AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES D. HAMBY

Now comes the affiant, after first being duly sworn, and states as follows:

That he is James D. Hamby, residing and domiciled at 2932 Armistead, Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, United States of America; that he is employed by the Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department, holding the rank of Lieutenant, and assigned to the Homicide Division of the aforesaid Police Department. That on April 4, 1968, he was so employed and was on duty and acting in the aforesaid capacity; that he was assigned. and participated in the investigation resulting from the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; that as a part of his duties, pursuant to the investigation, he was present during the examination of the body of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on April 4, 1968, at 2140 hours at John Gaston Hospital Morgue in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee. the medical examination was conducted by Dr. J. T. Francisco, medical examiner for Shelby County, Tennessee; that as a part of the examination Dr. Francisco removed from the body of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., one battered lead slug, and particularly marked with the autopsy number 252; that after the marking the said slug was placed in a manila envelope and given into custody of the affiant; that the affiant then proceeded to the Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department where the said slug was given into custody of Inspector N. E. Zachary; Inspector of Detectives of the Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department Homicide Division.

Affiant would further state that he has examined

a certain lead slug this date now in the custody of the Clerk of the Criminal Court of Shelby County, Tennessee, and that it is the same slug which he has identified by the markings thereon as that removed from the body of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in his presence at the morgue of the John Gaston Hospital, and subsequently given into the custody of Inspector Zachary.

That subsequently on April 5, 1968, the affiant, along with Special Agent Frank Johnson of the Memphis office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, proceeded to the bathroom on the second floor of 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, a public rooming house, and Special Agent Johnson and the affiant physically removed the lower section of the wooden window sill of the bathroom, the window facing east overlooking the Lorraine Motel; that the aforesaid lower portion of the wooden window sill was of rough texture, and there was found in the approximate center of the sill a smooth, concave indentation which appeared to be of recent origin. That after the removal of the sill, same was taken into custody by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and sent to Washington, D. C., for criminal analysis by the Federal Bureau of Investigation laboratory, and that the same is retained in their custody.

Further affiant saith not.

JAMES D. HAMBY
LIEUTENANT, HOMICIDE DIVISION
MEMPHIS, SHELBY COUNTY, TENN.
POLICE DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

COUNTY OF SHELBY

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office, in the City of Memphis, this 10th day of June, 1968.

CLERK

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF SHELBY

I, Perry H. Sellers, sole and presiding Judge of the Criminal Court of said County Division I, certify that J. A. Blackwell, whose true and genuine signature appears above to the foregoing certificate, is now, and was at the time of signing the same, Clerk of said Court, and that said Court is a Court of Record; that his attestation is in due form, and his official acts, as such, are entitled to full faith and credit.

WITNESS my hand, this <u>folk day of June</u>, 1968.

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COUNTY OF SHELBY)
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- I, Robert G. Jensen, being duly sworn depose and say:
- 1. I am 52 years of age and I reside at 1788 Bryn Mawr Circle, Germantown, Tennessee.
- 2. I am the Special Agent in Charge of the Memphis Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Memphis, Tennessee. I am the senior officer in charge of the investigation in this area being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation into the shooting of Dr. Martin Luther King, which took place on April 4, 1968.
- 3. On the evening of April 4, 1968, Inspector N. E. Zachary of the Memphis Police Department turned over to me numerous objects which he had personally recovered in connection with the shooting of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Among the items which he turned over to me were a Remington Gamemaster Rifle, Model 760, Serial Number 461476, on which was mounted a Redfield telescopic sight. This rifle contained an empty shell casing which I removed. Among the other items furnished to me by Inspector Zachary were binoculars, trade name Banner by Bushnell, bearing Serial No. DQ408664; a gray paper bag bearing the firm name "York Arms Company"; a Peters cartridge box bearing Index Number 3033 and containing nine .30-06 caliber cartridges; and one Browning rifle box with markings indicating the box was for a .243 Winchester caliber rifle.
- 4. In addition to the above items, later in the evening of April 4, 1968, I received a bullet which had been remotered the body of the deceased Dr. Martin Luther King. This bulle was furnished by Inspector N. E. Zachary to Special Agent Cyril F Busch of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who in turn deliver it to me.

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empty shell casing which I removed from the rifle, were turned over by me to Special Agent Robert Fitzpatrick of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on the evening of April 4, 1968. I directed Special Agent Fitzpatrick to deliver all these items to the Laboratory of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D. C.

ROBERT G. JENSEN, 1788 Bryn Mawr Circle, Germantown, Tennessee. COUNTY OF SHELBY

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STATE OF TENNESSEE SHELBY COUNTY

CRIMINAL	COURT	OF	SHELBY	7 (COU	NT	Y
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THE GRAND JURORS of the State of Tennessee, duly elected, empaneled, sworn and charged to
inquire in and for the body of the County of Shelby, in the State aforesaid, upon their oath, present
that
JAMES EARL RAY, alias "ERIC STARVO GALT", alias "JOHN WILLARD", alias
"HARVEY LOWMEYER" alias "HARVEY LOWMYER"
late of the County aforesaid, heretofore, to-wit on the 4th day of APRIL , A. D. 19 68
before the finding of this indictment, in the County aforesaid, did unlawfully , feloniously,
wilfully, deliberately, premeditatedly and of his malice aforethought
KILL and MURDER MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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against the pears and dignity of the State of Tennessee.
Attorney-General Criminal Court of Shalloy County Tonnesson

MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE
VS. "ERIC STARVO GALT", alias "JOHN WILLARD", alias "HARVEY LOWEYER", alias
"HARVEY LOWMYER"
WITNESSES: Summon for State
Bessie Ruth brewer 422-1/2 S. Main
Ralph Carpenter c/o York Arms Co. 162 S. Mair
Guy W. Canipe 424 S. Main or 1028 Grower
John L. Carlisle-Criminal Investigator, Attorney General's Office
Inspector N.E.Zachary c/o Police Dept. Lieut.J.L. Harrison-c/o Police Dept.
By order of PHIL M. CANALE, JR. Attorney-General
Sworn by the Foreman of the Grand Jury to give evidence on this Bill of Indictment
on this, the 7th day of MAY 19 68
W.F.BOWLD
Foreman of the Grand Jury
J.L.HARRISON
Prosecutor
A TRUE BILL
W.F.BOWLD
Foreman of the Grand Jury.

