

names of individuals who might possibly have been observing the motel at the time DR. KING was shot.

KING advised that he thought a shot came from his left, and that at the time he heard the shot, that KING fell approximately the same instant; however, KING stated he could not see any buildings to the left of where he was standing nor could he see the open lot to the left of the firehouse. KING advised that he did not see anyone outside the building, other than those persons in the KING group, prior to the shot. He also advised that following the shot, he did not see any policeman or any other individual in the street before he moved away from the window.

KING advised that he could not identify any other persons whom he had seen on the balcony either prior to or following the shooting of DR. KING as he was not familiar with these individuals by name. He does recall seeing a Negro woman in the doorway of the motel room two doors down from the room of DR. KING immediately after the shooting. He also recalled that the individual standing by DR. KING at the time of the shot was crawling around on the balcony attempting to aid DR. KING. He advised that his view was restricted to either side, and that because of the manner in which the holes were placed in the newspaper, he could only see straight ahead to the motel.

KING could furnish no further information concerning individuals who might have been in or around the motel at the time of the shooting, and could furnish no information concerning any automobiles outside the fire station as he had not gone out of the station immediately following the shooting.

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Patrolman WILLIAM E. GROSS, Memphis Police Department, home address 4728 Tutwiler, Memphis, advised as follows:

On April 4, 1968, he was assigned to one of 3 emergency units which make up what is called a Tact Unit for controlling any disturbances which might occur in Memphis. Those 3 emergency units are made up of 4 men, each of both Memphis Police Officers and Deputies of the Shelby County Sheriff's Office. During the day of April 4, 1968, the men assigned to those units changed from one car to the other. For that reason, he does not recall who was in the emergency vehicle with him during the late afternoon of April 4, 1968, except Patrolman BILL DU FOUR (phonetic).

Shortly before 6:00 PM, April 4, 1968, the 3 emergency units parked at the fire station at Main and E. Butler Streets, Memphis, so that they might take a rest break. Since his wife had just gotten out of the hospital, he went to the telephone in the fire station to call and see how she was feeling, as the other men were taking their rest break. That fire station is located south of a building on Main Street in which a shot which killed Doctor KING is believed to have been fired. Between the fire station and that building is a fenced in parking lot with a gate in front.

As he was talking with his wife, he saw the other men in his emergency unit began running out of the fire station. He does not recall hearing any shot, but he knew something was wrong and he immediately told his wife he had to leave and would call her later. He ran out of the fire station after the other men and turned east once outside the fire station, and he ran toward Mulberry Street and the Lorraine Motel. Since a high retaining wall is located at Mulberry Street, he never crossed that retaining wall or Mulberry Street, but when he arrived at that point some of the other police officers who had crossed Mulberry and who were at the Lorraine Motel called out that Doctor KING had been shot and they believed the shot had come from the building north of

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the fire station. He ran back through that passageway which is between the fire station and the fenced in lot just north of the fire station to Main Street. When he arrived at Main Street, he recalls there were 2 Memphis Police Officers and also a Deputy Sheriff already on Main Street in front of the building where the shot was believed to have been fired from, however, he cannot identify either of those 3 officers. He took up a position in front of Canipe Amusement Center at 424 S. Main Street, Memphis. He actually stood on Main Street in front of that doorway. After he took up his position, he recalls seeing a satchel and a rifle in the doorway in front of him. Those items were lying on what appeared to be a green piece of cloth material which appeared to be a blanket or bedspread. He did not touch any of that material, nor did he go near it, but he did watch it from his position.

Shortly after he took up his position, which was within 2 or 3 minutes after he received the report that Doctor KING had been shot, he remained at that spot until the investigation was completed. Immediately after he took his position, 2 other members of the emergency squad came to the parking lot, which was between the building in which he was then standing and the fire station. Those officers went into that parking lot and searched it thoroughly for anyone who might be hiding therein, including a clump of bushes located at the back of the parking lot at the retaining wall. After they found no one hiding in that area, they came out, locked the gate on the parking lot, and the 2 men stood there to guard that gate.

After he had stood at his position for a short time, an individual, who apparently was the operator of Canipe Amusement Center, came out and informed him that he had been ordered to the Memphis Police Station to make a report of what he had seen. He informed that individual that he could not leave the area until he (GROSS) had cleared it with his superior officer. After he cleared it with his superior officer, he told the individual to go ahead. That man then got into his pick-up truck which was parked on Main Street

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between the building he was standing in front of and the fire station and drove away, apparently to the police station.

GROSS advised that he observed Inspector N. E. ZACHARY, Memphis Police Department Homicide Squad, and another officer of the Homicide Squad, name unknown, come to the area and collected the satchel, rifle, and green cloth material which he had been standing in front of. He noted they did not touch any of those items, but used handkerchiefs to pick it up. They placed the rifle and the satchel in the green cloth material, then they picked up the green cloth containing the other items and took it all to police headquarters. GROSS observed this from a distance of approximately 10 to 15 feet.

On April 4, 1968, he was wearing dark blue trousers, a royal blue shirt, a dark blue tie, and a blue steel helmet. He does not recall anyone in the area who might have been wearing an upper garment which might be described as white or light colored, and who was wearing an item of clothing which might be described as a hood. He does not recall seeing Patrolman DOLLAHITE or any other police officer running on Main Street near the U. S. Fixtures office moments after the shooting.

He advised when the 3 emergency units parked by the fire station shortly before 6:00 PM, April 4, 1968, they parked in the fire station driveway facing the units toward south Main Street. Two emergency units were parked side by side and the third unit was parked directly behind one of the front two. He surmised that if the person who shot Doctor KING had fired the shot from the building north of the fire station on Main Street, and that individual had then run out of the building onto Main Street and had turned south on Main Street, the first thing that individual would have seen would have been 3 police cars in the driveway of the fire station. Although those 3 emergency police vehicles were unmanned, he feels that is possibly what happened in this instance and that is why the suspect dropped the rifle, satchel and green cloth blanket or bedspread, which was in front of the Canipe Amusement Center at 424 S. Main Street.

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OTHERS IN VICINITY OF CRIME SCENE

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/6/68

Mr. CHARLES HARDY HURLEY, Advertising Layout Department, National Food Company, 1797 South Florida Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, furnished the following information:

Mr. HURLEY said that he parked his car a little south of the Canipe Amusement Company, 424 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, at 4:45 p.m., on April 4, 1968. He said that his car was facing in a northerly direction and was immediately behind a white Mustang vehicle of an unknown year, which was immediately in front of the Canipe Amusement Company. HURLEY said he saw one white male in the Mustang car but could furnish no physical description of the man as it was too dark in the man's car to enable him to get a good look at the man. Mr. HURLEY stated that he looked at the license plate of the Mustang and believed it to be an Arkansas license with the first two letters being "AL." Mr. HURLEY said he could not be positive of the two letters "AL" on the license, but he believed these letters did appear on the license.

