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Mrs. CARLTON R. GILKES, 1037 North 37th Street, advised she has resided at that address for 18 years and has had telephone number 343-8483 assigned to her for several years. She advised she is home all the time and does not recall receiving a telephone call from anyone from the State of Texas in December, 1967. She stated she has no friends or relatives residing in Texas, or who would have called her from there for any reason. She stated her husband is a longshoreman working in New Orleans, Louisiana, and is sure that he did not receive a call from anyone in Texas at her home. She further did not have any visitors at her home during December, 1967, who would have received a call from anyone in Texas. Mrs. GILKES is a Negro female, age 56.

A photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was shown to Mrs. GILKES, after which time she stated she had never seen this individual and had no knowledge of him except that which she has read in the newspaper.

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Mrs. CARRIE WRIGHT, 724 Progress, advised she has resided at the above address for three or four years and has had telephone number 342-3204 assigned to her during that time. She said she has absolutely no knowledge of having received a telephone call from anyone in Texas during the month of December 1967 or at any other time in the recent past. She stated she had no friends or relatives in Texas who may have made a call to her number and that no one at her home received a call from anyone in Texas as far as she knew. She stated she did not have any visitors during December, 1967, who may have received a call at her home without her knowledge. Mrs. WRIGHT is a Negro female, age 73. Her husband has been deceased for two years.

A photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was shown to Mrs. WRIGHT after which time she stated she had never seen RAY and had no knowledge of him except for what she has read in the newspaper.

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Mrs. ANNIE BELLE HANDY, 1707 North 42nd Street, advised she has resided at that address for 20 years and has had telephone number 926-0629 assigned to her for several years.

Mrs. HANDY advised she has two sons who reside in Houston, Texas, and both of them call her on fairly regular basis. She stated one of her sons, WALTER HANDY, resides at 5307 North Los Angeles Avenue, Houston, Texas, telephone number 673-6440. She does not know the address for the other son, EMILE HANDY, and does not know whether he has a telephone. She feels she received a call from both of these sons in December, 1967.

Mrs. HANDY is a Negro female, age 70 years of age. Her husband has been long deceased.

Mrs. HANDY had no knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY and did not recognize his photograph as being that of anyone she has ever seen in person.

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C. L. FISHER, manager, Ramada Inn, Interstate 20, advised the Ramada Inn is the subscriber to telephone number 377-3200 and was the subscriber to that telephone number on December 15, 1967.

Mr. FISHER stated, however, it would be impossible to determine who made any call to the inn on that date as they receive calls from various areas making reservations at the inn.

Mr. FISHER viewed the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised they were unfamiliar to him and also advised he is not a member of any klan or hate-type group.

On 5/9/68 at Minden, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-504
by SA PATRICK R. COONEY -epk Date dictated 5/15/68

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Mrs. BETTYE TOLMAN, Route 4, Box 140A, Minden, Louisiana, furnished the following information after being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent:

In December, 1967, Mrs. TOLMAN and her husband JAMES E. TOLMAN lived at Leesville, Louisiana, and had telephone number 239-9563 listed to them. Mrs. TOLMAN and her husband do not know JAMES EARL RAY and have never received a telephone call from him. The only telephone calls she has received from the Houston, Texas, area are from her brother, JAMES HODGES, whose address is Clute, Texas, which is near Houston, HODGES has made regular calls to the TOLMAN residence. Mrs. TOLMAN can not specifically recall December 16, 1967, but any calls from Houston, on that date would have been made by HODGES.

On 5/20/68 at Minden, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-505
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Mrs. RUBY CLEMENT, 610 Lucy Street, advised she is divorced from her husband, PURVIS CLEMENT, who is presently residing with his parents in Evangeline Parish, Louisiana. She explained that they have been divorced for about a year and in December, 1967, she was the only person having Jennings telephone number 824-0101. She advised as a divorcee she dates quite a few men from the Houston-Beaumont, Texas, area and travels to that area frequently. She advised any phone call to her home from a pay phone in Texas on December 16, 1967, would have been from one of her several boy friends.

Upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, she advised she recognized the photographs as being the person wanted in the MARTIN LUTHER KING slaying, but she has never met him personally or seen him.

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MARTIN SPELL, Owner and Manager, Mobile Service Station, U. S. Highway 90 and North Cutting Street, advised his residence phone is 824-0358 and he has had this number for several years.

He advised he has no idea who may have called him from a pay phone from Texas on December 16, 1967. He advised he has a cousin, NEWTON SPELL, residing in Beaumont, Texas, but he has always called, to his knowledge, from his home telephone. He advised that in the past, dates not recalled, he has received long distance calls to his number from Texas, which were made in error and the operator advised the party they had the wrong number. He advised he would try and re-call the specific call on December 16, 1967, and advise should he determine the nature of the call and the caller.

Upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, he advised RAY was not known to him.

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Mrs. LAWRENCE PETE, 1010 South Cutting Street, Negro female, advised her husband, a retired Army man, has had Jennings telephone number 824-0557, assigned for several years. She advised his brother, EDWARD PETE, Beaumont, Texas, calls frequently from pay phones and she recalls that prior to Christmas, 1967, exact dates not recalled, EDWARD called several times, making arrangements for Christmas. She cannot specifically recall two phone calls from pay phones on December 15 and 17, 1967.

Upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, she advised she did not know this white man.

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Mrs. BERTHA COLEMAN, Negro female, 1223 Penny Street, advised she has had Jennings telephone number 824-4349 for several years and a telephone call from a pay phone in the Texas area to her residence on December 15, 1967, could have been made by any one of eight brothers and sisters residing in the Houston-Beaumont-Orange, Texas, areas, as they call frequently from their own homes and from pay phones.

Upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, she advised she recognized the photographs as being the accused assailant of MARTIN LUTHER KING, but she has never met or seen this white man before, other than photographs in the newspapers and on television.

On 6/5/68 at Jennings, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-309
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ISSAC BRISCOE, Route 2, Box 110, advised he has had Elton, Louisiana, telephone number 584-2435 for several years. He stated he does not specifically recall any long distance call from the State of Texas to his residence phone in December, 1967, but explained that his next door neighbor, WILLIAM SCHEFF, SR., uses his phone and he does recall that in the late Fall of 1967 Mr. SCHEFF received several calls on his telephone from SCHEFF's son, WILLIAM SCHEFF, JR., who works on boats working out of various ports on the Gulf Coast and one call from SCHEFF to his parents could have been from the Orange-Beaumont, Texas, area on December 15, 1967. This could be the call in question. He has no friends or relatives residing in Texas.

Upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, he advised he did not know this individual.

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Mrs. JOYCE BRENT advised she is the daughter of MARGARET BENOIT. Her father, AZAR BENOIT, died several years ago, but their telephone number, 582-3446, Iowa, Louisiana, is still in the name of her deceased father. She advised her mother, MARGARET AZAR, is presently ill, but she is personally aware that in December, 1967, her mother was dating a BILL ADCOCK from Orange, Texas, and ADCOCK at that time was making numerous telephone calls to her mother. She explained that her mother was trying to break off her relationship with ADCOCK at that time and there were numerous telephone calls from ADCOCK during December, 1967.

Upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, she advised this individual was not known to her.

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~~BETTY JONES~~, 625 Commercial Street, Negro female, and employed as a school teacher with the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board, advised she has had telephone number 774-3423 for two or three years. She advised she cannot recall receiving a long distance phone call from Texas on December 15, 1967, although it is possible she received such a call as she has an uncle residing in Beaumont, Texas, and an aunt in Houston, Texas. However, she has never known them to use a pay phone when they call.

Upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, she advised RAY is not known to her except she has seen his photograph in the newspapers in connection with the MARTIN LUTHER KING slaying.

On 6/11/68 at Lake Arthur, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-512
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Mrs. JOSEPHINE O'NEAL, 127 Greg, furnished the following information:

Mrs. O'NEAL is a Negro woman and has telephone number 861-2712 listed to her at the above address and had that telephone number in December, 1967. Mrs. O'NEAL viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated she does not know RAY and has never received any telephone call from him.

Mrs. O'NEAL was unable to recall receiving any telephone call from the Houston, Texas, area on December 16, 1967, but recalls she was getting married that day and was out of the house part of the time. Mrs. O'NEAL was the only adult living at that address on December 16, 1967, and her children did not mention any telephone call for her, but someone may have called her long distance without her children realizing it was a long distance call. Mrs. O'NEAL does not have any friends or relatives in the Houston, Texas, area and does not know who may have called her.

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Mrs. R. J. BOWMAN, 2020 McCuteheon, furnished the following information:

Mrs. BOWMAN has telephone number 686-6120 listed to her at the above address and had that telephone number in December, 1967. She does not know JAMES EARL RAY and, after viewing a photograph of RAY, said she has never seen him.

Mrs. BOWMAN has not received a telephone call from the area of Houston, Texas, but her son, R. J. BOWMAN, JR., has an ex-wife, whose name she knows only as "SKIPPER" BOWMAN, who was in Houston, Texas, in December, 1967, and who called her son on December 16, 1967.

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Mrs. NANCY CLINTON, Route 1, Caspiana, Louisiana, furnished the following information:

She has telephone number 861-0070 listed to her at the above address and had this telephone listed to her in December, 1967. Mrs. CLINTON is a Negro and does not know JAMES EARL RAY. She viewed a photograph of RAY and said she has never seen him.

Mrs. CLINTON has not received any telephone calls from the area of Houston, Texas, but her neighbor, Mr. IVORY WHITAKER, who is a cousin to Mrs. CLINTON's husband, has two or more sons at Houston, Texas, who often call WHITAKER on Mrs. CLINTON's telephone. She recalls there was such a call to WHITAKER from one of his sons on about December 17, 1967.

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Mrs. REBECCA KENNEDY, 907 Baster Avenue; furnished the following information:

She has telephone number 865-8634 listed to her at the above address and has had this number for quite some time. Mrs. KENNEDY is a Negro and the only other person who receives telephone calls at her house is Mrs. ESSE MAE BARNETT, a Negro woman who lives with Mrs. KENNEDY part of the time.

Mrs. KENNEDY does not know JAMES EARL RAY and after viewing a photograph of RAY, stated she has never seen him.

Mrs. KENNEDY recalled that ESSE MAE BARNETT received a telephone call from her brother, JOHN BARNETT, of Houston, Texas, on about December 17, 1967. She said JOHN BARNETT has now moved from the Houston area and his present whereabouts is unknown to Mrs. KENNEDY and Mrs. BARNETT.

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Mrs. GLENDELL J. WOODSON, Route 2, Box 762, West 70th Street, furnished the following information:

Mrs. WOODSON and her husband are the only two adults living at the above-listed address and they have telephone number 635-2723 and had this telephone number in December, 1967. The only telephone calls from the Houston, Texas, area which have been received at the WOODSON residence were from Mr. A. D. WOODSON, the brother of Mr. GLENDELL WOODSON. Mrs. WOODSON recalls that A. D. WOODSON did telephone her husband on about December 15, 1967, from Houston, Texas. A. D. WOODSON lived in a rooming house somewhere in Houston at that time, but since then has moved and his whereabouts is unknown to her.

Mrs. WOODSON viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated she and her husband do not know RAY and have never received any telephone calls from him.

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Mrs. LUELLA JOHNSON, a Negro female, Oakville Community, south of Belle Chasse, Louisiana, telephone number Jesuit Bend 656-2263, advised she does not recall receiving a telephone call from the Houston, Texas, area in December, 1967.

