RUELL is known to drive a late model red MG or Porche automobile. FISH described RUELL as follows:

Age 35
Height 6'
Weight 160-170
Hair Receding hair line

He also stated that RUELL has some sort of difficulty with his arms, one being slightly shorter than the other.

He advised that RUELL is well known to him and has been a guest at the Ramada Inn on many occasions.

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He recalls seeing RUELL at the Ramada Inn about one week ago either last Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday night. He also advised that RUELL has had with him a number of salesmen that work with him in Top Value Stamps, Alexandria.

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BILLY D. MC GRIFF, 1342 Plantation Road, Jackson, Mississippi, was interviewed by MICHAEL BARON and WILLIAM E. DCYLE, who identified themselves as Special Agents of the FBI. He was interviewed at the Travel Lodge Motel, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

MC GRIFF was told of his rights as they appeared on an Interrogation; Advice of Rights form, and he stated he understood his rights and that it would not be necessary for him to sign.

Mr. MC GRIFF advised he could furnish no information regarding the slaying of the Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING and that he was not in anyway involved in the slaying.

He stated that on April 5, 1968, he was at the headquarters of the L. E. Myers Company, Sardis, Mississippi, with a group of men, including his supervioor, EARL FORTENBERRY. He advised that the group was talking about the slaying of Reverend KING and at that time he mentioned that he was in the Memphis, Tennessee area at the time of the slaying. He advised that he did not know exactly the comments that were made regarding the slaying of Reverend KING, but that he definitely was not involved nor could he furnish any information regarding the slaying of the Reverend KING.

Mr. MC GRIFF stated that on April 4, 1968, he was employed by the L. E. Myers Company, a contractor for the Mississippi Power and Light Company, Sardis, Mississippi. The job was rained out for that day and he and VAN SULLIVAN, Mize, Mississippi, a co-employee, took a ride to Memphis, Tennessee, as there was nothing else to do. He advised they made one stop in Memphis, at a Walgreens Drug Store to purchase some sunglasses. He advised that he was quite sure that they had returned back to the State of Mississippi at the time of the slaying as they heard news of the slaying on the car radio.

MC GRIFF stated that he definitely was not in Birmingham, Alabama, during March 29-30, 1968. He advised that he had been employed continuously since December 15, 1967.

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by L. E. Myers, contractor, and that he quit his job approximately March 28-31, 1968. He advised that after he quit his job he went home and stayed around for several days before accepting the job at Sardis, Mississippi. He advised that his whereabouts could be verified through the L. E. Myer Company, Jackson, Mississippi, or his wife and associates.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name Address

Race Sex

Date of Birth Place of Birth

Height
Weight
Build
Hair
Eyes

Complexion Scars and Marks

Occupation Armed Forces

Serial Number Discharge Marital Status

Wife Mother

Social Security Number Arrests Education BILLY D. MC GRIFF 1342 Plantation Road, Jackson, Mississippi White

White Male

Sebastopol, Mississippi

5'11"

170 pounds Medium

Black Brown Ruddy

Thumb off left hand

Electrician

United States Army, from September, 1948,

to May, 1952 14301619

Honorable

Married

MARTHA WOLVERTON MC GRIFF

VIRGINIA MC GRIFF, Fredericka Street, Jackson, Mississippi

Claims no arrest record Twelfth grade, Central High School, Jackson, Mississippi

Date April 16, 1968

Mr. VINCENT TUMINELLO, Mechanical Drawing Teacher, Springhill High School, Springhill, Louisiana, furnished the following information:

TUMINELLO is sponsor of the Industrial Arts Club, made up of high school students, which club made a trip from Springhill, Louisiana, to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on March 28, 1968. JAMES CARL PAFFORD accompanied the club and hauled six high school students in his station wagon. The group, including PAFFORD, left Springhill, Louisiana, about 11:30 AM, March 28, 1968, and arrived at Baton Rouge about 6:00 PM the same date. The entire group stayed at the White House Inm in Baton Rouge that night. PAFFORD's wife arrived in Baton Rouge by bus about 11:00 PM, March 28, 1968, and was with the group after that time.

TUMINELLO was in regular contact with PAFFORD in Baton Rouge until the group departed Baton Rouge about 11:30 AM, March 30, 1968, and he saw PAFFORD at Springhill, Louisiana, when the group arrived there about 5:30 PM, March 30, 1968.