Mr. HURLEY said that he could furnish no further information regarding the white Mustang and its lone occupant as he, Mr. HURLEY, drove away at 4:48 p.m. on April 4, 1968, and the man was still in the car when he left.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/5/68

PEGGY JANE HURLEY, customer services, Seabrook Wallpaper Company, 421 South Main Street, Memphis, advised that at about 4:45 p.m., April 4, 1968, one of the girls in the front showroom called to her and told her that her husband was waiting on the street from her. Upon hearing this she went to the showroom and told the girl that was not her husband's white Falcon but it was a white Mustang. A few minutes later Mrs. HURLEY stated that her husband did pull up in their white Falcon and parked behind the white Mustang which was parked in front of Canipe's Amusements directly across the street. She left work, crossed the street and proceeded home with her husband. She said that when they arrived home they heard on the news that MARTIN LUTHER KING had been shot at the Lorraine Hotel, and that the suspect had gotten away in a white Mustang. She said that she and her husband began to talk about the white Mustang which was parked right in front of her husband's car when he picked her up on Main Street. She said her husband told her that he noticed that this Mustang had Arkansas license plates on it. He also said that he noticed a white man sitting in the Mustang. He said he was wearing what appeared to be a dark suit. Mrs. HURLEY stated she did remember a man sitting in the car when she left work, but she could not determine what kind of clothes he was wearing or what color hair he had.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/7/68

ELIZABETH COPELAND, customer services, Seabrook Wallpaper Company, 421 South Main Street, Memphis, advised that at about 4:45 p.m., April 4, 1968, she saw a white car pull up and park across the street. She said that she called to PEGGY HURLEY to tell her that her husband had arrived as he usually did at this time daily. When PEGGY came to the front showroom she looked out the window and told her, ELIZABETH COPELAND, that the car across the street was not her husband's Falcon but was a Mustang. She stated she looked again at the car and saw there was a white man with dark hair sitting in the driver's seat. She added that she believed the man was wearing a dark colored coat. Mrs. COPELAND stated Mrs. HURLEY's husband pulled up in a few minutes and then proceeded to leave with his wife. At 5:20 Mrs. COPELAND stated that her husband who normally picked her up daily attempted to park across the street, but the curb was completely filled with vehicles and he had to double park next to the white car which she thought was a Mustang. She said when her husband arrived she left work, crossed the street and got in her husband's car and left for home. She advised when she went to get in her husband's car she noticed that there was no one sitting in the white Mustang.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/7/681

Mrs. FRANCES B. THOMPSON, Bookkeeper, Seabrook Wall Paper Company, 421 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that she finished work on April 4, 1968, at approximately 4:30 p.m., and was in the company showroom at the front of the store waiting for her daughter. She said that at about 4:30 or 4:45 p.m., she saw a white automobile drive up and park across the street from her in front of Canipe's Amusement Company, 424 South Main Street. Mrs. THOMPSON said she thought the car belonged to PEGGY HURLEY's husband and that he had come to get PEGGY; however, PEGGY looked and said that this car was a Mustang and that Mr. HURLEY would be driving a Falcon.

Mrs. THOMPSON said that her daughter picked her up at approximately 4:45 p.m., and the two of them left the area. She said that when she left at 4:45 p.m., there was a white male sitting in the front seat of the white Mustang. Mrs. THOMPSON was unable to furnish any other information concerning this individual.

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1Date 4/7/68

DAVID HARRISON OWENS, Credit Manager, Seabrook Wallpaper Company, 421 South Main Street, Memphis, advised that on April 4, 1968, in the afternoon, he was working in the warehouse at the rear of the store. He stated that at 6:00 p.m., he went to leave the building in order to go home and he noticed that there were policemen everywhere and there was a great deal of noise in the street.

He said he saw a lot of policemen in front of the doorway at Canipe's Amusement Company and he assumed that there had been a robbery at Canipe's Amusement Company. He stated that he saw several policemen looking down at an object which was lying on the sidewalk in front of the doorway at Canipe's Amusement Company and it appeared to be a large canvas object about twelve inches high and five feet long. Mr. OWENS said that the object reminded him of a large mailbag. He said that when he went to leave the store with Mr. COOKSY and Mr. HOLT, they were questioned by policemen, and were given permission to leave the area, which they did.

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PERSONS AT JIM'S GRILL,  
418 SOUTH MAIN STREET

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/15/68

Mr. GEORGE ROWLAND HARDING, Room 3, 386½ South Main Street, advised that he is unemployed and that he is living at this rooming house at the present time. Mr. HARDING stated that on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, he went to Jim's Grill located at 418 South Main and ordered a bowl of chili and a quart of beer.

He further stated that he sat in the last booth with a person by the name of HAROLD PARKER who works for Yellow Cab.

Mr. HARDING stated he was in the grill when a police officer came to the door and instructed everyone to stay in the grill. He said he learned later that MARTIN LUTHER KING had been shot. He said he feels certain he heard a shot, but did not realize it was a gun that was fired at that time.

Mr. HARDING explained that he had been sleeping most of the day and when he awoke he was hungry. He said he had been drinking heavily before he went to sleep and, therefore, was not too alert when he walked down to Jim's Grill. He stated he does not recall seeing any cars on the street either being driven or parked and does not recall seeing any people on the street before he entered Jim's Grill. Mr. HARDING advised he cannot furnish any additional information concerning the activities that took place in the immediate vicinity of Jim's Grill at the time MARTIN LUTHER KING was shot.

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1Date 4/15/68

Mr. ROBERT D. WHEELER, 908 Emery Street, Memphis, advised that he is employed as a driver of a lift truck for M. E. Carter, 415 South Front Street, Memphis.

Mr. WHEELER advised that he got off work at 5:00 p.m., and walked to Jim's Grill located at 418 South Main Street, Memphis. He stated that prior to going to Jim's Grill he was waiting on the corner of South Front Street and Huling Street to get a ride home. He said that when he was unable to get a ride he started walking down the east side of South Main Street. Mr. WHEELER stated that when he was almost in front of Jim's Grill he was told by someone, probably a Memphis Policeman or a Deputy Sheriff, to go inside of Jim's Grill and stay there and then the door was locked.