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I, J. A. BLAC	CKWELL, Clerk of the	e Criminal Courts of said County, do hereby certify	that the fore-
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STATE OF TENNESSEE

To All Sheriffs of State of Tennessee-GREETING:

JAMES EARL RAY, alias "ERIC STARVO GAIT", alias "JOHN WILLARD", alias "HAM LOWNEYER", alias "HARVEY LOWNYER" if to be found in your County, and HIM safely keep, so that you have HIM before the Judge of the Criminal Court of Shelby County, at a term of said Court, to be held for the County of Shelb at the Court House in Memphis, on the third Monday in MAY 1968 then and there to answer the State of Tennessee, on A Bill of Indictment, against HIM for MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE	Are Hereby Commanded to take the body of	
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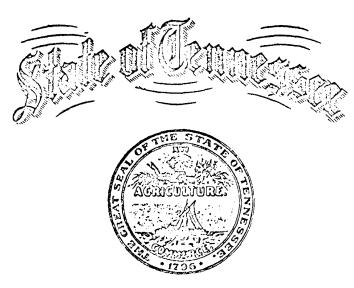
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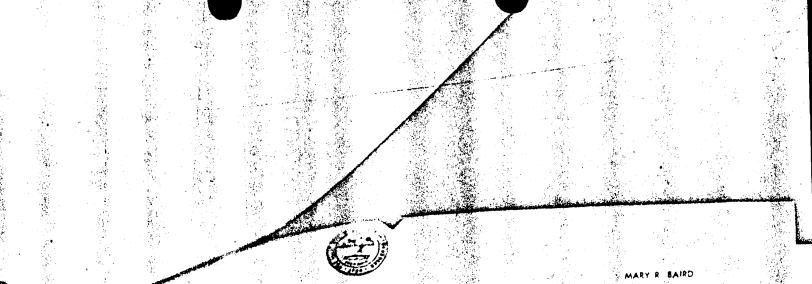
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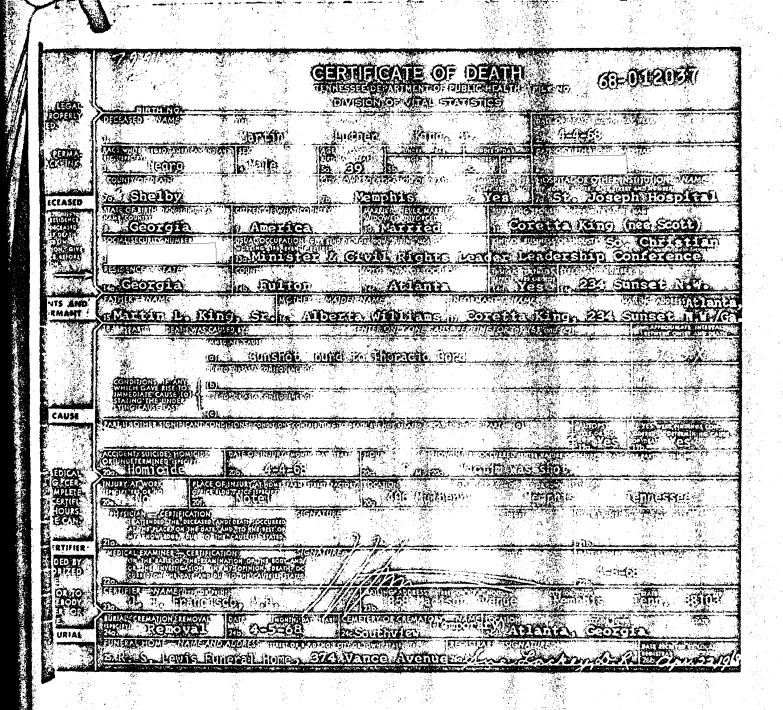
I, Joe C. Carr, Secretary of State of the State of Tennessee do hereby certify that Mary R. Baird is the State Registrar for the State of Tennessee and the person authorized to certify death certificates in the State of Tennessee.

I further certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature on the attached Death Certificate is the true and genuine signature of Mary R. Baird, State Registrar for the State of Tennessee.



STATE OF TENNESSEE

MARY R BAIRD



I HEREBY CERTIFY. THE ABOVE TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL RECORD ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE. (NOT VALID UNLESS COUNTERSIGNED BY STATE REGISTRAR.)

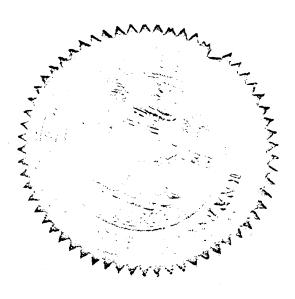
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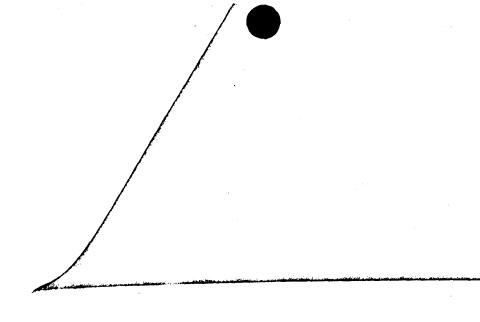


I, Joe C. Carr, Secretary of State of the State of Tennessee do hereby certify that Thomas C. Littlejohn, Jr., is the Chief Medical Examiner for the State of Tennessee and the person authorized to certify Autopsy Reports in the State of Tennessee.

I further certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature on the attached Autopsy Report is the true and genuine signature of Thomas C. Littlejohn, Jr., Chief Medical Examiner for the State of Tennessee.



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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER 858 Madison Avenue Memphis, Tennessee 38103

AUTOPSY REPORT

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FINAL PATHOLOGICAL DIAGNOSIS

PRIMARY SRIES:

- I. Distant gunshot wound to body and face
 - A. Fracture of right mandible
 - B. Lacoration of vertebral artery, jugular vein and subclavian artery, right
 - C. Fracture of spine (T-1, C-7)
 - D. Laceration of spinal cord (lower cervical, upper thoracic)
 - E. Submucosal hemorrhage, larynx
 - F. Intrapulmonary hematoma, apex right upper lobe

SECONDARY SERIES:

- 1. Remote scars as described
- 2. Pleural adhesions
- 3. Fatty change liver, moderate
- 4. Arteriosclerosis, moderate
- 5. Venous cut-downs
- 6. Tracheostomy

LABORATORY FINDINGS:

Blood Alcohol - 0.01%

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EXTERMAL EXAMINATION OF THE BODY

This is a well developed, well nourished Hegro male measuring 69 1/2 inches in length and weighing approximately 140 pounds. The hair is ablack, the eyes are brown. There is a line mustache present.