She advised the only person who ever calls her long distance is ALVA HAMPTON, a seaman. She said he sometimes calls collect and sometimes pays for the call.

She said he is mostly out of the country on a freighter carrying supplies to Viet Nam. She said she does not recall whether or not he was in the United States in December, 1967. She said she does not know what ship he is on, the name of his employer or the union to which he belongs.

She could not identify a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and further commented she knows no white man and none would call her.

On 5/14/68 at Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673 sub 2-518
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Mr. DARNEEL THOMPSON, Negro male, 1611 Cooper Road, stated that telephone number 422-9058 was registered to him on December 15, 1967, but that he could not determine if any telephone call was made to it on that date. This telephone is a pay telephone at THOMPSON's business, Thompson Cleaners.

Mr. THOMPSON was exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and he advised he did not recognize them, nor did he know of this man's whereabouts or anything about him.

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Mr. ARTHUR L. MURDOCK, Negro male, 2016 West Jordan Street, advised his telephone number is 425-8352 and this telephone was registered to him on December 16, 1967. He stated that on this date an unknown male called his residence and asked for the current whereabouts of his niece, FRANCIS JEAN MURDOCK. He told this man he did not know where his niece was now living, but gave the man the address of his sister at 2720 West Jordan, advising the unknown caller that his sister would be better qualified to have his niece's address, whom he thought to be living in California under her unknown married name.

Mrs. MURDOCK was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and he advised he did not know this individual, his whereabouts or anything about him.

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Miss SALLIE WALPOOL, Negro female, 1730 Addie, advised her telephone number is 422-5296 and that she has had this telephone for a long period of time and did have it on December 16, 1967.

She advised she does not remember receiving any telephone call from the Houston, Texas, area and further stated she has no relatives or friends in this area who may have called her. She advised she had received a bill for a long distance telephone call, but had told the telephone company she did not make the call and the telephone company removed it from her bill. She did not recall from where this long distance telephone call originated.

Miss WALPOOL was shown photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised she did not know the man, his whereabouts or anything about him.

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JO ANN SMITH, Negro female, 1523 Kenneth, advised her telephone number is 422-5470 and that she has had this telephone for a long time and did have it on December 15, 1967. She advised the call received on her telephone from the Houston, Texas, area, was probably from a LEROY LATTIER, who works for the Bama Company in Houston, Texas. She stated LATTIER is the boyfriend of her daughter, JANICE CAROL SMITH and that he calls on a normal basis more than once a month.

Mrs. SMITH was exhibited photographs of RAY and she advised she does not recognize him nor does she know him or anything regarding his whereabouts.

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Mrs. DOROTHY JEAN SALVAGE, 2709 Lakehurst, advised that her telephone number is 631-3466 and that to her knowledge the telephone call made to her residence on December 15, 1967, was from an individual known to her in Houston, Texas. She advised she did not wish to divulge his name, but upon reassurance that her identity and that of the caller would be kept confidential, if not involved in the matter under investigation, she advised as follows:

SALVAGE stated the identity of the caller was a CLIFF THOMAS, about 45 years old, approximately 5' 7" tall, 160 pounds. She advised THOMAS was a buyer for the Weingarden Supermarked in Houston, Texas.

SALVAGE advised she did not recognize any of the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and she did not know RAY and that the caller, CLIFF THOMAS, was not identical to RAY.

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Mrs. KIRBY FERGUSON ROWLEN, widow, Route 2, Box 459 (Brossett Road), Caddo Parish, Louisiana, telephone number 631-1084, advised she did not and could not recall receiving any telephone call from Texas on December 15, 1967. It should be noted that Mrs. ROWLEN is an elderly woman. She advised her son was currently out of town and would not return until Friday. She advised her son owns his own businesses, the Prk. Louisiana Tex Tile Company and the Ranch Land Saddle Shop, 2800 Jewella Road, telephone number 635-1513.