He said he was walking alone and was not aware of any activity in the immediate area at that time. He said some time after entering Jim's Grill he learned that MARTIN LUTHER KING had been shot. Mr. WHEELER stated he did not hear the shot and he did not see anyone running, walking or carrying anything in the immediate area. He said he does not recall any cars parked in the immediate area and does not recall seeing any car drive away while he was walking down South Main Street from the intersection of Huling and South Main to Jim's Grill.

Mr. WHEELER advised he cannot furnish any additional information concerning any activity that took place in that immediate area at the time MARTIN LUTHER KING was shot.

Mr. WHEELER said the above activity took place on April 4, 1968.

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1Date 4/15/68

Mr. FRANKLIN WILSON RAY, JR., 3639 Allendale Road, Memphis, advised he is employed as a salesman by the Tayloe Paper Company, 420 South Front Street, Memphis.

Mr. RAY advised he left work approximately 5:30 p.m., on April 4, 1968, and walked alone directly to Jim's Grill located at 418 South Main, Memphis. He stated he walked east on Huling Street toward South Main and when he reached the corner of Huling and South Main he walked diagonally across the street to Jim's Grill. He stated he does not recall walking past any cars other than STEVE CUPPLES' 1959 white Chevrolet which was parked across the street from Jim's Grill. He said he recalls there was a line of white cars parked at the curb near the entrance to Jim's Grill.

He said he was not aware of any activity in the neighborhood and that he was playing pinball machine and shuffleboard machine when a deputy sheriff came to the door and advised that no one was to leave until further notice. He said shortly thereafter an individual who he believed to be with the police department came to the door, requested that each one put their name and address on a sheet of paper and it was at that time he learned that MARTIN LUTHER KING had been shot. He said he does not recall looking out the window while playing the pinball machine and shuffleboard machine, but as soon as the deputy sheriff entered he recalls looking out the window and saw STEVE CUPPLES' 1959 Chevrolet parked across the street and JIMMY WALKER's white Fairlane Ford parked just south of the entrance of Jim's Grill. He added he also saw JOWERS' Cadillac parked directly in front of the entrance of Jim's Grill.

Mr. RAY stated he was concentrating on playing the pinball machine and shuffleboard machine and was not aware of any activity in the immediate neighborhood. He said it was not until sometime later that he learned MARTIN LUTHER KING had been shot. He stated he did not hear the shot and cannot furnish any information concerning the activity in the neighborhood such as people walking or running, cars parked or being driven or any other activity.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/7/681

ROSIE LEE DABNEY, waitress, Jim's Grill, 418 South Main Street, Memphis, advised that on April 4, 1968, she came on duty at about 3:00 p.m. She stated that everything seemed normal up until about 6:00 p.m. when she heard that a shooting had occurred. She added that she saw nothing out of the ordinary, and could provide no further information.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 15, 1968

Mr. HAROLD E. PARKER, 1054 Meada Street, Memphis, Tennessee, advised he is employed as a driver for Yellow Cab Company, 581 South Second Street, Memphis, Tennessee.

Mr. PARKER advised he got off of work at approximately 4:00 p.m. on April 4, 1968. He stated he left the cab he was driving at the gas pump at approximately 4:00 p.m., checked in with his day's proceedings, and then left in his 1959 white four door Rambler, License Number, Shelby County AS 6131, which is his personally owned auto. He stated he drove this car to the area of Jim's Grill, which is located at 418 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. PARKER stated that it is his estimate that he arrived at approximately 4:15 to 4:20 p.m. at Jim's Grill. He commented that when he arrived, he drove past the Grill, and parked near the intersection of Huling Street and South Main Street. He said he does not recall what cars were on the street at that time, but does recall specifically that Mr. JOWERS' Cadillac was parked almost directly in front of Jim's Grill. He explained that Mr. JOWERS owns and operates Jim's Grill. Mr. PARKER stated he cannot recall what other cars were on the street or what other cars were between his 1959 Rambler and JOWERS' white Cadillac, but believes that there was at least one, if not two, cars between his and JOWERS' car. He stated he has no idea as to the color, make, or model of the cars between his and JOWERS' car.

Mr. PARKER stated he was in Jim's Grill having his evening meal of chili and beer. He said he was sitting in the last booth in the Grill with a person whose name he knows as GEORGE HARDING. He stated he does not know HARDING's occupation or his address, but commented that HARDING frequents Jim's Grill quite regularly. Mr. PARKER added there were a number of people in the Grill during the entire time that he was there, and that there were several young men playing the shuffleboard, ping-pong machine, and the jukebox. He said he was not aware of any activity outside of Jim's Grill until a Deputy Sheriff entered Jim's Grill sometime after 6:00 p.m., and told everyone in the Grill to remain there until they were advised they could leave.

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Mr. PARKER stated he stayed in his booth the entire time, and did not look out the window at any time until he left. He said he was not aware of what occurred out in the street, and in the immediate area until Mr. JOWERS asked him if he had heard the shooting. He stated he told JOWERS he had not heard any shooting, and was shortly thereafter advised that MARTIN LUTHER KING had been shot. He stated he definitely did not hear any shot fired while he was in Jim's Grill.

Mr. PARKER stated he did not notice any new faces in Jim's Grill while he was there, but commented the only individual he actually knew was GEORGE HARDING, who shared the booth with him. He said he knew there were a number of regular customers in Jim's Grill, and these were young men who are employed by the Tayloe Paper Company, but he is completely unfamiliar with their names.

Mr. PARKER stated the only car he can remember on the street in front of or in the immediate area of Jim's Grill when he entered Jim's Grill was Mr. JOWERS' white Cadillac. He stated he cannot recall any individual or individuals either walking or running in the immediate area of Jim's Grill when he entered to have his meal. He stated he can furnish no information whatsoever concerning the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING on April 4, 1968.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 15, 1968

Mr. JIMMIE RICHARD SANDERS, 1687 Childers Street (Frayser), Memphis, Tennessee, advised he is employed at Wood Parts, Inc., 1590 Texas Street, Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. SANDERS stated that on the evening of April 4, 1968, he left his place of business at Wood Parts, Inc. at approximately 4:00 p.m., and took a bus to the Arcade Restaurant, located at the corner of Calhoun Street and South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, which is approximately one long block from Jim's Grill, located at 418 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. SANDERS stated he walked from the intersection of South Main Street and Calhoun Street to Jim's Grill, and arrived at Jim's Grill at approximately 5:00 p.m. He stated he was alone, and entered Jim's Grill for his evening meal. He stated his reason for eating at Jim's Grill was because he had rented a room at 390½ South Main Street for three or four days, which is in the immediate area of Jim's Grill.

