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NELLIE TABOR, Negro female, 320 North Louisiana Avenue, advised she has had telephone number 436-4166 assigned to her for several years. She advised she receives many long distance calls from her boy friend in Orange, Texas. When questioned as to the identity of her boy friend, she advised she would rather not answer that question as she did not see why her boy friend should be contacted by the FBI.

She advised upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, that she does not know him, although she has seen his picture in newspapers. She advised she can state that her boy friend is a Negro and the call or calls were not made by RAY or any white man.

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Mrs. V. N. MILLER, 1810 North Jake Street, advised she has had telephone number 436-4013 for several years. She does not recall having received a long distance call from the Houston, Texas, area on December 17, 1967, or anywhere else in Texas in December, 1967. After checking with her husband, she advised he does not recall any such call. She explained it is possible her son-in-law, DONALD VIATOR, who works and resides in the Houston area, may have called on that date, but she has no recollection of the call.

Upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, she advised she does not recognize or know this individual.

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ROY F. PUJO, 614 Franklin Street, advised he presently has Lake Charles telephone number 436-3119 and had this number on December 17, 1967. PUJO, a Negro male, advised that probably any telephone call to his residence telephone on December 17, 1967, was made by his daughter, BERNADINE PAYNE, married to an ALFRED PAYNE, Houston, Texas, telephone number 713, 747-6740. He cannot recall anyone else calling his home on that date.

PUJO, upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, advised he does not know or recognize RAY.

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DOROTHY DeBEOST, Negro female, 306 Kirkman Street, advised she presently has Lake Charles telephone number 439-9297 and she had this number on December 17, 1967. While she does not specifically recall a telephone call on December 17, 1967, at this time, she advised that undoubtedly the call came from her son, JIMMY, who is working and residing in the Houston, Texas, area. She explained that she frequently gets collect and prepaid calls from her son and in the past her son has called from pay booths.

Upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, she advised she does not know RAY, but has seen his photograph in magazines and newspapers.

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RANSOM LYNCH, 700 Williams Street, a Negro male employed by the Lake Charles Stevedores, advised he presently has Lake Charles telephone number 436-0898 and he had this same number on December 16, 1968.

He advised that just prior to Christmas, 1967, he was working in the Orange-Houston, Texas, area as a stevedore and made several calls to his wife at his residence phone from pay phones in the Orange-Houston area.

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

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MARTHA J. MC MAHON, Room 241, Acadian Hall, Louisiana State University (LSU), advised that she resided in Room 241 in December of 1967. Miss MC MAHON stated that the telephone number in her room is 388-3298. She advised she did not specifically recall getting a telephone call from the area of Beaumont, Texas, on December 15, 1967, but stated that it is entirely possible that either she or her roommate did receive a call from Texas on that date. Miss MC MAHON advised that her roommate, Miss SUSAN L. SCHWARTZ, previously resided in Texas and still had relatives in that state. Miss MC MAHON stated that her roommate might have received a call from relatives in Texas or it is possible that Miss SCHWARTZ called the room at LSU from Texas while visiting in that State.

Miss MC MAHON advised that the names JAMES EARL RAY, ERIC STARVO GALT, and HARVEY LOWMYER are unknown to her. She further stated she is not a member of the Ku Klux Klan or any other similar organizations.

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by SA WILLIAM E. DOYLE :mak Date dictated 5/27/68

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Dr. J. J. HEDGMON, Registrar, Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, advised on May 16, 1968, that pay telephone for number 775-9082 was located in the waiting lounge area of the twin dormitory for men on the Southern Campus. He advised that this telephone would be available to any student, any member of the faculty or any visitor to the campus.