Mrs. ROWLEN advised her daughter-in-law could be contacted at the business address on Thursday, May 16, 1968. She further stated her son and daughter-in-law had resided at 3900 Sunset Drive, but currently lived adjacent to her on Brossett Road at Route 2, Box 459-A.

She stated she did not know JAMES EARL RAY and that none of his photographs were familiar to her.

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JENNIE V. ELZIE, Negro female, 5317 Kennedy Drive, furnished the following information:

ELZIE advised she has had the telephone number 635-3380 for over three years. She stated that on or about December 15, 1967, she received a telephone call from her son, TOM ELVIE ELZIE, JR., who lives in Houston, Texas.

ELZIE claimed she is not and never has been a member or sympathizer with any Negro militant or hate-type group.

ELZIE was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, whom she recognized from pictures which appeared in the local newspapers; however, she could not offer any information regarding RAY's whereabouts.

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DORATHY M. MARTIN, white female, 447 $\frac{1}{2}$ Rutherford, furnished the following information:

MARTIN stated that during December, 1967, she was residing with her parents at 3542 Stonewall, Shreveport, Louisiana, telephone number 635-7345, and will be returning to live with her parents within three weeks. She advised that on or about December 17, 1967, she received a telephone call at her parents' home from a CARL MAYS, who lives in Baytown, Texas, and MAYS had offered her a teaching job in the Houston, Texas, area.

MARTIN averred she is not and never has been a member or sympathizer with any klan or hate-type organization.

MARTIN was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated she has seen his photograph in the local newspapers, but could not offer any information regarding his present whereabouts.

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PALLIE WALKER, Negro female, owner of Pallie's Beauty Shop, 3819 Mayfield Street, furnished the following information:

WALKER stated she has her beauty shop in the back room of the Mayfield Street Grocery, address as above, and very seldom receives telephone calls at 635-9317, the telephone of the grocery store. She claimed she receives most of her appointment calls at her residence telephone. She stated she has never received any telephone calls from anyone in Houston, Texas, or its immediate area.

WALKER stated she is not and never has been a member or sympathizer with any Negro militant or hate-type group.

WALKER was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated she knows who he is, but could not offer any information regarding his whereabouts.

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SYLVIA MIMS, Negro female, owner of Mayfield Street Grocery, 3819 Mayfield Street, furnished the following information:

MIMS advised she has had the telephone number 635-9317 for about the last three or four years in her grocery store. She said she has many relatives and friends living in the Houston, Texas, area, but could not remember any of them having called her during the month of December, 1967. She did claim that she has received telephone calls from her relatives living in the Houston area. MIMS advised that since her telephone is located in her store any customer or neighbor has access to its use.

MIMS alleged she is not and never has been a member or sympathizer with any Negro militant or hate-type groups.

MIMS was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated she recognized his photograph as being the person who assassinated MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., but could not offer any information regarding the whereabouts of RAY.

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LUCILLIE R. GUGLIUZZA, white female, 1108 Ronald Street, furnished the following information:

GUGLIUZZA stated she usually works the late afternoon shift at her husband's store, Sammie's Food Store, 2695 East Texas, Bossier City, Louisiana, telephone number 746-3625, and remembers receiving a telephone call from her mother, Mrs. J. W. GANDY, Orange, Texas, on or about December 15, 1967. She could not remember if her mother had called from Houston or its surrounding area.

GUGLIUZZA advised she is not and never has been a member or sympathizer with any klan or hate-type group.

GUGLIUZZA was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated she is not familiar with, nor has she any knowledge of RAY's whereabouts.