Mr. SANDERS stated he sat in a booth for a while and at the counter for a while, ordered his evening meal, and had several beers.

Mr. SANDERS advised that while he was eating his meal, he recalls that at approximately 6:00 p.m. a Deputy Sheriff came to the door of Jim's Grill and advised everyone in the Grill to remain there until advised they could leave. He said that at the time he had no idea as to why everyone was told to stay. He said sometime later everyone in Jim's Grill learned that MARTIN LUTHER KING had been shot that evening from somewhere in the immediate area of Jim's Grill. Mr. SANDERS stated he did not hear the shot that was fired that killed MARTIN LUTHER KING, and added he was not aware that KING was staying in the immediate area of Jim's Grill. Mr. SANDERS commented he did not go to the window to look out after the Deputy Sheriff instructed everyone to stay in the Grill.

Mr. SANDERS advised he was not aware of any cars or people on the street when he walked from the intersection of Calhoun Street and South Main to Jim's Grill. He stated he is

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certain there were many cars both parked and being driven on South Main Street, and that there were likely many people walking in this area, but added he was not aware of any particular individual or any particular car in this area. Mr. SANDERS stated he cannot furnish any information whatsoever concerning the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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OTHER PERSONS WHO HAD CONTACT WITH UNKNOWN SUBJECT

YORK ARMS COMPANY  
162 S. MAIN STREET  
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

(This section of the report pertains to the purchase of binoculars by the Unknown Subject on April 4, 1968, at York Arms Company, and a subsequent inquiry that was made in the immediate vicinity of York Arms Company.)

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 5, 1968

Mr. RALPH MEREDITH CARPENTER, 4844 Durbin Street, Memphis, Tennessee, telephone 685-5618, advised that he is a salesman at the York Arms Company located at 162 South Main Street, Memphis.

Mr. CARPENTER recalls that yesterday, April 4, 1968, he was in the above mentioned store talking to one of the other salesmen in the store when an individual entered and subsequently bought from him a pair of Bushnell binoculars. This individual entered the store at about 4:00 in the afternoon. Mr. CARPENTER estimates this to be the correct time and, in part, bases his estimate on the fact that there were pickets parading in front of the store at that time. Mr. CARPENTER recalls that as this individual proceeded further into the store he turned to this individual and asked if he could be of assistance. The individual stated that he wished to purchase some binoculars, and Mr. CARPENTER told him that he was about out of binoculars and believed the only ones he had in stock were a pair selling for \$200 and another pair selling for ninety-some dollars. The individual stated that he believed these were too high priced for him, and then Mr. CARPENTER recalled that there might be a cheaper pair of binoculars in the window and advised the individual that he would find out. Mr. CARPENTER thereupon went to the display window in the front of the store and determined that there was on display a pair of Bushnell binoculars selling for \$39.95. He brought these binoculars back to the customer and explained that they were a Japanese import of better quality. The individual seemed to indicate that he either recognized the name or that he agreed that there were some good Japanese imports. The customer raised the binoculars to his eyes and in some manner, not now recalled by Mr. CARPENTER, indicated that these binoculars were acceptable.

Mr. CARPENTER recalls that the customer asked if instructions were in the box, and Mr. CARPENTER advised him that there were instructions in the box, but not much was needed to be known to operate the binoculars, other than to

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just place them to the eyes and adjust the eye pieces. Mr. CARPENTER recalls that he wrote on the box in which he placed the binoculars the price \$39.95 and the amount of tax which was \$1.60 and added the two figures for a total of \$41.55. He placed the sales slip and the box with the binoculars in it in a gray paper bag which bears the name of York Arms on its side. The binoculars were in a leather or similar type carrying case. The store does not record or maintain serial numbers for these binoculars and it is not known what, if any, serial number was on this particular pair of binoculars.

Mr. CARPENTER stated that the binoculars were Bushnell brand and were 7 by 35 size.

Mr. CARPENTER described the customer as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	26 - 32 years
Height:	5 feet 11 inches
Weight:	160 pounds to 175 pounds
Hair:	Black or dark brown, neat, combed straight back and not parted. It was neither very long nor shaggy.
Eyes:	Color not recalled; no glasses worn
Complexion:	Ruddy
Build:	Medium
Scars and marks:	None recalled
Regional accent:	None noticed
Dress:	Dark suit, not known whether or not pants matched coat, but recalls pants did not contrast with coat; color of shoes not known but not in sharp contrast to other clothing; no hat worn; white shirt with noticeably wide space at the collar, neat looking; dark tie with light stripe which covered entire tie, which was tied in a long slender knot which did not fill the space between the collars; tie was noticeably pulled to one side, not in keeping with generally neat appearance of customer; no jewelry remembered.

Facial characteristics: Average fullness; nothing regarding the eyes, nose, ears or other features noticeable. Customer's hands were neat, though nothing outstanding was noticed about them.

Mr. CARPENTER recalls that the individual reached into his right front pants pocket to get the money with which to pay for the binoculars. The money was not in a billfold or a money clip. The customer withdrew two \$20 bills from a roll which contained several other bills, at least two of which Mr. CARPENTER believes were \$20 bills. The customer also took a \$1.00 bill from this roll and then reached into his other front pocket with his left hand and secured two quarters and a nickel, making a total of \$41.55 for the payment. After purchasing the binoculars, the customer walked from the store and Mr. CARPENTER told him to "hurry back" or some similar parting statement, and the customer's reply is not recalled, if any was made. Mr. CARPENTER does not know which direction the customer took after leaving the store.

Mr. CARPENTER does not recall ever having seen this individual before in the store or elsewhere, but feels relatively certain that if he sees him again he would be able to recognize him.

The customer, while in the store, did not ask to see any other merchandise such as rifles or guns or ammunition of any kind, and made no inquiry at all concerning any other merchandise.

Mr. CARPENTER stated that when the customer entered the store CARPENTER was near the front of the store talking to Mr. VERNON YORK. Further back in the store he believes CHARLES GIBSON was near the cash register, and Mr. HUGH BADDLEY, a clerk, was also somewhere in the store. He believes also that possibly Mr. CORDRA YORK, JR., may have been in the store, but he does not know whether or not any of these individuals took notice of the customer.

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Date 4/16/68

SAC ROBERT G. JENSEN and SA RALPH J. LIEWER contacted RALPH M. CARPENTER, an employee of York Arms Company, 162 South Main Street, Memphis. Mr. CARPENTER was informed of the identity of SAC JENSEN and he has previously been interviewed by SA LIEWER. He was told we had an additional group of photographs we would like him to view. He was told that no significance should be attached to the sequence or arrangement the photographs might be in when he saw them. These photographs were laid out, one after another, on the second floor away from bystanders and other employees in the York Arms Company.