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Mr. DENNIS P. SIMMONS, Industrial Arts Teacher, Springhill High School, Springhill, Louisiana, furnished the following information:

SIMMONS is the co-sponsor of the Industrial Arts Club. On March 28, 1968, this club made a trip from Springhill, Louisiana, to Baton Rouge, Louisiana. JAMES CARL PAFFORD is well known to SIMMONS and was formerly a resident of nearby Cullen, Louisiana. PAFFORD now operates an ambulance service at nearby Magnolia, Arkansas. PAFFORD drove his own station wagon and hauled six high school students on the trip from Springhill, Louisiana, to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on March 28, 1968. The group left Springhill about 11:30 Am on March 28, 1968, and arrived at Baton Rouge about 6:00 Pm the same date. The group, including PAFFORD, stayed at the White House Inn in Baton Rouge until March 30, 1968. On that date they departed Baton Rouge at 11:30 Am and arrived back in Springhill at 5:30 Pm.

SIMMONS was in regular contact with PAFFORD during this entire period and knows that PAFFORD did not make any other trips during that period.

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Mrs. CLOVINA/OLONZO, 1907 Royal Street, advised that her son CHARLES A STRIN came to New Orleans some time just before Christmas, 1967, and stayed at her residence 1907 Royal Street but she was unable to recall the exact dates that STRIN was in New Orleans.

Mrs. OLONZO advised that STEIN informed her he had traveled to New Orleans by automobile from California with a man whose name he did not mention. STEIN also advised Mrs. OLONZO that MARIE "MINNIE" MARTIN, a cousin residing in California, had heard a man state that he was coming to New Orleans on business and MARIE approached this man to ask this man if he would take CHARLES STEIN to New Orleans with him. This unknown man agreed to transport STEIN to New Orleans.

STEIN also advised Mrs. OLONZO that he came to New Orleans to pick-up RITA STEIN's two children, who were residing with Mrs. OLONZO.

Mrs. OLONZO advised STEIN remained in New Orleans only one or two days. During his stay in New Orleans STEIN advised Mrs. OLONZO that the man, who brought him to New Orleans, was staying at a hotel, name not stated. STEIN also advised Mrs. OLONZO that he did not work with this man and that he did not know him.

Mrs. OLONZO advised that she wid not see the man, who brought STEIN to New Orleans in the automobile in which they were traveleng. Mrs. OLONZO advised that no telephone calls were made by or received by STEIN while he was visiting at her residence as she did not have a telephone. She advised that after one or two days STEIN, RITA STEIN'S two children, and the unknown man departed New Orleans for California.

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She stated she has not heard from STRIN since that time.

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Mr. WILLIE OLONZO, 1907 Royal Street, advised that CHARLES J. STEIN, the son of his wife, Mrs. CLOVINA OLONZO, care to their residence some time shortly before Christmas, 1967. He stated that he was bedridden during the period of time that STEIN was in New Orleans and he did not see STEIN except for one occasion and he did not converse with him about the trip. He stated that he had heard that STEIN was transported from California by an unknown man but he could furnish no details concerning this trip.

Mr. OLONZO advised that on one occasion while STEIN was in New Orleans he heard STEIN conversing with a male in the kitchen but since he was bedridden he did not see or hear any pertinent parts of this conversation.

Mr. OLONZO advised that since he was bedridden he did not see the vehicle in which STEIN had traveled from California.

Mr. OLONZO advised he suffers from extreme high blood pressure which causes fainting spells and to the best of his recollection he spent most of the time while STEIN was in New Orleans in Charity Hospital.

He advised he could furnish no additional information concerning STEIN's visit to New Orlans.

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Mr. LEON LEVY, Manager, E-Z Finance Plan, 134 Elk Place, New Orleans, advised as follows:

A search of his records reflects no pending or closed account for Continental Dance Studio, LOUELLA LUTZ, or MARLIN MYERS. Further, he has no applications on hand for any of these names.

He stated it is the practice of his firm to destroy any applications which do not become active accounts. His firm has never puchased sales contracts or accounts from dance studios.

His firm is a member of the New Orleans Exchange of Consumer Finance Companies. He determined that this exchange has no record of a current or charged off account for any of the above-mentioned names. He stated that any account properly paid out would not be currently listed by any of the 180 members of the exchange.

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	Mr. WILLIAM NIKLAUS, Treasurer, Nunmaker Finance Company, Inc., 1820 Canal Street, New Orleans, advised as follows:
	A search of his files reflected no present or paid-out account with Continental Dance Studio, MARLIN/MYERS, or LOUELLA LUTZ. Applications on hand were also searched without locating any record of these names.
	He stated that declined applications are ordinarily destroyed within a few months after receipt. Further, this firm has never purchased sales contracts or accounts from dance studios.
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į.	Mr. JOHN SHEA, Vice-President, Whitney National Bank of New Orleans, advised as follows:
:	A checking account for Continental pance Club Studios, Inc., 725 Common Street, was opened February 24, 1964, and was closed on January 14, 1966. There are no records on film or otherwise concerning checks which may have been included in the deposits of this customer.
	LOUELLA LUTZ, Claiborne Towers, opened a checking account on May 7, 1964. On May 11, 1966, a change of address was received showing 5515 Ash Street, Apartment 7, Los Angeles, California. On July 31, 1967, this account was closed.
.*	No record was found of any other type of account for Continental Dance Club Studios, Inc., LOUELLA LUTZ, or MARLIN MYERS.
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Mr. HARRY W. CAVELIER, Vice-President, Latter and Blum, Inc., 919 Gravier Street, New Orleans, advised as follows:

Acting as rental agents, this firm prepared a lease on April 1, 1964, with MARLIN MYERS, President of Continental Dance Club Studios, Inc., for occupancy of the premises at 725 Common Street. The period of occupancy was for two years from April 1, 1964, with options to renew. Payment of \$750.00 was received to be held in escrow during the period of the lease; however, due to poor management or lack of interest on the part of MYERS, the monthly rental of \$250.00 became delinquent, and it was necessary to apply the escrow money to clear the account at the time the lease expired in 1966. Rent payments were ordinarily made directly to the landlord, Mr. LEBRETON.

Because of the deposit arrangement, no investigation was made of MYERS, and there is no application or background information available. He reportedly came to New Orleans, from Miami, Florida. There was no current residence address in file for him when the lease terminated.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER on April 12, 1968, at New Orleans, Louisiana:

Mr. B. T. KAYLOR, Manager. New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau, 333 St. Charles Avenue, advised his records contained the following information in regards to one LOUELLA LUTZ:

In 1965, LUTZ resided in Apartment 604, at the Claiborne Towers, New Orleans, Louisiana, and received a pension, the type not specifically indicated. LUTZ was a widow and her deceased husband's name was JOHN J. In 1965, an inquiry was received from the E-Z Finance Company, as well as the Nunmake Finance Company, New Orleans. The records contained no further information.

OLIVER STRICKLAND, Dun and Bradstreet, Inc., 442 Canal Street, advised that the records of his agency contained no record identifiable with the Continental Dance Studio.

A review of the 1965 and 1966 New Orleans City Directories revealed that LOUELLA M. LUTZ resided at Apartment 604, at the Claiborne Towers, 119 South Claiborne Avenue.

MARY TANK, Clerk, Sheraton-Delta Hotel (formerly Claiborne Towers), 119 South Claiborne Avenue, advised that her records revealed that LOUELLA/LUTZ moved in 1966, to 5515 Ash Street, Apartment 7, Los Angeles, California.

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EAH: ljr 1 The following investigation was conducted by SA EDWARD A. HEGSTETTER at Mobile, Alabama, on dates indicated: On April 16, 1968, Mr. FRANK MURDOCK, Marine Manager, Sealand Service, E. A. Roberts Building, Mobile, Alabama, advised that a check of current crew lists of the "S.S. Maiden Creek" and "M/V New Yorker" reflected no record of a crew member by the name ERIC STARV/ GALT, JOHN WILLARD or HARVEY LOVMEYER or any variations of these names. Mr. MURDOCK advised that the /"S.S. Clayborne" was under his direct control and a check of Crew Manifests also reflected no record for the above named individuals. 7-10673- Pert 228

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The following investigation was conducted by SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER on April 12, 1968, at New Orleans, Louisiana:

ALBERT L. LEBRETON, Sr., 4432 Spain Street, provided the following information:

He is the owner of the property at 729 Common Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. He recalled that in 1964, and 1965, the Continental Dance Studio rented space on the second floor at 729 Common Street. This dance studio was operated by MARLIN MYERS and LOUELLA LUTZ. Mrs. LUTZ lived in Apartment 604, at the Claiborne Towers, 119 South Claiborne Street, New Orleans.

It was his understanding that Mrs. LUTZ lost about \$30,000.00 in the operation of the dance studio.

LEBRETON said that a three-year lease was signed but he could not recall the exact dates on this lease. He rented the second floor at a cost of \$250.00 per month, and that Latter and Blum Realty Company in New Orleans, handled the rental of this space.

He said he believed that for the first year the dance studio did a fairly good business; however, the last three months the studio was in operation, the monthly rent checks bounced. On each of these three occasions he brought this to the attention of MYERS who told him to re-deposit the checks and they subsequently cleared. It was his further understanding that Mrs. LUTZ had personally made these checks good.

He informed that the dance studio had actually ceased operation about three weeks before LEBRETON was aware of it. A short time later he contacted MYERS about this, and MYERS said he was attempting to sell the studio.