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SAMMIE J. GUGLIUZZA, white male, owner of Sammie's Food Store, 2695 East Texas, furnished the following information:

GUGLIUZZA stated he has had the telephone number 746-3625 in his food store for over ten years. He stated he does not have any relatives or friends living in Houston, Texas, or its surrounding area. He asserted he does not remember receiving any telephone calls in December, 1967, from the Houston, Texas, area. However, he added that he believes his wife, LUCILLIE, has several relatives living in the Houston area.

GUGLIUZZA declared that he is not and never has been a member or sympathizer with any klan or hate-type organization.

GUGLIUZZA was exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and said he is not familiar with, nor has any knowledge of RAY's whereabouts.

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ALFRED CLOUD, JR., white male, 2301 Belmont Boulevard, furnished the following information:

CLOUD stated he has had telephone number 746-8581 for approximately the past three or four years. He stated that on December 15, 1967, his brother-in-law, ARTHUR PELT, had called his residence inquiring about the health of his wife, IDA, who had just had a heart attack. He added that his brother-in-law placed the call from somewhere in the Houston, Texas, area.

CLOUD averred that he is not and never has been a member or sympathizer with any klan or hate-type organization.

CLOUD was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated he is not familiar with, nor has any knowledge of RAY's whereabouts.

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JOSEPH VALLERY, Negro male, 519 Albert Street, advised he is assigned telephone number 439-8049 and had this number on December 16, 1967.

He advised he is quite certain any telephone call from a telephone booth in the Houston, Texas, area would have come from his daughter, TERESA, who is living and working in Houston, Texas. He does not know her present address as she has recently moved.

He advised, upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, that RAY is not known to him.

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GEORGE H. SMITH, 812 14th Street, employee of Lard Electric Company, advised he has had Lake Charles telephone number 477-6261 at his residence for several years and had this number on December 17, 1967. As memory serves him, he received a long distance telephone call from his brother-in-law, CHARLES W. SLOCUM, Teak Sales Company, Houston, Texas, on or about December 17, 1967, and the call was from a pay telephone located in the Houston area. While he is quite certain this was the call to his residence phone, on that date, he advised it is possible his son was traveling to and from Houston, Texas, and he or his wife received telephone calls periodically from from their son during the same period..

Upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, SMITH advised he recognized the photographs from television and newspaper articles, but does not know RAY personally.

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JESSE RISER, Sheriff, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, advised he was familiar with both ROSIE HILL and WILLIE DAVIS of the Crossroads Community, outside of Dubach, Louisiana. He stated ROSIE HILL is a Negro, about 66 years old and has lived in the vicinity of the Crossroads Community most of her life. She is not known to be in any group or organization other than the Liberty Hill Baptist Church located in the Crossroads Community.

DAVIS is a Negro, about 35 years old, married and with seven children. He works the late night shift at Diamond Industries of Ruston, Louisiana, five days a week. DAVIS is not known to be in any organization of any kind at this time. DAVIS has lived in the Crossroads Community for twelve years.

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WILLIE DAVIS was contacted at his home in the Crossroads Community, advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the investigation.

DAVIS advised he had placed two telephone calls to Texas on the telephone in the home of ROSIE HILL, of the Crossroads Community. Both of the calls were to HENRIETTA SIMMONS, a Negro female at telephone HA 1-9773 in Dallas, Texas. DAVIS advised he did make one of the calls before Christmas, 1967, and the other after Christmas. He cannot recall the exact date for the first call, but the middle of December, 1967, would be close to the time he made the call. DAVIS advised that both of these calls were outgoing and he has never received an incoming call on ROSIE HILL's telephone. DAVIS further advised he has never received nor has he made a call to anyone in Houston, Texas, or the surrounding area.

DAVIS observed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY displayed to him and he advised that RAY is totally unfamiliar to him.

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ROSIE HILL was contacted at her home in the Crossroads Community and was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the investigation.