CARPENTER spent at least twenty minutes reviewing carefully each of the photographs. He expressed some hesitation for a time between a photograph of one RICHARD SMITH and the photograph of ERIC S. GALT. No names and no identifying data of any kind were furnished to CARPENTER in connection with his study of these photographs. He did state in connection with a photograph of SMITH that he thought this was a local Memphis boy whom he might have seen. He turned this photograph over and did reject the photograph as not being identical to the one to whom he sold the binoculars.

He studied carefully for approximately five minutes the photograph of ERIC S. GALT and made comments concerning the appearance of GALT. He stated the hair was generally similar to the customer but thought it might be just a little bit longer than when the customer had been in the store on April 4. He also said that he recalled the customer he waited on did not have heavy, bushy eyebrows but they were more like the eyebrows in the photograph of GALT. He also stated he had no recollection of seeing GALT's teeth and thought he had a smile when he waited on him. CARPENTER also said he had no independent recollection of GALT's ears appearing as they did in the photograph, but he then said he did not notice them particularly. He did furnish the following statement regarding his identification of the photograph of ERIC S. GALT:

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SA RALPH J. LIEWER : bn Date dictated 4/16/68

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"April 16, 1968

"On April 16, 1968, I, Ralph M Carpenter was shown a group of 5 photographs by Special Agent in Charge Robert G Jensen and Special Agent Ralph J Liewer. After careful study of each of these pictures I placed my name on the back of the picture which I feel most resembled the man who bought a set of binoculars from me on April 4, 1968 at York Arms, 162 So. Main St., Memphis, Tennessee. I was not furnished any names or any descriptive data regarding any of the photographs shown. I was also told that no significance should be attached to any sequence or arrangement that the photographs were shown to me. I did turn one photograph over as I thought I recognized this to be a local Memphis boy. I did not however recognize him as the person to whom I sold the binoculars.

"In choosing the photograph I was guided by my best recollection. I remember that the man who bought the binoculars did not have heavy eyebrows and were about medium like the ones in the photograph selected by me. I did not sell any other binoculars on April 4, 1968

"My signature attests that I am in agreement with the information set forth on page one and page two of this statement.

/s/ Ralph M. Carpenter

/s/ Robert G Jensen  
SAC, FBI, Memphis  
April 16, 1968

/s/ Ralph J. Liewer  
Special Agent FBI  
April 16, 1968"

It should be noted that the name "ERIC S. GALT" was not furnished to CARPENTER, nor was he in a position to read the name when he signed the back of the photograph. His concluding remarks, which were made at approximately 11:20 a.m., 4/16/68, were to the effect that, "I don't own a suit. I suppose I will have to buy a suit so that I can go to court."

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date April 16, 1968

On April 16, 1968, a group of five photographs were shown to RALPH M. CARPENTER, an employee of York Arms, 162 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee. The photographs that were shown to him are those of:

JOHN EDWARD THOMAS, Memphis Police Department No. 32206

THEODORE JOHN ADANK, FBI No. 3 871 080

CLINTON CABLE GIBSON, Memphis Police Department No. 91407

ERIC GALT

ROBERT PIERCE SMITH, also known as Richard Smith, 493 Howard Street, Whitehaven, Tennessee, USAF No. 14702464, date of birth .

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The following investigation was conducted by SA RALPH J. LIEWER and SA ROBERT W. GOODWIN at Memphis, Tennessee, on April 5, 1968:

Mr. CORDRA YORK, JR., 1374 East Crestwood, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that he is one of the owners of the York Arms Company at 162 South Main Street, Memphis, and he does not recall seeing an individual come into the store in the afternoon of April 4, 1968, and purchase a pair of binoculars from Mr. RALPH CARPENTER, one of the salesmen at the store.

Mr. YORK stated that any money taken from such a customer would by this time have been transferred to the banking institution used by the store.

Mr. YORK stated that the York Arms Company does not handle the Remington Game Master model 760 rifle at this time and has not handled it for the past two or three years. He stated that the store has two other branches in the city and he is certain that neither of these stores has handled this particular model of Remington rifle in the past several years; however, to make sure he would contact these stores and in the event they had handled this gun recently would immediately contact the FBI.

Mr. YORK advised that Mr. CHARLES GIBSON, a salesman for the store, is now out of the store and unavailable for interview. He stated Mr. VERNON YORK has left for an extended fishing trip in Florida.

Mr. HUGH BADDLEY, 1537 North Parkway, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that he is a clerk in the York Arms Company, 162 South Main Street. He advised that he recalls that sometime on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, salesman RALPH CARPENTER went to the store's display window and brought back a pair of binoculars which Mr. BADDLEY believes CARPENTER eventually sold to a customer at that time. Mr. BADDLEY stated that he does not recall the customer and cannot describe him.

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OLIVER REXALL DRUG STORE  
4115 HIGHWAY 51 S  
WHITEHAVEN, TENNESSEE

(This investigation pertains to the purchase of a Gillette shaving kit, which was abandoned by the Unknown Subject, and which was identified from the price sticker appearing thereon as having come from the Oliver Rexall Drug Store.)

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/7/68

Mrs. PEGGY BURNS, 4802 Rickard, telephone number 397-0033, advised she is employed as a saleslady at the Oliver Rexall Drugstore in Whitehaven. Mrs. BURNS stated that she recalls selling a Gillette shaving kit, which was in a clear plastic container, to a white man a little before noon on April 3, 1968. She stated that this shaving kit contained a safety razor, shaving lotion, shaving cream, hair tonic, and deodorant, which is all manufactured by the Gillette Company, and was in a clear plastic container, approximately four inches by six inches.

Mrs. BURNS recalled that a white man came into the Oliver Rexall Drugstore shortly before noon, April 3, 1968, and asked her for a razor. She said she pointed out where the razors were located in her store, and directed him to that area of the store. She advised the white man walked down to this area, and picked out the Gillette shaving kit, and brought it back to the cash register, where she was located. Mrs. BURNS said she could not recall any other items which the white man purchased in her store. She could not recall how he paid for this purchase, and did not recall anything he said while he was paying for the item.

Mrs. BURNS stated that she got the impression from the white man's activities that he was a stranger in the area, and she said she does not believe he has ever been in her store before. She said she is sure that she has never seen him prior to the time he approached her, and she furnished the following description for him:

Race:	White
Age:	45
Height:	5'7"
Weight:	165 pounds
Hair:	Black - could not recall how he combed it or anything further about his hair
Eyes:	Color unknown

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Remarks:

Had a friendly smile

Dress:

Blue suit

No further descriptive information recalled; recalled seeing no scars and marks.