EXTERNAL MARKS AND SCARS

There is a remote midline scar present in the center of the chest and a remote scar present extending to the right axilla measuring & inches in length. There is a sutered vertical surgical incision present at the base of the neck. A sutured incision is present in the right chest at the enterior axillary line. Three needle punctures are present in the precordium, having no homorrhage present surrounding the area. There are blood splatters present on the palm and donsum of the right hand. A remote scar is present in the right lateral chest. Sutured incisions are present in the left ante cubital fossa, one that is obliquely directed measuring 2 inches in length, one that is horizontally directed measuring 1 inch in length. There are two sutured incisions present on the medial aspect of the left ankle. The superior incision measuring 2 inches in length, the inferior incision measuring 1/4 inch in length. There is an extensive excavating lesion affecting the right side of the face beginning at a point I inch latcral to the right corner of the mouth and 1/2 inch inferior to the right corner of the mouth that measures approximately 3 inches in length. At the superior aspect of this gaping wound there is an abrasion collar that measures 1/3 of an inch in maximum thickness, baving brownish discoloration present at the superior margin. Adjacent to this area there is extensive laceration of the soft tissues of the face with a fracturing of the right side of the mandible. A re-approximation of the tissues reveals the laceration to extend to the base of the nock and into the base of the neck with intervening skin unaffected in this area. The second penetrating wound at the base of the neck in the superior aspect of the chest measures 3 inches in length. The missile path is through the external jugular vein and vertebral artery. There is a penetration into the lateral aspect of the base of the neck into the upper thoracic and leter cervical cord totally severing the lower cervical and upper theracic cord passing through the spinal column at the level of C7 and Ty into the posterior aspect of the back. The bullet is removed from the posterior aspect of the back, 50 inches superior to the right beel and 55 1/2 inches superior to the left heel, 3 inches to the left of the midline of the spine in the medial aspect of the left scapula. The entrance wound is 61 1/2 inches superior to the right heel and 59 inches superior to the right heel with the head turned and positioned so that the wound in the face corresponds with the path of the missile into the nock and spine. The total thickness from the entrance wound to the posterior aspect of the back is 8 1/2 inches in thickness. The angle of the peastrating wound is approximately 45° from a sagittal plane at an angle from right to left inferiorly and anterior to posteriorly at about a 30° angle with a coronal plane.

SECTION

The abdominal panniculus measures an inch in maximum thickness. The skeletal muscles are red and fibiliary. There is scarring present ever the right anterior-superior chest with pleural adhesions present in this area.

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Page 2..... ACH-252 DODY CAVITIES There is approximately 25cc. of blood present within the right thoraciccivity and some subpleural honorrhage that is present affecting the right and the left in the posterior epex. The missile did not enter the right plearal cavity. GROSS DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANS HIART: The heart weighs 450 grams. The myocardism is pale brown. The valvular surfaces reveal no significant changes. There is focal yellowing of the subendecardial areas affecting the left aspect of the interventricular sectum. The right ventricle measures 5mm. in maximum thickness. The left ventricle measures 20mm. in maximum thickness. The coronary estia originate in normal position and have a normal distribution over the epicardial surface. There is minimal intimal proliferation present. Fecal yellow . plaqueing is present in the ascending aspect of the acrtic arch but ulcoration is not present. There is no significant dilatation affecting the chambers of the heart. AONTA: Focal yellow plagues are present throughout the aorta but ulceration and calcification is not present. The great vessels originate normally. There is perivascular hemorrhoge affecting the right carotid artery but no penetration of the wall. The right subclavian artery is lacerated. ESOPHAGUS: Partially disected food fragments are present throughout the esophagus. TRACHEA: Hemorrhagic mucoid material is present throughout the upper trachea. The right lung weighs 300 grams. The left lung weighs LUNGS: 325 grams. There is diffuse congestion, consolidation and hemorrhage affecting the right upper lebe of the lung. Frothy fluid is expressable from the sectioned surface. There is minimal wrinkling of the ploura diffusely throughout the pulmonary parenchyma. BRAIN: The brain meighs 1400 grams. There is some flattening of the gyri and narrowing of the suici. The cerebral vessels are symmetrical. There is no subdural, epidural, or extradural homorrhage present. There is no significant flattening throughout the cerebral vessels. The kidneys weigh 175 grams on the left and 150 grams KIDHEYS: on the right. The capsular surface is smooth. The parenchyma is of normal coloration. The cortical-

moduliary junction is prominent.

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PANCREAS:

The pancreatic parenchyma is well preserved. The lobular pattern is preserved. There is no fatty infiltration present. The parenchyma is yellowish-grey.

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There is diffuse homorrhage present throughout the superior larynx along with submucesal homorrhage that is present within the intra-larynges areas. There is a tracheostomy perforation that is superior to the thyroid penetrating to the right of the pyramidal lobe.

THYROID:

No significant changes.

SPLEEM:

The splean weighs 30 grams. The capsule is wrinkled. There is no capsular thickening present. The follicles are not president.

STOMACH:

The stemach contains approximately 10cc. of partially digested food fragments. There is no ulceration present.

DUODENUM:

No significant changes.

GALLDLADDER:

The gallbladder contains approximately Scc. of light

green bile. No stones are present.

LIVER:

The liver weighs 1600 graps. The parenchyma is pale yellowish-prown. The lobular pattern is accentuated.

Theparenchyma is quite soft.

BLADDER:

There is approximately 25cc. of cloudy yellow urine

present.

PROSTATE:

No significant gross abnormalities are present.

COLON:

The appendix is present. The colonic contents is normal.

SMALL INTESTINE:

There is alternately liquid and gaseous distention present throughout the small intostine.

ADREMALS:

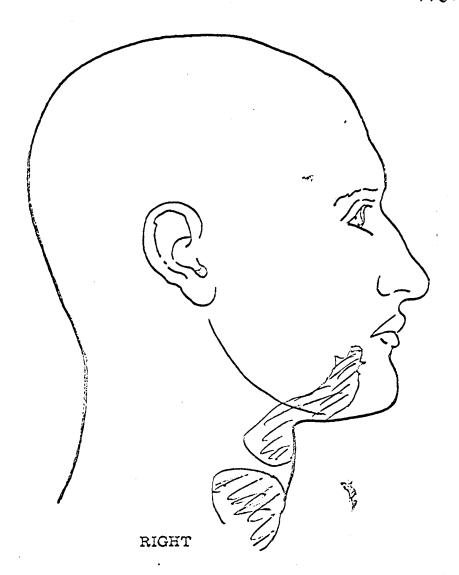
The adrenals are in normal position and weigh S areas together. The cortex is bright yellow. The medulia is gray.

