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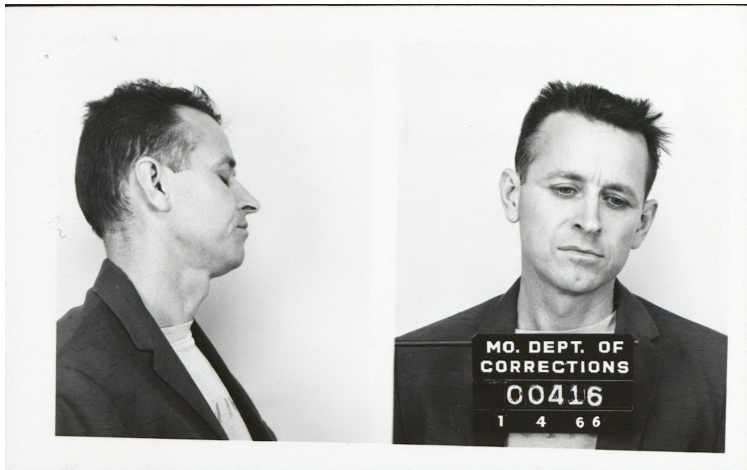
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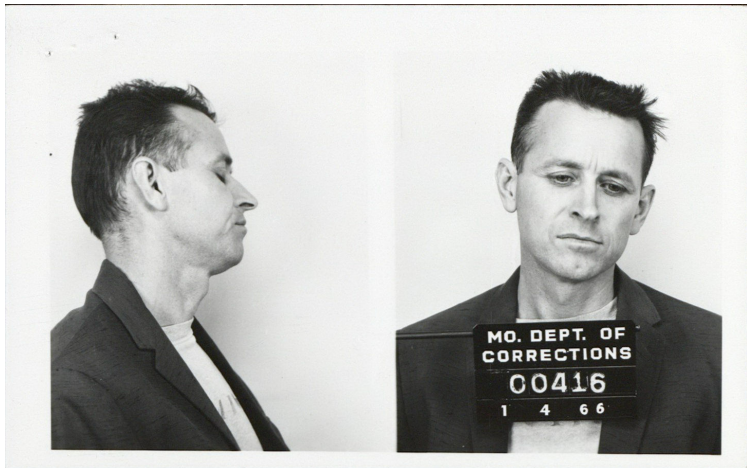
2 photos of James Earl  
Ray



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JAMES EARL RAY



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44-1509-1013

JAMES EARL RAY

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4p photos of James Earl Ray



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James Earl Ray

Photo taken in Mex. 1967



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James Earl Ray <sup>44-1509-1a14</sup>

Photo taken 1967 in Mex.



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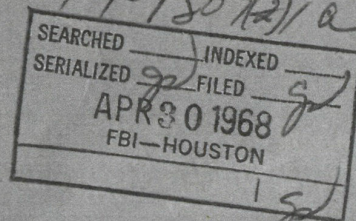
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1a15 - 3 photos of James Earl Ray (4/30/68)  
1a16 - 4 photos of James Earl Ray taken in Calif (5/8/68)  
1a17 - 3 " " " "  
1a18 4 Colored photos of Laundry with markings 5-16-68  
1a19 Notes of interview of Bob Sorrell

Disposition.