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TOMMY P. KEENE, Room 136, Hodges Hall, Louisiana State University (LSU), Baton Rouge, Louisiana, advised that he is a student at LSU and that his home address is Box 163, Theodore, Alabama. He advised that during the first semester of 1967-1968 school session he resided in Room 42 at Hodges Hall and had telephone number 388-3069 in that room. He stated that he did not receive a telephone call from any one in Texas during the time that he was in that room and did not know JAMES EARL RAY by name, photograph, description or any known aliases. He advised that ROLAND J. GAUDET was his roommate in Room 42 during the first semester. He stated he did not know whether GAUDET had received any calls from anyone in Texas, in December, 1967.

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BETTY PLEASENT, 912 Bosworth, Winnsboro, Louisiana, was interviewed at her residence where she was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent, as well as the purpose of the interview. PLEASENT voluntarily furnished the following information:

She advised that she is the holder of Winnsboro telephone number 435-4162, and that she has had this telephone number for a number of years. She recalled that on December 17, 1967, she received a long distance telephone call from Texas, from her daughter, DRUCILLA BARNES. She advised that DRUCILLA called her to notify her that she was going to be coming home a day later than anticipated because of bad weather. She advised that her daughter was driving from California, to Winnsboro, for the Christmas holidays and apparently ran into heavy snow storms in western Texas which was going to delay her arrival in Winnsboro. PLEASENT advised that she is not acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY and knows nothing concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, other than what she has seen on television.

PLEASENT advised that she is 76 years old and a life-long resident of Winnsboro, Louisiana. She advised that she is a housewife and that she has several children. It was noted that PLEASENT is a Negro female.

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ALBERTA SHAW, St. Joseph Road, was interviewed at her residence where she was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent as well as the purpose of the interview. SHAW voluntarily furnished the following information:

She advised that she is the holder of Winnsboro telephone number 435-5707, and that she has had this telephone number for several years. She advised that she cannot recall getting any long distance calls in December, 1967, from any location in Texas. She advised that only she and her husband have access to their telephone and she again stated that she could not recall receiving any long distance calls in December, 1967, and is certain that her husband did not receive any. SHAW stated that she does not know JAMES EARL RAY and does not have any information concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, other than what she has seen on television.

SHAW advised that she is a housewife, is 61 years of age, and is a life-long resident of rural Winnsboro, Louisiana. It was noted that SHAW is a Negro female.

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JULIA GUINE, 1716 Gum Street, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent, as well as the purpose of the interview. She voluntarily furnished the following information:

GUINE stated that in December, 1967, she was the holder of Winnsboro, Louisiana telephone number 435-6270, but that in January, 1968, she had the number change. She advised that she cannot specifically recall getting a long distance telephone call on December 16, 1967, at her number 435-6270, in Winnsboro. She advised that she has several relatives in Texas, and it is possible that one of them might have called her, but that she cannot recall a specific telephone call on December 16, 1967. GUINE advised that she is not acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY and that she has no information concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, other than what she has seen on television.

GUINE advised that she is a Negro female, 46 years of age, and is a life-long resident of Winnsboro, Louisiana. She is employed as a maid in Winnsboro. It was noted that GUINE is a Negro female.

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Mrs. EVELYN HUDSON, Credit Bureau of Winnsboro, Louisiana, Common Street, advised that she has credit records on BETTY PLEASANT, ALBERTA SHAW, and JULIA GUINE. She advised that all three are Negro females, all married, and all have satisfactory credit records. She advised that none of them are known to be associated with any hate-type group and all are fairly well regarded Negro residents of Winnsboro, who have resided in the Winnsboro area for several years.

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Mrs. ~~HILBURN B. SLAID~~, Rural Route three, Box 322, Logansport, Louisiana, advised that she is the subscriber to telephone number 697-5600. SLAID stated that her family previously lived in Houston, Texas, at 8502 McDade Street. She stated that her family moved from there approximately two years ago, however, her parents and son presently reside in Houston, Texas. She stated that during December, 1967, she herself was in Houston, Texas, as her mother was undergoing an operation in that City and that on or about December 17, 1967, she recalled calling her home at Logansport at the above number at a pay phone located in Houston, Texas.