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Special Chart 14

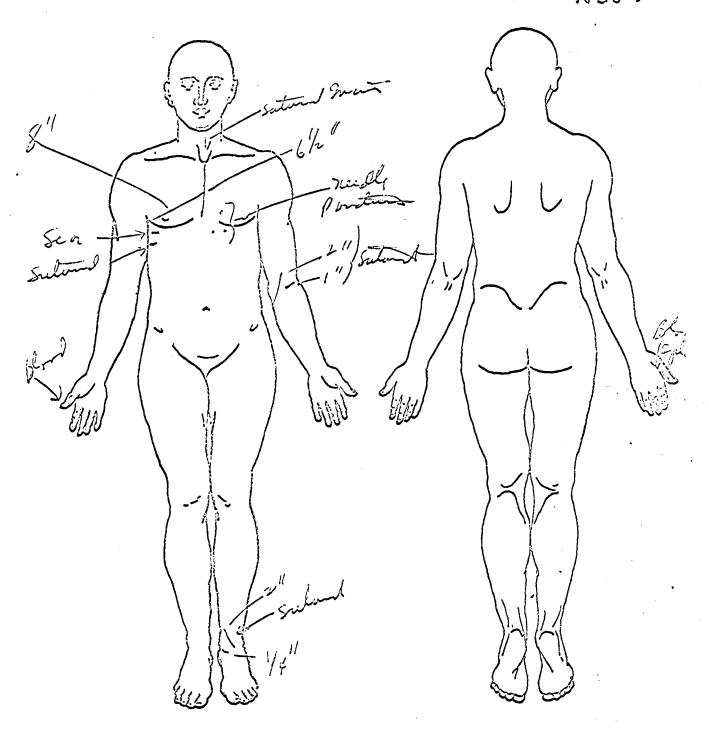
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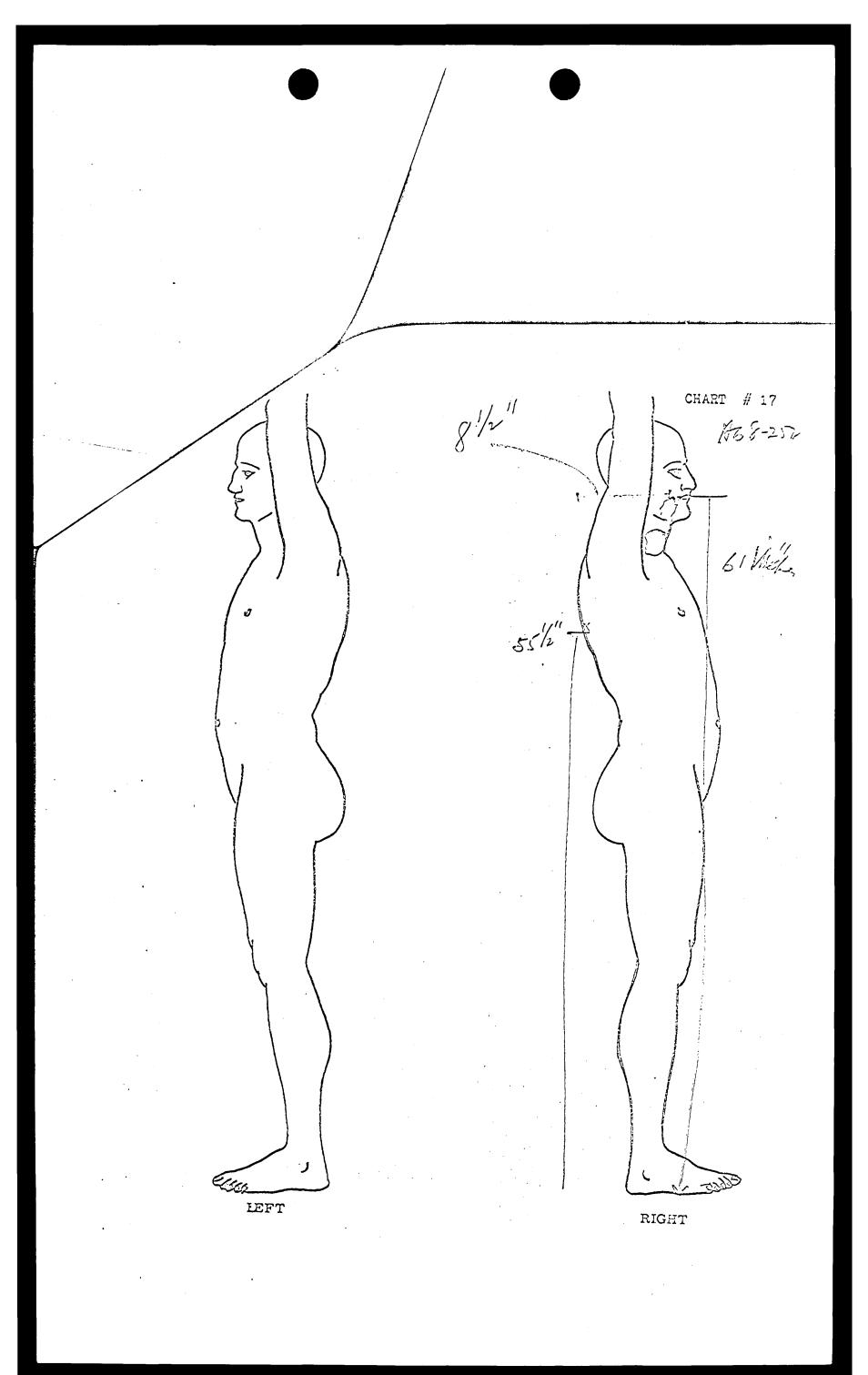