File No. 44-150 921 - 1A15

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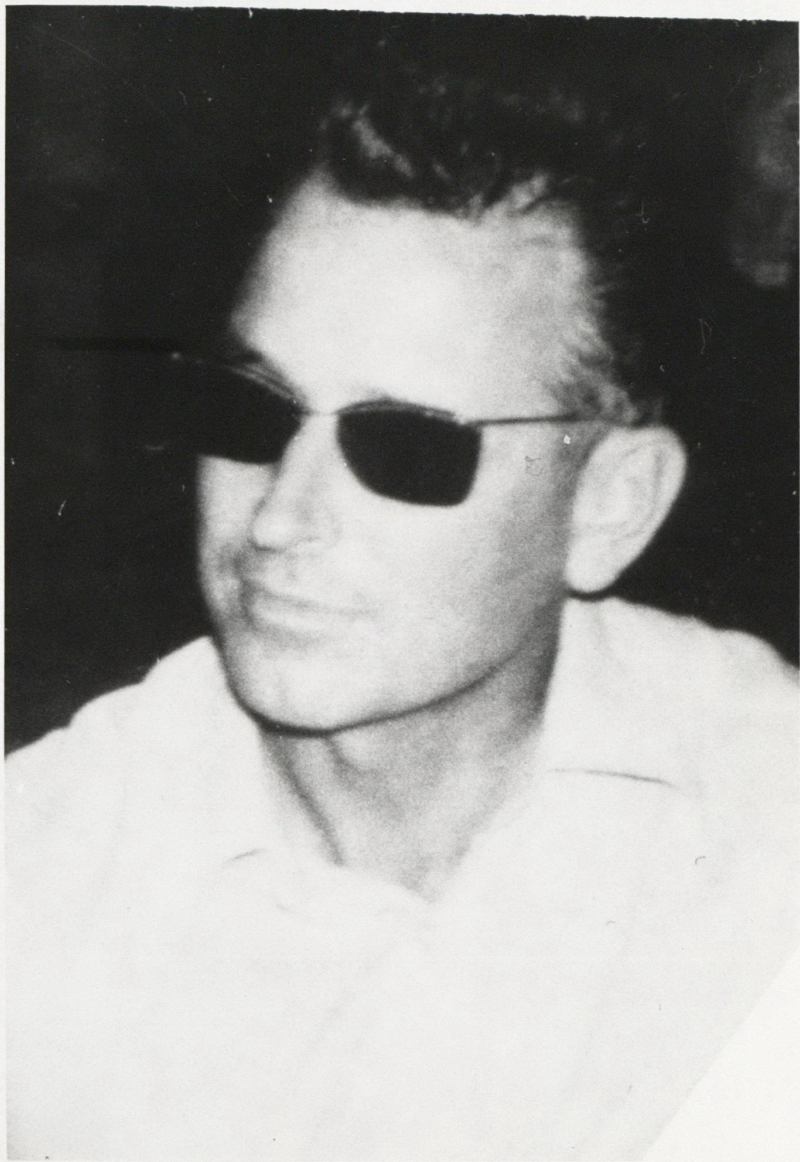
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James Earl Ray  
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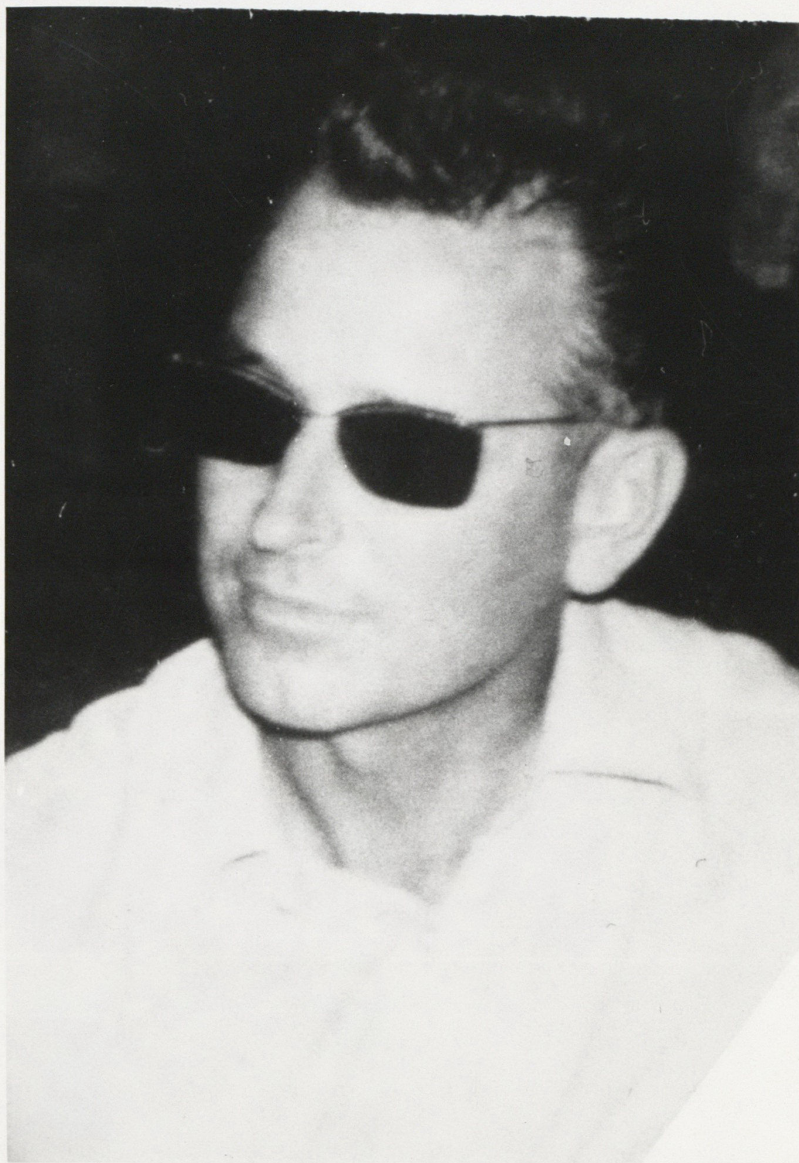