She advised the telephone number 777-3588 was the telephone at her residence and she had this same number during the month of December, 1967. HILL advised she had never received a call from or made a call to Houston, Texas, and she can be sure of this statement for the entire time she has had a phone in her home and, particularly, during the month of December, 1967. She stated she did know of some people living in the vicinity of Texas, but these are generally relatives of friends of hers and she would not know their addresses, telephone numbers and she would never talk to them on the telephone.

HILL stated the only possibility she could think of that might explain a call to her number is that she allowed a neighbor to make two calls on her telephone some months ago. It is possible that these calls were placed to Houston, Texas, but the calls were outgoing calls and the neighbor has never received an incoming call on her telephone. The neighbor is WILLIE DAVIS and he may have made one of the calls in December, 1967, but the second call was definitely made this year. After DAVIS made his calls, he asked the operator for the cost and he then paid her for the calls. The first call was about \$1.90 and the second call was about \$1.60.

ROSIE HILL observed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY displayed to her and she advised she has never seen this individual before and he is positively unknown to her.

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Mr. J. R. MOREAU, 1031 Sampson Street, was contacted at his place of employment, Henke's Grocery Store, 12th and Common Streets. He advised as follows:

His home telephone number is 433-9722 and he has had that number for several years. He has some relatives in Texas and it is possible one of them might have called him from a pay telephone on December 16, 1967, but he could not definitely remember receiving a call on that date.

He was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405 942G. He stated the photographs did not look like anyone he has ever seen and that this person is unknown to him.

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CLARENCE PETE, 1703 North Goos Boulevard, furnished the following information:

His telephone number is 433-8445 and he has had that number for several years. He does not recall receiving two telephone calls from Beaumont, Texas, on December 17, 1967, and a similar call on December 16, 1967. It is possible he did receive the calls from his son who has been working, off and on, in Beaumont for the last year and he most likely would have called from pay telephones.

He was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405 942G. He stated the photographs did not look like anyone he has ever seen and that this person is unknown to him.

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Mrs. HERMAN M. JOHNSON, 1709 Bryany Court Drive,
furnished the following information:

Her home telephone number is 433-7853 and she has had that number for about four years. Her husband is employed by the U. S. Coast Guard and he does a lot of traveling. In December, 1967, he was working in Texas and if she received a telephone call on December 16, 1967, from Texas, from a pay telephone it was undoubtedly her husband calling home.

Mrs. JOHNSON was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405 942G. She stated the photographs did not look like anyone she has ever seen before and that this person was unknown to her.

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Mrs. AIMEE GRAHAM, 1614 Oak Park Boulevard, Apartment Two, advised as follows:

Her telephone number is 433-5103 and she has had that number for several years. She has a daughter, several other relatives and many friends in Beaumont, Texas. She does not remember the specific call, but feel sure one of them must have called her on December 16, 1967, since that was just a week before Christmas.

She was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405 942G. She stated the photograph did not look like anyone she has ever seen before and that this individual is not known to her.

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JESSIE ANTOINE, 1407 Orrin Street, furnished the following information:

His telephone number is 433-2620 and he has had this number for several years. He does not remember anyone in the house receiving two telephone calls from Houston, Texas, on December 16, 1967. It is possible the calls were received since they have friends and relatives living in Houston, Texas, and they might possibly have called from pay telephones.

He was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 404 942G. He stated the photographs did not look like anyone he has ever seen before and that this person was unknown to him.

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FRANK PAPANIA, 1723 21st Street, owner and operator of the Pizza House, 2601 East Broad Street, advised he has had telephone number 433-2857 at his home and number 436-1275 at the Pizza House for several years.

While he is not positive, he believes he was in Beaumont, Texas, on or about December 15, 1967, attending a Texas Restaurant Owners Association Convention at the Vic & Al's Restaurant and he recalls making one or two calls to his home and to his business. He advised another possibility was a trip he took to Denver, Colorado, before Christmas. In any event, if Beaumont telephone number 835-8194 is a pay telephone at Vic & Al's, then that is the pay phone he used and the calls made to his home and his business were made by him.