Mrs. BURNS said she got the impression that this man was alone, and she believed he left the store by himself. She advised she could recall no further information regarding this man's description or his activities while he was in her store.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/12/68

Mrs. PEGGY BURNS, 4802 Rickard Road, Whitehaven, Tennessee, was interviewed at her residence, at which time she furnished the following information:

Mrs. BURNS stated that regarding the individual who purchased a Gillette Travel Aid Razor Kit at the Oliver Rexall Drugstore, where she is employed, she further remembered that this individual was wearing a dark blue suit, which appeared to be a normal business suit. She believes that when this individual made the purchase, he already had money in his hand when he approached the check-out counter. She could not recall the denomination of a bill which he gave her. After careful consideration, she believed that he was between 35 and 45 years of age, and was approximately 5'10" tall. To the best of her knowledge, this individual came to the store on Wednesday, April 3, 1968. She said she came to work on Tuesday, April 2, 1968, at noon, and is positive this individual did not make the purchase on that date.

She does not recall recently selling one of these Gillette Razor Kits for several weeks. She cannot recall making a request for this item to be re-stocked on their shelf in the check-out book, which is maintained in the drugstore. She stated this book is used for the purpose of replenishing stock when a particular item runs low on a particular shelf. She advised she did not work on Thursday, April 4, 1968. She does not know which cash register in the store that she rang up the sale on, but believes it was the front register because she had given this individual directions when he first came into the store, and at that time she was at the front cash register. She believes there were three or four other customers in the store who were total strangers to her.

She advised that during this particular week, they had a one cent sale, which was advertised in the "Whitehaven Press" newspaper. As a result of this sale, their volume of business picked up, and attracted many people other than regular customers.

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To the best of her recollection, this individual appeared to be an "office worker type," and appeared to be a very average type individual. The suit he was wearing was very neat, and looked to be very expensive. She noted that while this individual was in the store, he did not hesitate in that he obtained his purchase, paid her, and immediately left.

Mrs. BURNS viewed the three artists' conceptions, at which time she stated that none of these individuals were familiar to her in any way, and does not believe that they appeared to resemble the individual who made the purchase in any way.



ME 44-1987

REBEL MOTEL  
3466 LAMAR AVENUE  
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

(This section of the report reflects interviews with employees and customers at the Rebel Motel. It was at this motel that the Unsub spent the night of April 3, 1968, using the name ERIC S. GALT.)

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/12/68

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Miss ANNA CHRISTINE KELLY, Manager, Rebel Motor Hotel, 3466 Lamar Avenue, advised that her records reflect the following:

At 7:15 on April 3, 1968, ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, registered in room 34 and departed on April 4. He stated on his registration card that he was driving a Mustang bearing Alabama license 1-38993.

Miss KELLY stated that the individual would have had to have left the hotel by checkout time, which was 1:00 PM, or his registration card would have reflected he was charged for two days lodging instead of one day.

She further advised that her records reflect the following:

On April 3, 1968, ANDY GAST, Route 6, Fremont, Ohio, registered in Room 35 and departed on April 4. WILLIAM HESTER, 109 Forest Avenue, Troy, Alabama, registered in Room 35 on April 4. Leonard E. Day, 5607 Highway 61 South, Memphis, registered in Room 33 on April 3. L. N. PAGE, 1282 Abbe Road, Sheffield, Ohio, registered in Room 34 at 8:30 PM on April 4.

Miss KELLY further advised that room numbers 33 and 35 are adjacent to Room 34, and that the only occupant of room 34 since ERIC S. GALT checked out was L. N. PAGE.

Miss KELLY stated that she could not remember ERIC S. GALT, and in fact the only occupants of the hotel which she ever became familiar with were the people who were steady customers of the hotel. She stated that SARA LOVINGS would have cleaned the room immediately after GALT checked out of the hotel.

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Miss KELLY made available ERIC S. GALT's registration card to Special Agent in Charge ROBERT G. JENSEN for submission to the FBI Laboratory.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/8/681

Miss ANNA CHRISTINE KELLEY, owner, The Rebel Motel, 3466 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, furnished the following information:

Miss KELLEY stated that a check of her records reflected no loss of any bedspreads similar to or identical with the one left by the suspect on S. Main Street, Memphis. Miss KELLEY further advised that her records failed to reflect the names HARVEY LOWMEYER and JOHN WILLARD for the dates March 15, 1968, to April 8, 1968. Miss KELLEY said that her records reflected the fact that ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, registered April 3, 1968, and checked out April 4, 1968. She advised that GALT was driving a Mustang of unknown year and unknown color and had the license number 138993.

Miss KELLEY said that a JERRY GOALSBY, Route 4, Ripley, Mississippi, registered at her motel April 3, 1968, and checked out April 4, 1968. She stated that GOALSBY was driving a Ford vehicle but did not know the year nor the color.

KELLEY advised she was unable to recall GALT or GOALSBY and could not furnish a physical description.

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Date 4/12/681

Mrs. HENRIETTA HAGEMASTER, Desk Clerk, Rebel Motor Hotel, 3466 Lamar Avenue, advised that she was on duty on April 3, 1968, from 3:00 PM to 10:00 PM that day. She said she could not remember registering ERIC S. GALT in Room 34 on April 3, but upon reviewing GALT's registration card, said that she did register him in Room 34 at 7:15 PM on April 3. She added she is sure of the time because as she registers a guest in the hotel she looks back at the clock which is on the wall behind her and writes the time on his registration card. This is done routinely because it is a hotel policy to allow the guests 15 minutes from the time they register to decide if they still want the hotel room. If within this time they decide that do not want the hotel room their money is refunded. She stated she wrote the arrival time as 7:15 PM on GALT's registration card.

She said that she could not remember anything concerning GALT. She could not describe him or remember what kind of car he was driving.

Mrs. HAGEMASTER was shown an artist's conception drawing drawn in Birmingham, Alabama, and said that the individual in the drawing was not in any way familiar to her.

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Date 4/12/681

SARA LOVINGS, 3230 Democrat Road, Memphis, maid, Rebel Motor Hotel, 3466 Lamar Avenue, was contacted at her home and advised that she was on duty at the hotel on April 4. She said that she went into Room 34 on April 4, after the occupant had checked out of the hotel, so she could clean the room. She stated that she could not remember what time she went into the room, but she believes it to be in the early part of the afternoon. She stated that nothing was left in Room 34 by the occupant or she would have remembered taking it to the desk clerk. She added that she could not remember ever seeing the occupant of Room 34, and she paid no attention to the cars that were parked in the hotel lot.