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James Earl Ray





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James Earl Ray

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## Description:

# p photos of James Earl  
Ray  
Taken in late Jan. or early  
Feb., 1968 in Calif.





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44-1509-16-16

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44-1509-1616

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44-1509-10-16

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James Earl Ray  
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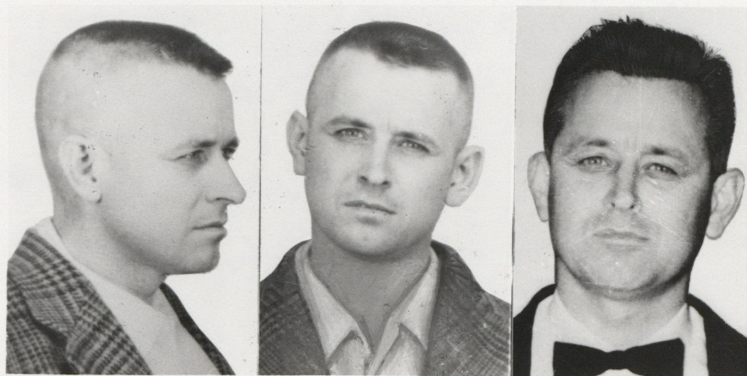
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## Description:

~~#~~3 smooth copies of  
James Earl Ray



JAMES EARL RAY  
FBI No. 405,942 G



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CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY  
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY

F.P.C.: 16 M 9 U 000 12

M 4 W 101

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HAIR: brown, possibly cut short

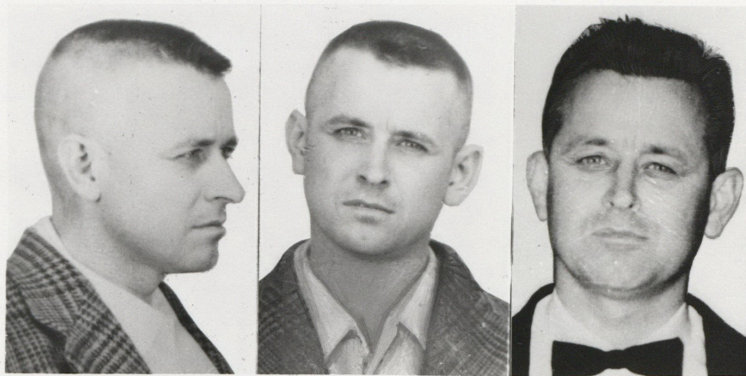
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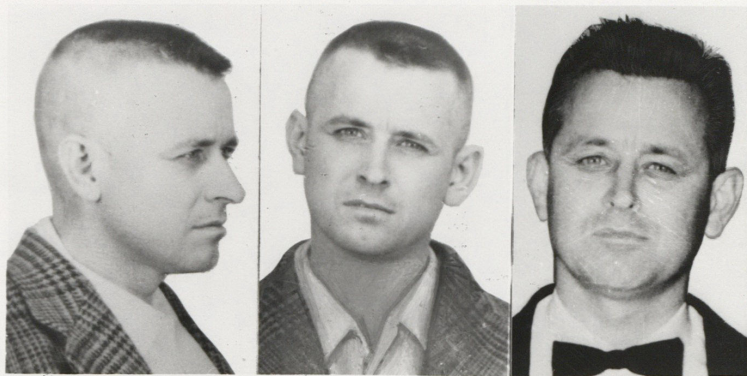
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Date 5/3/68