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LEBRETON said it was his understanding the reason the studio failed was because MYERS was too busily engaged in having affairs with his women dance instructors and did not pay enough attention to the business. He said he has had no contacts with either MYERS or LUTZ since this time, but it was his understanding that Mrs. LUTZ had moved to California, to leave with a son.

He stated he knew nothing whatsoever regarding the operations of this dance studio and that he was not in possession of any records of the studio and he did not know who would be in possession of such records other than probably MYERS or LUTZ.

Mr. LEBRETON advised that he believed that MARLIN MYERS frequented a bar known as the 21 Club, which is located next door to 729 Common Street.

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Mr. BRIAN DUPEPE, owner and manager, Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, furnished the interviewing agent the motel records for the date of March 26, 1968:

These records reflect that Mr. FRANCIS HICOK, 8963 Tacklos Street, Pontiac, Michigan, registered at the motel on March 25, 1968 and left the motel on March 27, 1968. These records further reflect that HICOK had occupied room 126 and had made telephone calls to the following New Orleans numbers:

524-1131

288-3904

522-5551

899-3061

482-0894

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The following investigation was conducted at New Orleans, Louisiana, by Special Agents JAMES D. HILL and PAUL C. HENSEL on April 15, 1968:

On April 15, 1968, Mr. EUGENE FAGGIORE, Owner Managor, French Market Service Station, American Oil Company, 1040 Chartres Street, advised that he could not recall having performed any service upon a white Mustang with Alabama license plates during the month of December, 1967.

FAGGIORE added that he cannot recall if, during the month of December, 1967, he had performed any service on any automobiles belonging to guests of the Provincial Motel.



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Mrs. JANE FINNEY, Secretary, Central Truck Lines, 6128 Gentilly Road, New Orleans, advised as follows:

Without Partners, a nationwide social organization. Approximately three weeks ago, an individual from some Northern State, name and location not known, was in New Orleans, and apparently called the Young Mens Christian Association from some local motel to obtain names and phone numbers of representatives of the club. She was made aware at a later time that he had called others of the officers, but she received no such call herself. She said it was her belief the finding of her phone number at the Provincial Motel was brought about by the described incident.

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SHIRLEY TOPORICI was contacted by Special Agent JAMES D. HILL and FAUL C. HENSEL on April 16, 1968 at OLIVER MEYER Construction Company, 1333 Japonica Street relative to any telephone calls she received from the Provincial Motel in New Coleans. She advised that her home phone number is 482.0094 and that she recalls receiving a call from JOHN HTOOK on March 26, 1968 while he was at a French Quarter motel but that she does not know if it was the Provincial.

She advised that she is a member of Parents Without Partners, an international organization and that HICOK is also a member. She advised that this was the purpose of the call. She advised that they had a meeting and that JANE FINNEY and EDWARD TSOI, also members of the organization, were also present at the meeting. She advised that HICOK said he was from Pontiac, Michigan.

BRYAN DUPEPE, owner and manager, Provincial Motel 1024 Chartres Street, advised that FRANCIS HICOK stayed at the motel on March 26, 1968 and that he listed his address as Pontiac, Michigan.

A review of the New Orleans City Directory shows that TSOI's phone number is 522-5551 and FINNEY's number is 899-3061. TSOI's home phone is 288-3904 and this number was also called from the motel.

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EDWARD M. TSOI, also known as, Mang Yok Choy, 823 Julia Avenue, advised that he is the outgoing President of a nationwide social club known as "Parents without Partners". He advised that this organization holds a meeting once each month at the YMCA and also has numerous other social functions.

TSOI advised that S. H. TORTORICH is a Vice-President of this organization, JANE FINNEY is the Recording Secretary for the organization.

He stated that he can not recall receiving a telephone call from a motel in the French Quarter but added that if an individual called him, TORTORICH, or FINNEY it was more than likely about "Parents without Partners".

He advised he has never heard of an individual using the names ERIC S. GALT, JOHN WILLARD, or HARVEY LOWMEYER or any variations of these names.

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Records, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, Metairie District Office, which are available only upon issuance of a subpens duces tecum, directed to J. T. PFANNKUCHE, District Accounting Manager (Toll), reflect the following information:

Subscriber to telephone number 482-0894 is S. R. TORTORICH, 3623 Joliet. This number was connected on September 24, 1965. Telephone records reflect that TORTORICH is employed as a private secretary to President of Landis Construction Company, telephone number 866-7437.

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Telephone number 524-1131 is subscribed to by the Chamber of Commerce, New Orleans area, located at the Medallion Towers, Suite 301, Camp Street. This number was connected before 1962.

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Telephone number 288-3904 is subscribed to by EDWARD M. TSOI, 6246 Pratt, Apartment 620. This number was connected on August 7, 1967. Telephone records reflect that TSOI is self employed as an architect contractor.

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