He advised the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY displayed to him are not familiar to him.

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Mrs. LASTIE OGEA, Big Lake Road, advised she and her husband have telephone number 477-4586 and had had this number for several years. She advised she has two sons, ROBERT and GIL OGEA, who often travel to Beaumont, Texas, for parties and she has requested them to call her when they arrive so she knows they had a safe trip. While she cannot be positive one of her sons called her from Beaumont, Texas, on December 16, 1967, she is relatively certain it was either ROBERT or GIL, especially in view of the fact that December 16, 1967, was a Saturday, the day the boys normally go with a crowd to Beaumont.

Upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, she advised she did not know this individual.

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Mr. NORMAN HEBERT, Dispatcher, Robertson Tank Lines, Old Spanish Trail, advised the company has had telephone number 439-9031 for several years. He advised that as his company conducts a considerable business in East Texas, he cannot make a positive statement as to telephone calls received by his company. While he has no record of calls made to the company on December 15, 1967, he stated his records do disclose four men and four trucks were in Beaumont, Texas, on that date and if there is any difficulty with the truck, or some question concerning a certain job, the drivers normally and frequently contact him via pay telephones. The call would have been a collect call to the company number.

He advised that JAMES EARL RAY is unknown to him and upon viewing photographs of RAY advised that he could not recall ever observing RAY.

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DAVID L. BYERS, 614 Pleasant Drive, advised he presently has telephone number 477-9568 and had this number in December, 1967. He explained that his wife's father and several relatives reside in Orange, Texas, and they receive numerous calls from friends and relatives in the Orange area. He explained that he and his family resided in Orange, Texas, prior to their moving to Lake Charles, Louisiana, about a year ago.

Upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, he advised RAY was not known to him personally, although he had seen his photograph in magazines and newspapers.

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Mrs. C. C. COLEMAN, 1907 Fifth Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana, was interviewed and advised her husband is presently overseas with the Offshore Company, main office, Houston, Texas. She has had telephone number 433-8125, for about two years. She recalls that just prior to Christmas, 1967, her husband was in Houston, Texas, about the job he presently has overseas. She does not recall any specific date he may have called, but he called on several occasions as he was in Houston for several days. She recalls one call was from a restaurant located near Channelview, Texas, on Interstate Highway 10. She stated that sometimes her husband would pay for the calls and sometimes he would call collect.

She advised she still has her telephone toll call records for December, 1967, and after reviewing the toll records, she advised no collect call was made on December 17, 1967, from Houston telephone number 682-9208 and she is, therefore, of the opinion the call was prepaid by her husband.

Upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY she advised she did not know this individual.

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JOSEPH PETE, Negro male, 403 Prater Street, advised he has had telephone number 433-3273 for several years. He advised he is 84 years of age and his memory is not too good. He does not recall any specific telephone call to his home telephone from Houston, Texas, on or about December 16, 1968. He explained that he and his wife have relatives in Houston, Texas, and one of the relatives may have made the call.

Upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, he advised he did not recognize or know RAY.

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Mrs. MURRAY J. RIDEAU, Negro female, 2449 Colleta Street, advised that in December, 1967, she had telephone number 436-4548. She advised she just recently had the number disconnected due to "crank calls." She does not recall receiving a specific telephone call on December 15, 1967, from the Houston, Texas, area, but it is possible that either her sister-in-law who resides in Houston, or her daughter, RUBY RIDEAU, who works and resides in the Houston area, may have called her. She does not know the current address for RUBY as she is in the process of moving.

Upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, she advised that while she has seen his photograph on television, and in the newspapers, she does not personally know RAY.

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Mrs. KELLY CARMOUCHE, 1518 Moelling Street, Negro female, advised she and her husband have had telephone number 433-5117 for several years. She advised that any long distance telephone call from the Houston area in December, 1967, would have come from her husband who works in Houston, Texas.

Upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, she advised this person was not known to her.

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