Mrs. SLAID advised that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was unfamiliar to her and that she did not know RAY.

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SANDERS ANDERSON, Post Office Box 389, Mansfield, Louisiana, advised that he is the subscriber to telephone number 872-4973. ANDERSON advised that he has a number of relatives including his sister FANNIE LANG and son ROBERT ANDERSON who reside in Houston, Texas. ANDERSON could not recall exactly but stated that he often receives phone calls from his son and other relatives in Houston, and that it was very possible that one of these phone calls was made on December 15, 1967. ANDERSON advised that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was totally unfamiliar to him and that RAY was unknown to him also.

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ADDIE LEE WILLIAMS, Post Office Box 543, Mansfield, Louisiana, advised that she is the subscriber to telephone number 872-4170.

WILLIAMS stated that she has several relatives residing in Houston, Texas, and she recalled receiving a phone call from Houston during December, 1967, however, could not recall the details of same and who called other than she stated that it was one of her relatives.

WILLIAMS advised that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY is completely unfamiliar to her and that she did not know JAMES EARL RAY.

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MYRTHA S. THOMAS, Post Office Box 657, Mansfield, Louisiana, advised that she is the subscriber to the telephone number 6872-1344. She stated that she has a sister DELORES SUGGS and a brother GRADY SUGGS who reside in Houston, Texas. She stated that she recalls receiving a telephone call during December, 1967, from her sister DELORES SUGGS.

Miss THOMAS advised that she does not know JAMES EARL RAY and that the photograph of RAY is totally unfamiliar to her.

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ROOSEVELT CANNA, Route three, Box 411, Mansfield, Louisiana, advised that he is the subscriber of telephone number 872-0962. Mr. CANNA advised that he has several relatives residing in Houston, Texas, and stated that during December, 1967, his sister ADDIE ADAMS of Houston called him. He could not recall the exact date but stated that it was possible that it was made on December 17, 1967.

CANNA advised that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY is totally unfamiliar to him and that he did not know RAY.

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ANNIE HOGAN, Route three, Box 409, Mansfield, Louisiana, advised that she is the subscriber to telephone number 872-4118.

Miss HOGAN advised that she has four children presently residing in Houston, Texas, and advised that they were WILMA HOGAN, L. J. HOGAN, JOHN HOGAN and KENNETH HOGAN. She indicated that she was frequently called on the telephone by her children and that most likely one of her children called her on December 17, 1967. She stated that the name JAMES EARL RAY and the photograph of RAY were totally unfamiliar to her.

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DON NELSON, manager of George Theriot's Grocery, 430 Enterprise Boulevard, advised telephone number 436-1409 is located at the cashier's counter of this store. Mr. NELSON works at this location. No record is kept of incoming or outgoing calls; therefore, according to Mr. NELSON, it is not possible to determine who might have received a call at this number from Texas during December, 1967.

He observed various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and said he knows no one resembling these photographs and has had no contact with this individual.

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BART CARLTON, Public Relations and Personnel, Cities Service Refinery, advised 491-6439 is listed to the Personnel Office of this plant. He said this company, during December, 1967, was actively recruiting employees in the Beaumont, Houston, and other areas of East Texas.

He said ads were run in papers in the above areas, and many telephone calls were received in reply. He said no record was made of such calls, but presumes the call from Texas on December 15, 1967, was made in connection with such employment.

He said various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY do not look like anyone he knows or with whom he has ever had contact.

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Mrs. EDMONA ROGERS, 1704 Harless Street, advised she is the mother of SHIRLEY ANN ROGERS, in whose name her telephone is listed under number 436-9812. She said SHIRLEY ANN ROGERS now lives in the state of Texas, near Houston, and it was SHIRLEY ANN who called above number from Texas in December, 1967. She said this would be the call of December 15, 1967.

She observed various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and said she is not acquainted with this individual and has never been in contact with him.