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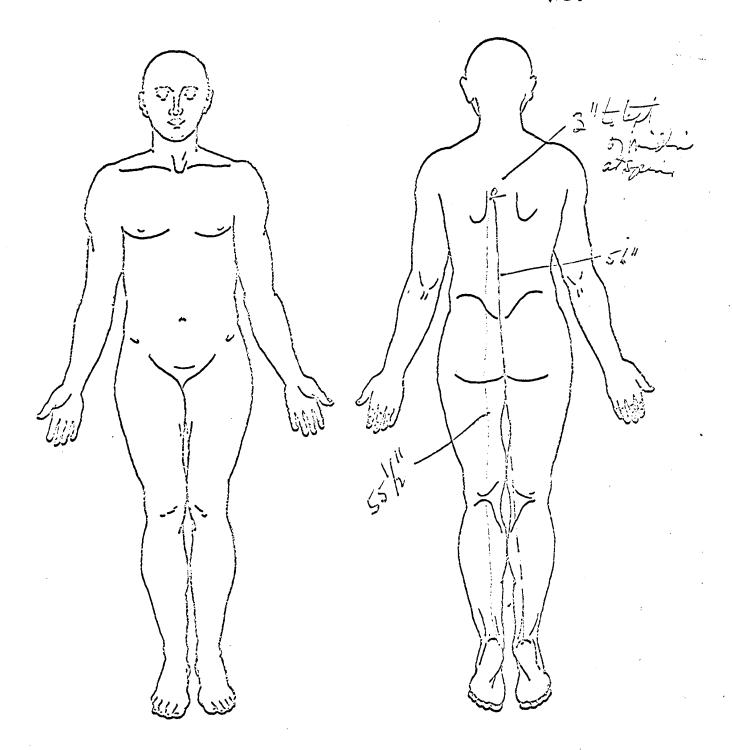
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MICROSCOPIC SUMMARY

Focal areas of intra-alveolar hemorrhage are present throughout. Otherwise the alveoli are well preserved without hyperdistention or collapse. There is a loss of bronchial epithelium free within the lumens of the bronchioles. The pulmonary vessels reveal no significant changes.

The pancreatic parenchyma is well preserved. The islets and acini are well preserved. There is minimal congestion present but no fibrosis or hemorrhage.

The glomeruli and tubules are well preserved. There is no parenchymal fibrosis evident or vascular proliferation present. The tubules are filled with ecsinophilic material. There is no collapse of the tubular lumen.

The follicles are uniform and regular. There is a small quantity of extravasation of mature erythrocytes into peri-follicular locations. Cellular inflammatory reaction is not present. There is no magination of pelymorphonuclear leucocytes within the areas of hemorrhage.

There is diffuse cytoplasmic vacuolation throughout the hepatic cytoplasm being distributed throughout the lobules and in both pericentral and periportal locations. A small number of mononuclear cells are present in portal areas. There is some variation in size, shape of the hepatic nuclei. The vacuoles that are present are irregular in size, being numerous in some cells and being single large vacuoles in others with a disruption of cytoplasmic borders in some.

There is congestion of the inner cortical zones of the adrenal. The cytoplasm is otherwise well maintained. The cortico-medullary ratio is maintained.

The follicles are present but without secondary reactive centers. There is some congestion of the pulp but fecal hemorrhage is not present.

The myocardial fibers are well preserved. The nuclei are regular. Fibrosis is not present throughout the myocardium and cellular inflammatory reaction is not present. The atrium reveals no significant changes.

There is dormal hemorrhage present but no accumulation of polymorphonuclear leucocytes. Blackened debris is present throughout the hemorrhagic area of the dermis having no identifiable form. There is pronounced cosinophilia of the collagen bundles. There is hemorrhage into the dermal layers with an alteration in the tinctorial properties of the epithelium with focal fragmentation of the epithelium adjacent to the area of dermal hemorrhage.

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PROSTATE:

The glandular elements are well preserved without eny significant increase in collageneous connective tissue. Inflammatory reaction is not present.

I, Thomas C. Littlejohn, Jr., Chief Medical Examiner for the State of Tennessee, do hereby certify that this is a true and perfect copy of the autopsy report, the original of which is now on file and a matter of record in this office.

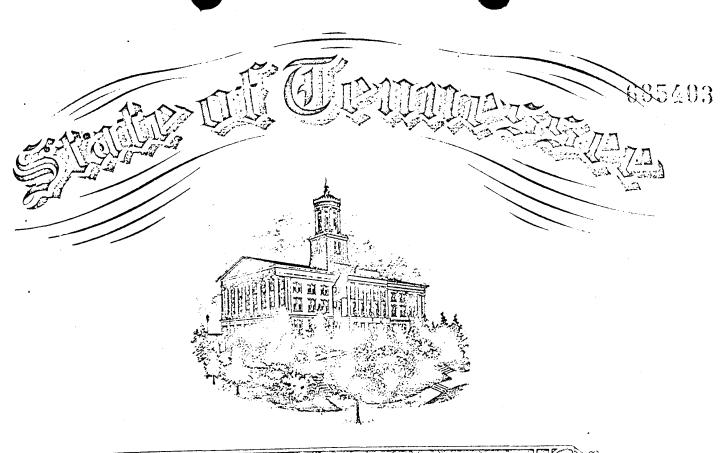
Thomas C. Littlejohn, Jr. Chief Medical Examiner
State of Tennessee

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of June, 1968.

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:

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Notary Public



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I are Q. Qurr. Secretary of State of the

State of Tennessee, do hereby certify that the annexed is a true

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Sections 39-2401, 39-2402 and 39-2405 of Chapter No. 24, Tennessee Code Annotated, and are a full embodiment of the statutory law in regard to murder in the first degree and the punishment therefor as the law existed on April 4, 1968 and on May 7, 1968.

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In Testimony Incress. Thave hereunto subscribed my Official Signature and by order of the Governor affixed the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee, at the Definition the City of Plashville,

this 10th day of June,

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CHAPTER 24

HOMICIDE

39-2401. MURDER.--If any person of sound memory and discretion, unlawfully kill any reasonable creature in being, and under the peace of the state, with malice aforethought, either express or implied, such person shall be guilty of murder. [Code 1858, §4597 (deriv. Acts 1829, ch. 23, §2); Shan., §6438; Code 1932, §10767.]

39-2402. MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE.—Every murder perpetrated by means of poison, lying in wait, or by any other kind of willful, deliberate, malicious, and premeditated killing, or committed in the perpetration of, or attempt to perpetrate, any murder in the first degree, arson, rape, robbery, burglary, or larceny, is murder in the first degree. [Code 1858, §4598 (deriv. Acts 1829, ch. 23, §3); Shan., §6439; mod. Code 1932, §10768.]

39-2405. PUNISHMENT FOR MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE.—
Every person convicted of murder in the first degree, or as accessory before the fact to such crime, shall suffer death by electrocution, or be imprisoned for life or over twenty (20) years, as the jury may determine. [Code 1858, §4601 (deriv. Acts 1829, ch. 23, §4); Acts 1913 (1st E. S.), ch. 36, §1; 1915 (Vol. II), ch. 181, §1; 1917, ch. 14, §1; Shan., §6442; Acts 1919, ch. 4, §1; 1919, ch. 5, §§ 2, 3; Code 1932, §10771.]