**RE: JAMES EARL RAY, also known as - FUGITIVE**  
**Identification Order 4182; Wanted Flyer 442A**  
**CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY; INTERSTATE**  
**FLIGHT - ROBBERY**

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**Remarks:**

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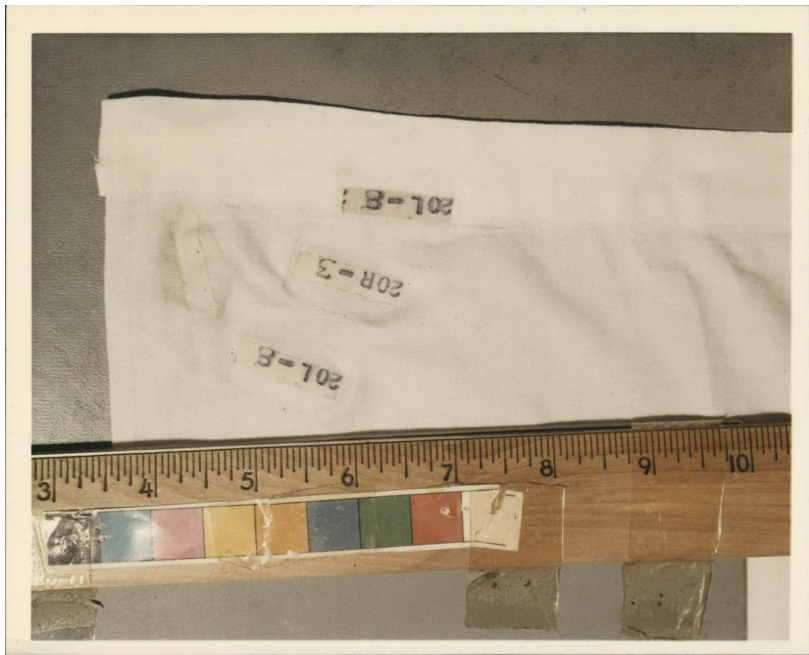
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laundry with marking