She was shown an artist's conception drawing which was drawn at Birmingham, Alabama, and she stated that the individual in the drawing did not look familiar to her.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 11, 19681

Mrs. SADIE MOORE, Maid, New Rebel Motor Hotel, 3466 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that she is responsible for the service to the rooms on the east side of the hotel. She stated that she very seldom notices people who check into the east half of the hotel. She cannot remember anything concerning the individual who checked into Room Number 34 on the evening of April 3, 1968, and checked out the following day. She further stated that she cannot remember seeing any Mustangs on April 3 or 4, 1968, and, in fact, she is not familiar with the various makes of cars, and pays no attention whatsoever to them or their license plates.

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Date 4/12/681

IVAN B. WEBB, 2569 Faxon, Desk Clerk, Rebel Motor Hotel, 3466 Lamar, was contacted at his place of employment and advised the following:

He was on duty at the Rebel Motor Hotel from 10:00 PM, April 3, 1968, to 6:00 AM, April 4, 1968. He said that as a nightly routine he tours the hotel grounds hourly for security check. During his hourly tours on April 3 and 4, he noticed a white Mustang with Alabama license plates parked in front of Room 34. He added that he was positive that this Mustang was parked in front of 34 when he came on duty at 10:00 and it was there during each of his hourly rounds until 6:00 on April 4, 1968, when he was relieved by Mr. SAM HUDSON. He stated that he never saw the occupant of Room 34 during his shift.

On April 3 and 4, 1968, Mr. WEBB was shown artist's conception drawings drawn at Birmingham, Alabama, and Memphis, Tennessee, and he stated that the drawing at Memphis looked familiar to him but he could not in any way identify any individual from it.

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Mr. VICTOR DUPRATT, Owner, Rebel Motor Hotel, 3466 Lamar Avenue in Memphis. He advised that he is usually in the hotel lobby from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM each day. He stated that he was in the hotel on the afternoon of April 3 and 4, but he knew nothing of anyone who checked into Room 34 on April 3, 1968. He said that after a guest checks out of a room the maids will go into the room that same day and clean it. They will empty all trash from the rooms into the trash cans at the front of the hotel. He said that these cans were picked up by the sanitation department on April 7, 1968.

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SADIE MC KAY, 853 Buntyn, Laundry Woman, Rebel Motor Hotel, 3466 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, was contacted at her place of employment and advised that she was not working on April 3, 1968. She said she was working on April 4, 1968, at which time, as is her daily routine, she obtained a list of all guests that have checked out of the hotel from the desk clerk. She does this upon arriving at work at about 8:00 in the morning so that she can enter the rooms and strip the beds of their linens. She said that after she strips all the linens off the beds in the rooms, she takes the linen to the laundry room where she proceeds to launder it. At about 9:00 or 9:30 AM on April 4, she remembers knocking on Room 34 to check and see if anyone was still in the room so she could strip the linen from the bed. When she knocked on the door a voice which sounded like a male voice answered yes. She then retorted to this and said she was collecting the linen and would come back later. She then went on to the other rooms in the hotel and then proceeded to the laundry room. She stated she never saw the occupant of Room 34. She added she could not remember any specific cars that were parked in front of Room 34 on April 4, 1968, and in fact she never pays very much attention to any of the cars at the hotel. She added that she never went into Room 34 on April 4, 1968, but SARA LOVINGS, who was the maid on duty that day would have gone into the room to clean it.

She was shown artist's conception drawings drawn at Memphis, Tennessee, and Birmingham, Alabama, and stated that neither of the men in these 2 drawings looked familiar to her.

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SAM N. HUDSON, 3847 Marion Street, Desk Clerk, Rebel Motor Hotel, 3466 Lamar Avenue, advised that he was on duty at the hotel from 6:00 AM on April 4, to 2:00 PM on April 4, 1968. He stated that he could not remember anything concerning the occupant in room 34 and he was unaware of any automobile that this individual was driving. He could not remember seeing a white Mustang parked in the lot in the hotel. He stated that the occupant of Room 34 checked out on the morning of April 4, 1968, without coming to the desk. He stated that this would be normal if the individual paid for his room in advance, which he did in this case. He said that if anyone leaves anything in the hotel rooms after checking out, the maids will bring the objects to him and he tags them as to the room number and occupant's name. He stated that on the morning of April 4, 1968, none of the maids brought anything to him to be tagged.

Mr. HUDSON was shown artist's conception drawings drawn in Memphis, Tennessee, and Birmingham, Alabama, and he stated that neither of these drawings looked familiar to him.

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Date 4/12/681

BECKY ANDERS, Assistant Manager, Rebel Restaurant, 3464 Lamar Avenue, advised that she came to the restaurant as she normally does at about 5:10 AM on April 4, 1968. She stated that she went off duty that same day at about 10:00 AM, and she was not on duty at the restaurant on the evening of April 3, 1968. She said that she could not remember anyone particular coming into the restaurant on the morning of April 4, 1968. She said that she often gets guests from the hotel who come in for breakfast, but from these guests that came in that morning she could remember nothing concerning anyone of them.

She was shown photographs of artist's conception drawings that were drawn in Memphis, Tennessee, and Birmingham, Alabama, and she stated that the sketch that was drawn in Memphis looks familiar to her. She said that it would have been possible that one of the guests ordered for room service on April 4, but off hand she could not remember anyone doing so. She added that if anyone had asked for room service either JUANITA WILSON or V. L. CAMPBELL would have taken the food tray to the hotel room. She stated she never saves any of the food checks so she would have no record of her sales for any particular day.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/13/68

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ANDY GASDRITZA, for convenience, uses the name ANDY CAST and is employed as an over-the-road driver for Fruehauf Company. He resides at Route 6, Fremont, Ohio, but, because of his extensive absence from home, can more easily be contacted through the Fruehauf Manager, Avon Lake, Ohio.

He stated that on April 3, 1968, he checked in his trailer and then drove his tractor to the Rebel Motel located on S. Lamar, Memphis, Tennessee. He arrived at the motel between 6:00 and 7:00 O'clock in the evening, and after parking the tractor in the required area on the side of the motel went to the office and registered.

GASDRITZA stated that he uses this motel each time he comes to Memphis and did not select it at random at this time.

Following registration which resulted in his being assigned to room 35, he carried his overnight bag from the office to the room. During the period of registering and during the time he proceeded from the office to his assigned room, he did not see anyone whom he can now recall. He has no recollection of seeing any vehicle parked outside of the adjacent room, number 34. After cleaning up he returned to the restaurant of the motel and had dinner. The desk clerk told him that a fellow Fruehauf driver JIM BERDAN (phonetic) was registered at the motel across the court from room 35, and GASDRITZA then went to visit with this driver and have a few beers and some conversation.