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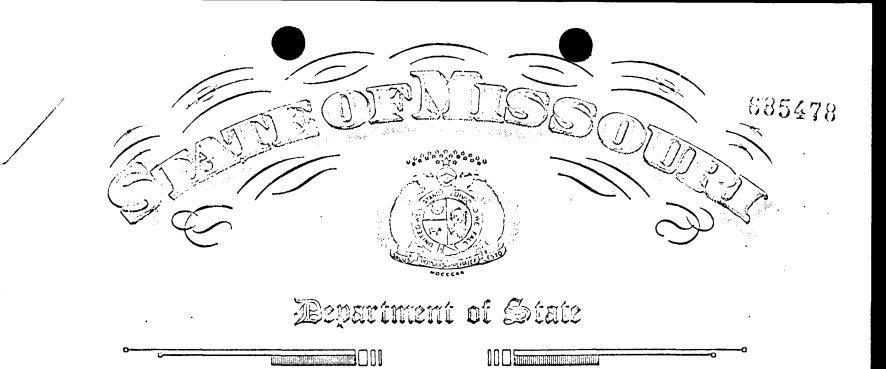
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I, WARREN E. HEARNES, Governor of the State of Missouri, hereby certify that the foregoing attestation of records on file in the office of the Secretary of State of Missouri is in due form and has been made by the proper officer.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri. Done at the City of
Jefferson, this day of Jung
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- I, Fred T. Wilkinson, hereby state under oath as follows:
- 1. I am the duly qualified Director of the Missouri Department of Corrections.
- 3. All records concerned with the Missouri State Penitentiary are under my direct control and management.
- 3. Based upon records in my control one James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Calt, W. C. Herron, Marvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim," was sentenced on February 19, 1980, of the crime of Robbery First Degree by Means of a Dangerous and Deadly Weapon and was received by the Department of Corrections on March 17, 1960, from which he escaped custody on April 23, 1967, leaving an unexpired term with legal expiration of March 16, 1980.

I hereby certify that the fingerprints and photographs of James Earl Ray attached to my Certificate of June 10. 1968, concerning said James Earl Ray, a copy of which Certificate is attached hereto, are original fingerprints and photographs of James Earl Ray taken from the files of the Missouri State Penitentiary.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Fred T. Wilkinson - Affiant

Director of Missouri Department of

Corrections

Subscriped and sworn to before me this 12th day of June, 1968.

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My Commission expires March 28, 1971.

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I hereby certify that the fingerprints and photographs attached hereto are true copies of the fingerprints and photographs of said James Earl Ray as they appear in the files of the Missouri State Penitentiary.

Fred T. Wilkinson, Director

Missouri Department of Corrections

If WARREN E. MEARNES, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, hereby certify that Fred T. Wilkinson, whose true and genuine signature appears to the foregoing certificate is, and was at the time of signing same, the duly qualified and appointed Director of the Missouri Department of Corrections, and that full faith and credit are due to all his official acts as such, and that said certificate is in due form.

Warren E. Hearnes

Governor of the State of Missouri

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I, Wayne W. Fisher, Consul General of the United States of America at London, England, duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify that the annexed document is under the seal of the Department f State of the United States of America.

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Wayne W. Fisher

Consul General of the United States of America at London, England

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CERTIFICATION

I, Edward M. Curran, Chief Judge, United States
District Court for the District of Columbia, do hereby
certify that Robert M. Stearns, whose name and signature
appear on the attached affidavit, is and was at the date
thereof Clerk of said Court, duly appointed and sworn,
and is authorized to administer an oath for general
purposes.

This the 14th day of June, 1968.

CHIEF JUDGE, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

AFFIDAVIT

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA) ss

JAMES H. LAUE, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- 1. I am 31 years old and reside in Alexandria, Virginia.
- 2. I am employed by the Community Relations Service, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., as Acting Director, Program Evaluation and Development, and have been employed by the Community Relations Service since February 15, 1965.
- 3. I knew Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I had known him since 1960. I knew him both personally and professionally and saw him on numerous occasions. I also have been acquainted with his wife, Mrs. Coretta Scott King, for the past eight years.
- 4. On April 4, 1968, in pursuance of my official duties, I was in Memphis, Tennessee, to talk with Dr. King and his staff about their activities in Memphis and Washington, D. C. I occupied Room 308 in the Lorraine Motel at 406 Mulberry Street in Memphis, Tennessee, on that day. Dr. King occupied Room 306 in that motel. I last saw him alive about 11:00 p.m., April 3, 1968.
- 5. At approximately 6:05 p.m. on April 4, 1968, while I was in my room at the Lorraine Motel, I heard a shot. I immediately went out of my room onto the balcony which surrounds the second floor of the motel.

 As I came out, I saw the body of a man lying on his back on the balcony about 20 feet to my right. I ran over to

him and recognized at once this man as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He was lying in a pool of blood, the bleeding coming from a large wound on the right side of his face, in the general area of the jaw and upper part of the neck. Attached to this affidavit and designated as Exhibit 1 is a photograph. This photograph is a view from a building on the west side of Mulberry Street, looking generally in an easterly direction. This photograph is a fair and accurate representation of a substantial portion of the Lorraine Motel as it appeared on April 4, 1968, including the location of my room, Room 308, in the motel, and I have marked it with the letter "A". I have also placed an arrow above the door of the room where Dr. King stayed and have marked it with the letter "B". I have also circled the area where I saw Dr. King lying in a pool of blood in front of his room, as I have described in this affidavit, and I have marked that area with the letter 11 C 11 -

6. Across Mulberry Street, west of the Lorraine Motel, is a row of buildings which fronts on the 400 block of South Main Street. Attached to this affidavit and designated as Exhibit 2 is a photograph. This photograph is taken from a balcony of the Lorraine Motel at or very near the spot where I saw Dr. King's body on April 4, 1968. This photograph looks in a generally westerly

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Direct. The buildings across Malberry Street front on South Main Street in the 400 block. This photograph is a fair and accurate representation as it looked on April 4, 1968 of the view of the back of the said buildings from the approximate point on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel where I found Dr. King lying that day.

7. I have been shown a copy of a survey of the area, appended to the affidavit of Robert V. Wenzler dated June 10, 1968, and a copy of which is appended hereto as Exhibit 3. Based on my observation, this is a good representation of the relative locations of the Lorraine Motel and the buildings that front on the 400 block of South Main Street. I have placed an "X" at the point where I observed Dr, King's body on April 4, 1968, and a "Y" at the point described on the diagram (Exhibit 3) as "Point At Window From Which Shot Fired." From my observation on April 4, 1968, standing at point "X" and looking to point "Y", the view to the upper floor windows of that building at point "Y" is clear and unobstructed.