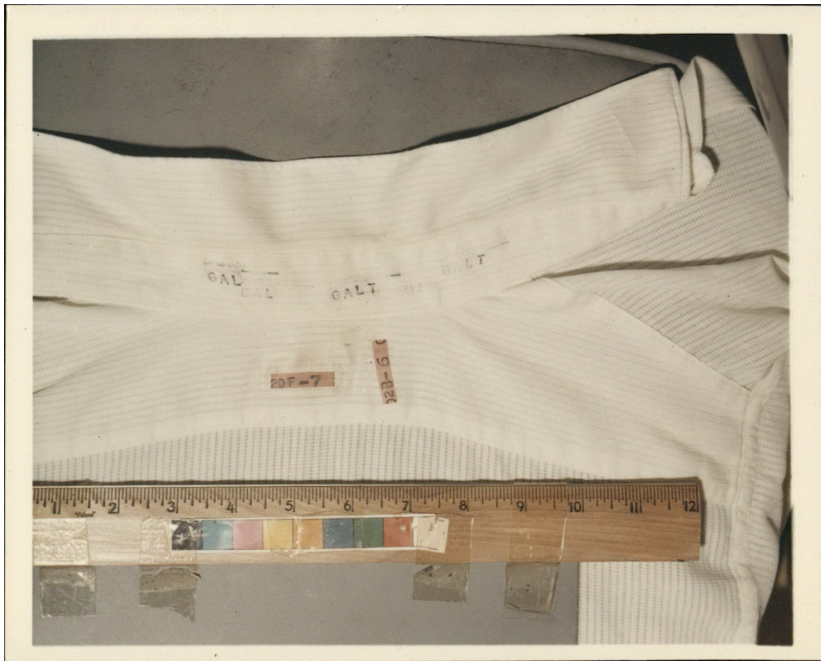


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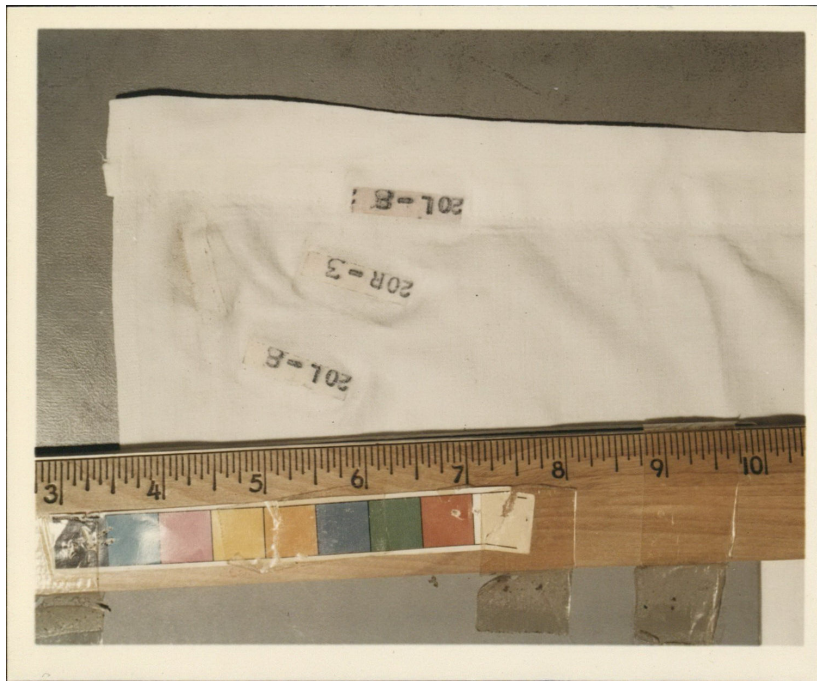
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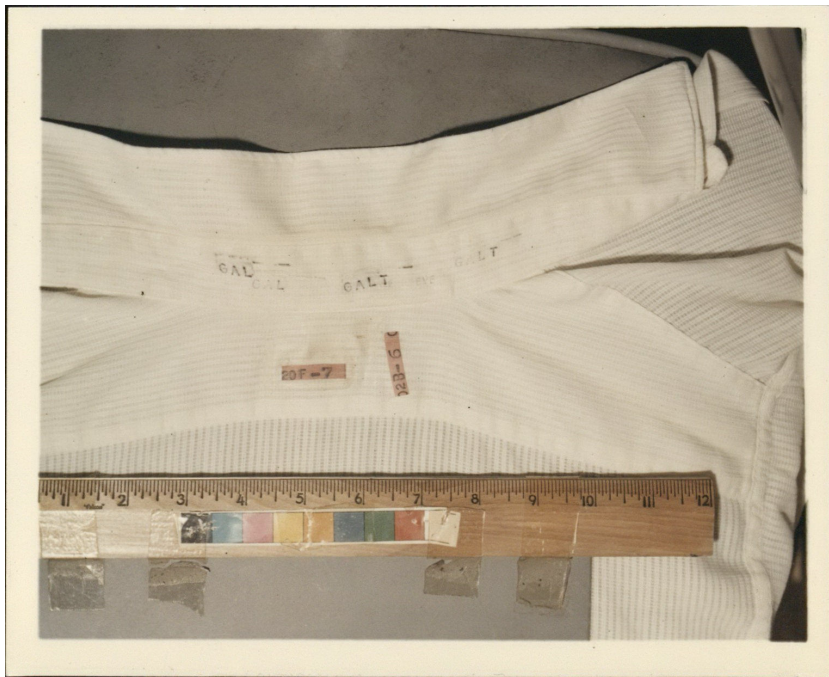