He recalls there was a storm brewing and the wind reached such force that he thought the roof of the motel might blow off.

When he left his companion at approximately 9:00 o'clock that evening, he walked back to the restaurant for a few moments and then returned to his room, number 35, at about 9:30 PM.

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by SA THOMAS O. RONAN /bbs Date dictated 4/13/68

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He stated that in proceeding from room 12 to the restaurant and from the restaurant back to room 35, he did not pass room 34, nor has he any recollection of seeing a car parked there. He said that in returning from the restaurant to his room, he felt that if a car had been parked outside of room 34, he, in all probability, would have recalled it.

At about 10:00 o'clock in the evening, he was watching the beginning of the news program on television when he heard the door to room 34 slam and was then aware there was an occupant to that room. His primary thought was that in view of the fact he could hear the adjacent room's occupant moving about, that he, GASDRITZA, would probably lose some sleep as soon as the other occupant turned on the television. However, GASDRITZA said that following the news report, he went to sleep and during the entire period that he was awake he heard no noise from the adjoining room and is under the impression the occupant did not turn on the television.

The following morning he left his room at approximately 7:00 o'clock and noticed a light colored car parked in front of the entrance to room 34. He cannot recall the make or model or exact color of this automobile, nor can he recall what license tags or other identifying or descriptive data was affixed to the vehicle.

When he went to the restaurant for breakfast, he did not recall anyone else being there, and following his breakfast returned to his room about 7:30. It was immediately after this that he departed the motel with his tractor to pick up his trailer of cargo and depart Memphis.

In conclusion, GASDRITZA stated that he cannot recall seeing any of the guests of the Rebel Motel from the time of his arrival until the time of his departure other than the fellow driver, whom he stayed with for awhile. If anyone was there, he cannot recall them and would be unable to identify them should he see them again.

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PHYSICAL EVIDENCE AND PHOTOGRAPHS

(This section of the report pertains only to photographs of the crime scene and the surrounding area; to physical evidence obtained, including latent fingerprints, in the area of the crime scene, and other material furnished to the FBI Laboratory, Washington, D. C.)

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 6, 1968

On the evening of April 4, 1968, items listed below were given by Inspector N. E. ZACHARY, Homicide Bureau, Memphis Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee, to Special Agent In Charge ROBERT G. JENSEN, of the Memphis Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Inspector ZACHARY personally recovered these items from the sidewalk in front of 424 South Main Street, Memphis. These items were then turned over by Mr. JENSEN to Special Agent ROBERT FITZPATRICK, who personally delivered these to Special Agent ROBERT A. FRAZIER, of the FBI Laboratory, Washington, D.C., at 5:10 a.m. on the morning of April 5, 1968. The items delivered are as follows:

(1.) A black cardboard box which had originally contained a Browning Mauser rifle. At one end of this box appears a label bearing Number 130712.

(2.) Remington Gamemaster rifle, Model 760, Serial Number 461476, on which is mounted a Redfield telescopic sight.

(3.) An empty ammunition clip removed from this rifle by Special Agent In Charge ROBERT G. JENSEN and Special Agent ORVILLE V. JOHNSON.

(4.) An empty shell casing removed from the chamber of this rifle by Mr. JENSEN and Special Agent JOHNSON.

(5.) A box containing nine cartridges.

(6.) A green and brown herringbone patterned bedspread.

(7.) A blue plastic zippered suitcase approximately twenty by thirty inches, which contained the following items:

(8.) One magnetic tack hammer.

(9.) One pair of pliers bearing the label, "Rompag."

(10.) Standard Oil road map designated, "Georgia - Alabama."

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(11.) The first section of the April 4, 1968, issue of the "Commercial Appeal," a daily newspaper published at Memphis, Tennessee.

(12.) A Standard Oil map of the United States.

(13.) One roll of bathroom tissue.

(14.) Binoculars, trade name, Banner By Bushnell, Serial Number DQ 408664.

(15.) Leather or plastic binocular case.

(16.) Cardboard carton marked, "Bushnell."

(17.) Gray paper bag bearing an advertisement for York Arms Company, Memphis, Tennessee.

(18.) York Arms Company sales slip in the amount of \$41.55, dated April 4, 1968.

(19.) Clear plastic box containing a Gillette Safety Razor, Gillette razor blades, an aerosol can of Gillette shaving creme, a can of Gillette Right Guard deodorant, and a tube of Gillette Heads Up hair cream. A price sticker appears on this box bearing the legend, "Oliver Rexall, Whitehaven, phone 397-2301, \$1.89."

(20.) One white and yellow checked hand-towel.

(21.) One white handkerchief.

(22.) One tube of Colgate toothpaste.

(23.) One pair of long black socks.

(24.) One seven ounce can of Gillette Right Guard deodorant.

(25.) One six-transistor Channel Master pocket size radio.

(26.) One bottle of Bufferin tablets.

(27.) One gray cloth belt.

(28.) One tube of Brylcreem hair dressing.

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- (29.) One bottle of One-A-Day vitamin tablets.
- (30.) One small bar of Cashmere Bouquet soap, bearing on the wrapper an advertisement for Friendship Inns.
- (31.) One small size bar of Cashmere Bouquet soap.
- (32.) One small bar of Cameo soap.
- (33.) One bar of Dial soap.
- (34.) One hair brush.
- (35.) One tube of Head and Shoulders shampoo, stamped "Liggett Rexall Number 1678, \$1.10."
- (36.) One can of Kiwi brown shoe polish.
- (37.) One aerosol can of Palmolive Rapid Shave, stamped, "Liggett Rexall Number 3478, 79¢."
- (38.) A maroon button.
- (39.) One toothbrush.
- (40.) One safety razor, brand unknown.
- (41.) One plastic bottle of Mennen Afta Shaving lotion.
- (42.) Two bobby pins.
- (43.) Brown paper bag containing two unopened cans of Schlitz beer, bearing the legend, "Mississippi Tax Paid, 4 cents."

Also delivered to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory by Special Agent FITZPATRICK were the following three twenty dollar bills, which had been obtained from Mrs. BESSIE RUTH BREWER, it being believed that one of them had been given to her on April 4, 1968, by the unknown murderer who had rented a room in her rooming house:

Federal Reserve Note  
Series 1963 A SN F14002844A

Federal Reserve Note  
Series 1963 A SN H16164663A

Federal Reserve Note  
Series 1963 SN F06445143A