JAMES H. LAUE

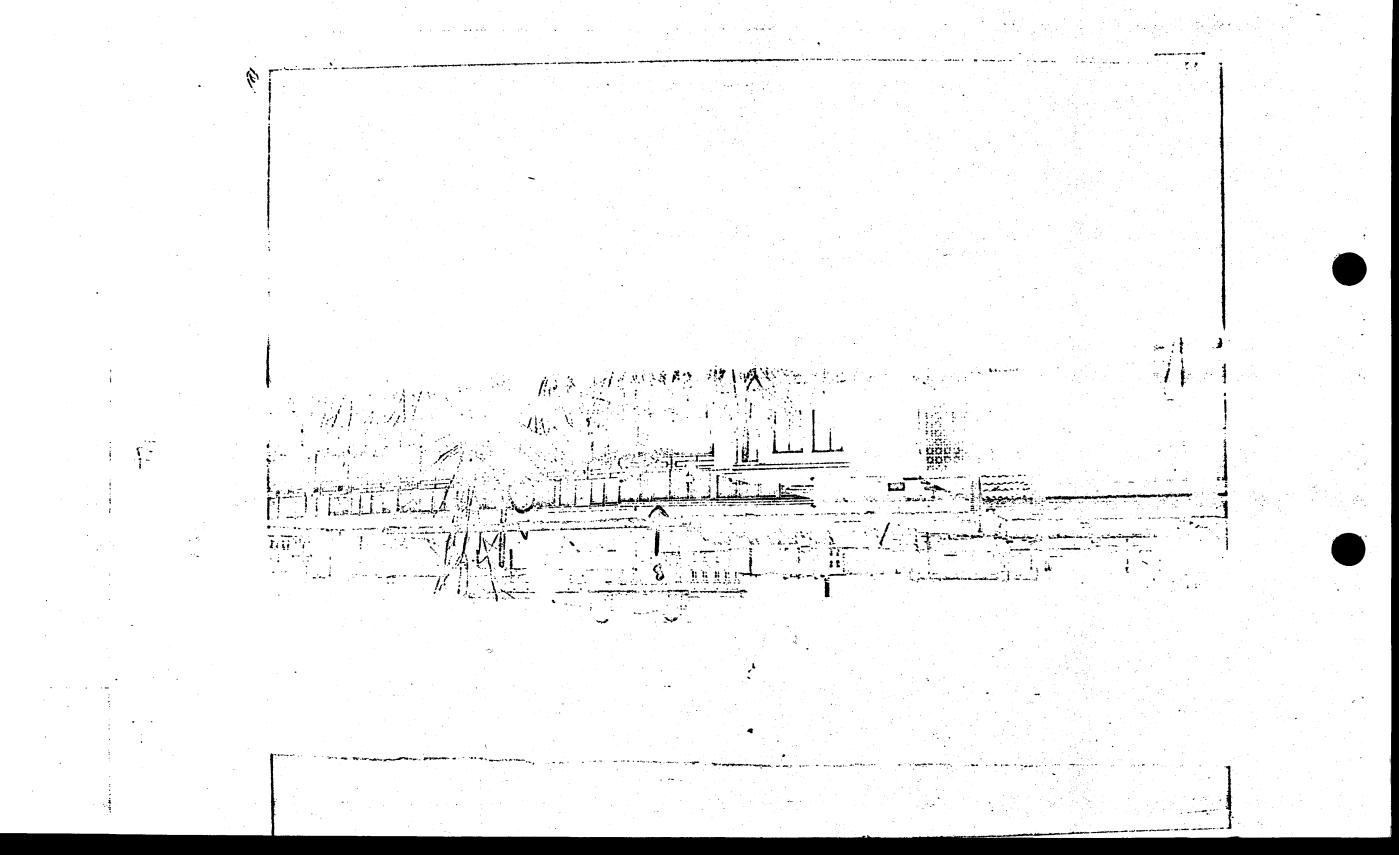
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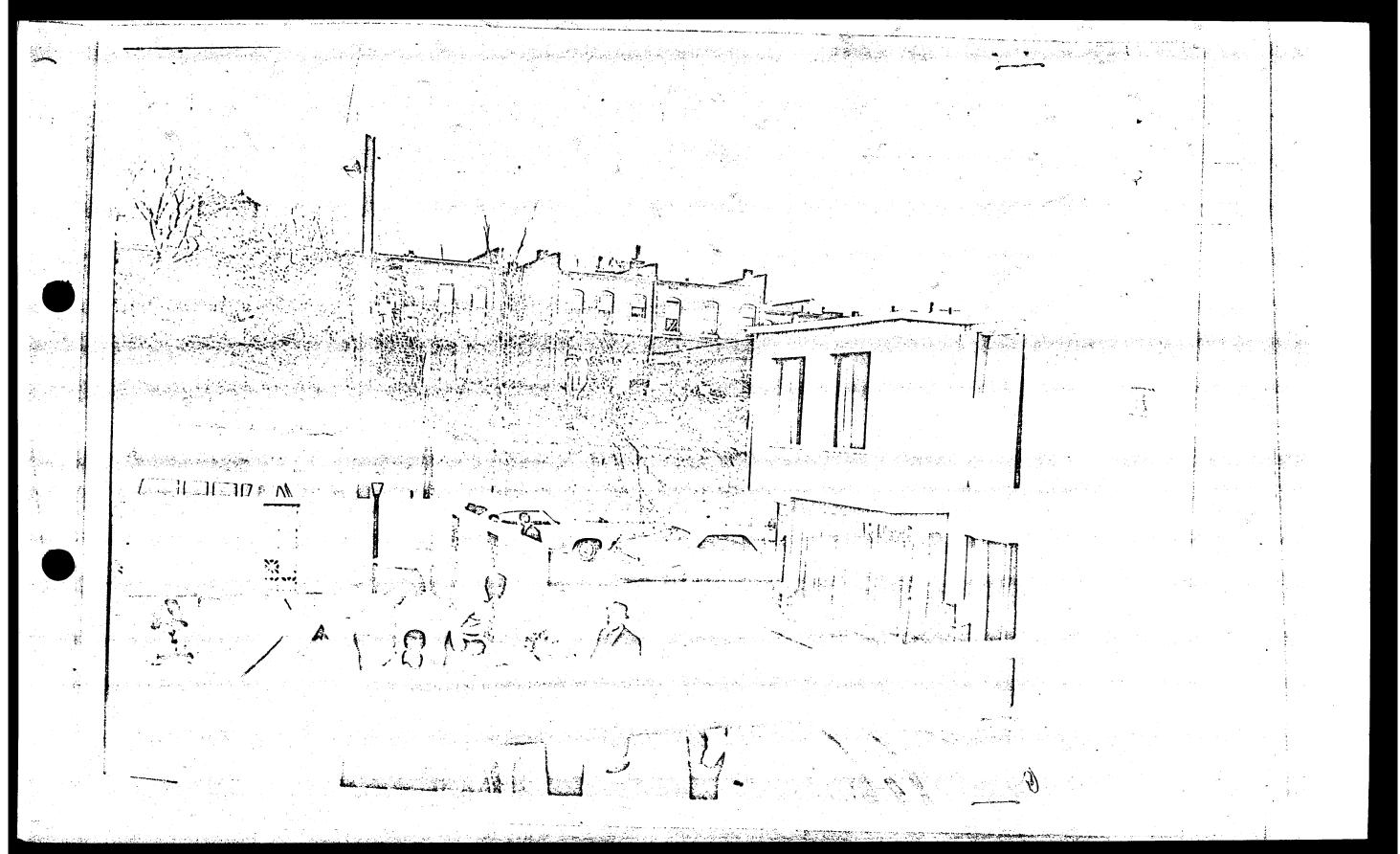
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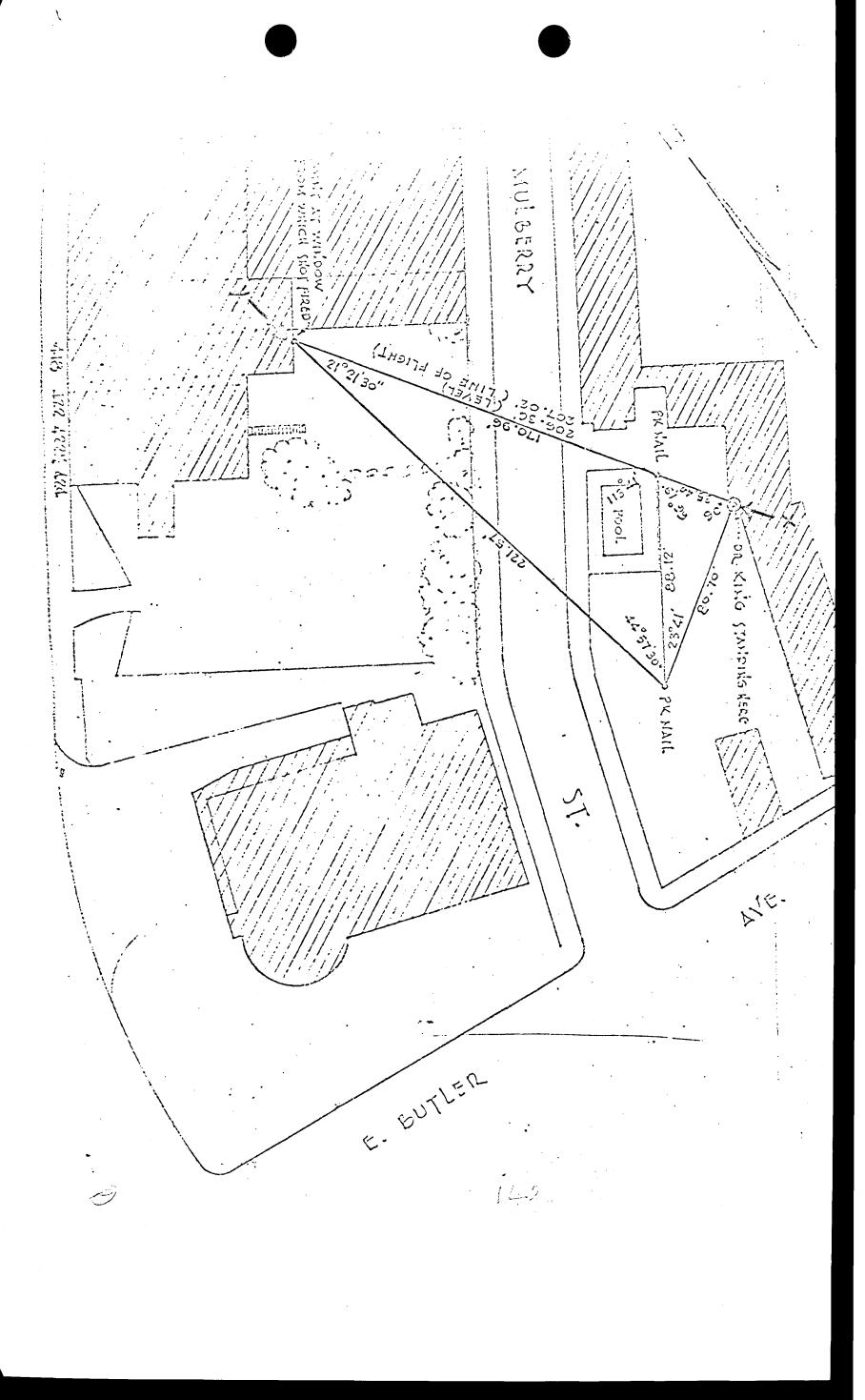
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I hereby certify that the attached three pages comprise the original affidavit of JAMES H. LAUE.

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ROBERT G. JENSEN, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- 1) I am 52 years of age and I reside at 1788 Bryn Mawr Circle, Germantown, Tennessee.
- 2) I am the Special Agent in Charge of the Memphis Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Memphis, Tennessee. I am the senior officer in charge of the investigation in this area being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation into the shooting of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., which took place on April 4, 1968.
- 3) On April 9, 1968, Miss Anna Christine Kelly, manager of Vic Dupratt's New Rebel Motor Hotel, 3466 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, turned over to me the original registration card reflecting the registration of one Eric S. Galt at the Motor Hotel on April 3, 1968. Attached hereto and designated as Exhibit I is a true copy (front and back) of that registration card. On April 9, 1968, I forwarded the original registration card to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory, Washington, D. C., for a handwriting analysis.

Robert G. JENSEN

Sworn to and subscribed before

me this /4/ day of June 1968.

W. LLOYD JOHNSON

Clerk, United States

District Court for the Western District of Tennessee,

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I hereby certify that this page and the attached document identified as Exhibit I comprise the original affidavit of Robert G. Junsen executed, sworn to, and subscribed before me this day of June 1968.

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