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DAN WALDROP, manager of the Howard Johnson Restaurant, Highway 171, advised telephone number 436-9249 is listed to a pay phone in this establishment, which is available to the public. He said there is no way of determining who received a phone call at this number from Texas in December, 1967.

He observed various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and said he knows no one who might be identical with him and has had no contact with him.

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Mrs. RUTH RYAN, Waitress, Howard Johnson Restaurant, Highway 171, observed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised they are not familiar to her, and she has never been in contact with this individual.

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JON HEBERT, Clerk, Howard Johnson Motel, Highway 171, advised telephone number 436-9249 is listed to the restaurant of this establishment.

He observed various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised he is not acquainted with this individual and has had no contact with him.

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WILLIAM BLANCHARD, resident of 419 Albert Street, advised he has Lake Charles telephone 436-8878 at his residence. He said he recalls receiving a telephone call from his sister-in-law, Mrs. ADAM MITCHELL, who lives and works in Houston, during December, 1967, and assumes she called from a pay phone. He said this must have been on December 15, 1967, as he recalls no other calls from Texas being received by him.

He observed various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and said none are familiar to him as possibly being anyone he knows. He said he has never had any contact with this individual.

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Mrs. EDGAR WILLIAMS, 2124 Hagan Street, advised she has telephone number 436-1542 in her residence. She recalls that in December, 1967, probably December 16, 1967, she was called by relatives LOUISIANA HICKS and SUZANNA WILLIAMS, who live in Houston, Texas, and presumes they called on a pay phone.

She observed various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated she knows no one who might be identical, and she has had no contact with this individual.

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BARBARA HILL, 312 East 7th Street, advised that she is the subscriber to telephone number 893-6802. She stated that she has many relatives living in the Houston and Port Arthur, Texas area and it is quite possible that one of them could have called on December 15, 1967. She commented that she had seen the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY in the local newspapers and also on television. She said that since she is a Negro, she is quite interested in the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING and all of its aspects. Mrs. HILL said that she is not familiar with JAMES EARL RAY and has never seen him other than in a photograph.

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CARNELLA AMBROSE, 150 Labbe Street, advised that she is the subscriber to telephone number 394-4995. She commented that she does not recall receiving any long distance telephone calls from the Texas area on December 16, 1967. She said that to her recollection, she would not have received any calls at this time from any friends or relatives. She stated that she is familiar with the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and has seen it frequently in the local newspaper and on television. She commented that she was not acquainted with RAY, nor does she belong to any racial or hate group.

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RALPH GORDON, Route 2, Box 197C, advised that he is the subscriber to telephone number 667-6435. He said that during December, he was in the Lafayette, Louisiana General Hospital, and it is possible that his brother or his sister could have placed a long distance telephone call to his home in regards to his well being. He said that he was not familiar with the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated he did not know anyone by the name of JAMES EARL RAY.

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Mrs. JEANETTE JOHNSON, Box 21, advised that she is the subscriber to telephone number 893-2363. She commented that she could not recall receiving any long distance telephone calls on December 15, 1967. She said that her husband is a truck driver and it is possible that he had received a call from a business associate, but she was not certain of this. She stated that she did not recognize the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and did not know anyone by that name. She commented that she did not belong to any form of racial or hate group.

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ROY KENDRICK, 409 Schlessinger Street, advised that he was the subscriber to telephone number 893-1832. He commented that on December 15, 1967, and December 16, 1967, he had received long distance telephone calls from his niece's, KATHY CANNON's, boyfriend, DALE BENDICK, who is employed in Luling, Texas. He said that during this time, his niece was visiting at his home and they had received many telephone calls from BENDICK. A photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was displayed to Mr. KENDRICK, who stated that he had seen it previously in the newspapers and on television. He commented that he was not acquainted with RAY and did not belong to any forms of racial groups.

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Mrs. JOSEPH BARBER, Box 403, advised that she is the subscriber to telephone number 667-6115. She commented that on December 16, 1967, she had received a telephone call from her husband who is in the U. S. Army and was traveling at that time through the State of Texas. A photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was shown to Mrs. BARBER and she commented that she had seen it previously in the newspapers and on television, but she was not personally acquainted with RAY.