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Field File No. HO-44-1509-101a/9

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Date Received 8-22-78

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Russell E. Kahler

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Description:

notes of the interview of  
Bob Sorrell

W.A. Fel.  
to S and  
8-22-78

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Bob Sorrell, w/m, 46

Acquainted with Bill Wilson through association  
Hollywood Baptist Church Memphis, Tenn  
pastored by Brother Wilson - no association -  
only knew because he was pastor son only contact  
with him was at church - Sorrell went to church  
as a youngster & continued until about 1958 -  
moved from neighborhood & stopped attending church -  
Owen Melville Bro. Wilson pastor when left  
in 58'.

No other contact with Bill Wilson  
until after 1967 when I went to work  
for parttime at Hayler Aero Service  
Charles W. Baker Airport Rt #, Box 999,  
Millington, Tenn, # 872-2261.  
I was full time employed at Tech Commercial  
apex newspaper in Memphis - worked at  
Hayler ~~evening~~ in p.m. from 12:00 to  
6:30 p.m. - In Oct or Nov. 1967 went to work  
full time at Hayler as serviceman.

S. believing the sometime after leaving  
full time employed at Hayler W. flew into  
airport, exact date unk in a Packard twin  
~~engine~~ (A-18) believed Reubens in color -  
re-fueled at Hayler - time of day unk - work  
alone with anyone else - wearing civilian clothes  
top off with fuel - paid cash - Hayler should

receipt of purchase - little if any conversation  
except greeting - W. left airport - don't know when  
not aware Wilson and daughter - Believes it was  
an overnight visit - left following day - don't know  
how arrived at airport prior to leaving -

Within 2-3 mos made 2nd visit to Hyler -  
same airplane - received gas at Hyler - Paul Nash -  
believes stayed over 2-3 days before leaving the 2nd  
time - S. doesn't know where in flight or  
his destination upon departure on either occasion -  
10 yrs. about white white 65' mustang - not  
seen nor heard from W. since 2nd stop at Hyler -  
S. terminates at Hyler in Oct. '76 -

S. cannot pinpoint the time of either arrival  
but does believe it would have been in 1968-69 -  
S. advised fuel records broken down by single engine  
or multi engine & maintained on monthly basis -  
Mr. Glen Mitchell, maintenance supervisor, Hyler,  
could help with review of gas receipts -

10 yrs. about how W. conceals possession  
of airplane - don't know if owned or leased -  
S. recalls the two visits by W. S.  
has a feeling that someone may have been with  
W. on each occasion - this is strictly a feeling on his  
part & can supply no info. to confirm or deny his feeling -  
S. now has no info. about airport in or about  
R. utilized by W.



Back while going to church it seemed that  
Walter was in sort of trouble. Not sure what kind  
of trouble - may have heard this from his sister  
Rene Ann. From contact with Jim at church  
he always expressed S. as the type of guy who had  
"a big heart going", kind of a con man personality -  
signifying his sister also mentioned that he might  
have gotten arrested or served time for an anti-offense -  
~~but not know how to contact sister. Last contact~~  
~~from with only~~ partially recalled contact with  
sister would have been at church, but again he has  
a feeling they may have been at the airport  
on one of the above occasions.

Although ~~and~~ could not verify Walter  
in a/c he believes he recalls her, he at  
church ~~and~~ in uniform on occasion -  
he wife. About he employed at Presidential Ins.  
does recall that he was married to a Betty Ann,  
married some time, because she lived in same neighborhood  
S. resided at 2387 Hubbard Ave.

Betty Ann lived about 5 blocks away at ~~at~~  
on a st. with "wood" and it seems as in Oakwood, etc.  
for info about clearing business on time.  
Betty Ann - either we ever left Memphis area