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Mrs. IRENE SMITH, Route 3, Box 385, advised that she is the subscriber to telephone number 643-2388. She commented that on December 17, 1967, that her husband had received a telephone call from ROBERT DRAPER, Orange, Texas, in regard to employment. A photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was shown to Mrs. SMITH who stated that she was not aware of the individual in the photograph. She commented that she belonged to no form of racial or hate-type groups.

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HOWARD C. BROUSSARD, Route 1, Box 79B, advised that he is the subscriber to telephone number 643-8949. He said that it is possible that on December 16, 1967, that the uncle of his wife, REMEY TRAHAN, could have called their residence from Orange, Texas. The photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was displayed to Mr. BROUSSARD and he stated that he had seen it frequently in the local newspapers and on television. Mr. BROUSSARD commented that he was not personally acquainted with RAY nor did he belong to any hate or racial groups.

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Mrs. FOSTER JAMES, Route 1, Box 289, advised that she is the subscriber to telephone number 394-4372. She said that it is possible that on December 15, 1967, that one of her children could have called her from the Texas area. She commented that she has three children living in the Orange and Port Arthur areas of Texas. The photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was displayed to Mrs. JAMES and she stated that she was not familiar with him. She said that she belonged to no type of racial or hate groups.

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BERTHA DUGAS, General Delivery, advised that she was the subscriber to telephone number 845-2693. She commented that she did not know who could have placed a long distance telephone call to her on December 17, 1967. The photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was displayed to Mrs. DUGAS and she said that she was familiar with the face in the photograph, seeing it frequently on television. She commented that she did not know JAMES EARL RAY personally, nor had ever had any contact with him.

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Mrs. ALTON PITTE, Route 2, Box 362, advised that she is the subscriber to telephone number 332-1571. She stated that she could not recall who placed a long distance telephone call to her on December 17, 1967. She commented that she was aware of the individual in the photograph and stated that she had seen it frequently in the local newspapers and also on television. Mrs. PITTE said she was not acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY and has never had any contact with him. Mrs. PITTE is a Negro and commented that it would be very unusual for any white person ever to call her on the telephone.

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Mrs. HARRY FAVER, 3430 Patrick Street, advised she has telephone number 477-0790. She said on a date about the middle of December, 1967, probably the fifteenth of the month, her husband called this number from a pay station in Orange, Texas.

She observed various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and said she has never seen this individual and has had no contact with him.

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Lieutenant ROY TATUM advised that telephone number 436-2505 is that of Troop D, Louisiana State Police. He said many phone calls, local and long distance, are received on this phone daily and, due to that fact, there is no way to determine who made a long distance call to this phone from Texas on December 16, 1967. He further stated he is confident JAMES EARL RAY did not make such call and that he has no information as to RAY's whereabouts.

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Mrs. JOYCE SULLIVAN, owner of Joyce's Cafe, 1510 Broad Street, advised telephone number 433-9279 is a pay phone located on the wall of the eating area and is readily available to all customers.

She said, during December, 1967, she had a waitress, KATHY McALLISTER, from Houston, Texas, and the latter received some calls on that phone which originated in Houston. She said this would possibly account for the call of December 15, 1967.

She observed various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised he is unknown to her, and she has had no contact with him.

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Mrs. CLIFTON T. TOLLINGER, 411 Dewald Street, advised she has telephone number 477-0950 in her home. She stated her son lives and works in Houston, Texas, and that he called her December 16, 1967, from Houston. She does not know the number from which he called.

M Mrs. TOLLINGER advised various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY do not resemble anyone she knows and that she has never had any contact with this individual.

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Mrs. L. N. STOUT, 1709 Seventh Street, advised telephone number 433-4884 is located in her home. She stated her husband's parents live in Orange, Texas, and called them in December, 1967, undoubtedly on December 15, 1967, which accounts for the call on that date.

She was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated this individual is not known to her, and she has never had contact with him.

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JOHNNIE M. LEWIS, 3930 Flora Street, Negro female, advised she has had telephone number 635-5974 for over ten years. She said she did not know who called her from Houston, Texas, on December 15, 1967, but was of the opinion it was her sister, RUTHIE MAE OWNES, who resides in Houston, address unknown. She does not know JAMES EARL RAY and when shown a photograph of him, said she has never seen him.

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SUSAN L. SCHWARTZ, 605 Southfield Road, was contacted at her residence and advised the following regarding a telephone call received from the Beaumont, Texas, area on December 16, 1967, to telephone number 388-3298:

She stated that telephone number 388-3298 was the telephone in her room on December 16, 1967. She advised she did not recall receiving any call from Texas and she does not know anyone in Texas who may have called her. She advised her roommate may have received such a call, but, to her own knowledge and recollection, did not.

SCHWARTZ stated she did not recognize the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and does not know him.

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Mr. WILLARD TRAMMELL, Route 1, Box 37-C, after being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the inquiry, advised he is the subscriber to telephone number 318, 239-9483.

He stated he could not recall who would have made a call to his telephone number from Orange, Texas, on December 15, 1967, but that he had a brother residing in that area.

He was shown various pictures of JAMES EARL RAY and he advised this person was unknown to him.

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VIRGINIA ~~W~~ CALHOUN, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview, and was interviewed at the home of her parents, eight miles North of Sikes, Louisiana on ^{Louisiana} Highway 499.

CALHOUN advised ~~W~~ upon viewing a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY ~~W~~ that she was not acquainted with the person, and does not recall seeing him.

CALHOUN advised ~~W~~ that she was the subscriber to telephone number 439-9328 in Lake Charles, Louisiana until late February 1968, at which time she gave up her apartment to return to Sikes, Louisiana. SHE advised that she was the only person living in the apartment at the time, and no other person would have received a call there.

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CALHOUN advised that she was teaching school in Lake Charles, until late February, 1968.

CALHOUN advised that during the months of November, ~~and~~ and January, 1967-68, a number of crank calls were made to her apartment from an unknown caller, and in some of the calls obscene language was used by the caller. CALHOUN advised that

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no long distance or toll calls ~~se~~ were made to her during the month~~s~~ of December that she recalls.

CALHOUN advised that school was out on 12/19/67, for the Christmas Holidays, and she came~~s~~ to Sikes on 12/20/67 to spend the holidays. CALHOUN advised that she doesn't recall any particular call being made to her on 12/16/67, ~~may~~ and that it may have been one of the crank calls.

CALHOUN advised that sometime before Christmas, a man called asking for another man, but that she does not recall the name of either person.

*CALHOUN COULD NOT IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPHS
OF JAMES EARL RAY AS ANYONE SHE EVER KNEW
OR OBSERVED.*

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MRS F.G. STANLEY, advised she is the holder of Vinton, La. telephone nu,ber 589-5591. She said she has relatives in several east Louisiana cities and presumes one of these relatives called her on the date in question.

She observed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised they are not familiar to her and that she has no information regarding this individual.

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MRS HAROLD BELLOW, holder of Vinton, La. telephone number 589-5961 advised her husband is employed in Orange, Texas and commutes to and from east Texas daily. Occasionally he calls her from Texas and she presumes it was one of these calls on the date in question.

She observed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised she has never seen or had dealings with this individual and has no information regarding him,

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F.G. STANLEY, employee of Glen Overman Chevrolet Company, advised ~~at~~ Vinton, La. telephone number 589-5591 is held by his ex-wife whom he divorced 6 years ago and who has kept her phone in the name F.G. STANLEY.

He said he has no information pertaining to calls placed from or received at this number and has not had such information for the past 6 years/

He viewed various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and said they are not familiar to him and he has no information pertaining to him/

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