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Date: 4/30/68

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES
FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed herewith is a four-page handwritten communication purportedly written by one WILLIAM JERVAIS CROSBY, Room 132, Astor Hotel, 208 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, Calif. This handwritten letter was received at the Philadelphia FBI Office on 4/29/68 from Mr. E. M. SCHUSTER, Regional Inspector, Internal Revenue Service, Mid-Atlantic Region, Philadelphia, Pa., who indicated in his letter that the letter was received at the Internal Revenue Office in Philadelphia on 4/23/68.

CROSBY, in this letter, in a rambling and somewhat incoherent manner, makes some reference to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

The Los Angeles Office is requested to locate and interview WILLIAM JERVAIS CROSBY, Room 132, Astor Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif., relative to his comments in the enclosed letter and any information he might have which would be helpful in the investigation of the MURKIN case.

② - Los Angeles (Enc. 1) (AMRM)
1 - Philadelphia (44-1368)
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Washington D.C. PHONE 625-1166
NEW HOTEL ASTOR
208 SOUTH HILL STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012 H. 1468

I have not been to Canada since 1955.
I have never played Piano at the WARWICK
Hotel in Toronto Ont. I have never played
Piano at any Hotel, anywhere in Canada.
I have never played Trombone. I have no
TULSA OKLA. Connections. Neither
Have I ever sold the Cold out of my mouth
for three Dollars to get Fare to go to
TULSA OKLA. I HAVE NEVER BEEN PAID
Ten Dollars per Night by any Negro Musician
in Canada. I Am Not in the Musician Union.
I have no Liquor License or Caf. License in
Canada. No House of Prostitution women
ETC. At Anytime, or Any where.

yours truly William Cr. shy. Bill
Crashy. m. Crashy. William Crashy.
William Crashy. William Crashy. Bill Crashy.
Soc. Sec. [REDACTED] Age: Sixty years.
Complexion: Light Brown. Weight 240.
6 ft. Bald. Few Teeth. No Dental work.
No Broken Bones. No wounds. No
Disabilities. No welfare. No woman.
No Motor Vehicle. No Bicycle. No Skates.
No Push Cart. No telephone Account.
No P.O.E. No Insurance. No Escrow.
Xmas Savings acct only. No Bank account.
No Gamble Record. No Gamble Loss or
Gain. No other Employment except
Piano. Only 1965 license is Music Teacher.
House to House only.

U.S. Treasury Dept. Int. Re. Service
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PHONE 625-1186

NEW HOTEL ASTOR
REGIONAL OFFICE

208 SOUTH HILL STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90013

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PHILADELPHIA, PA.

If the truth be known

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M.I.C.

Martin Luther King Killer

TBI
6417 Hollywood

First Sat at Piano Bar My Desire

Hollywood Calif.
Bar Before He Killed King. Ask Peggy

Nostess My Desire Bar. I Am

(Almost) Sure She introduced Him

to me. Before He Killed

King His age was 50. He

is U.S. Army Vietnam. He

told me to tell my friends there would be shooting from now on. one week before King

Oswald sat at arm crossing
Pianist Bar Frank McNeff's.
Carolyn Hotel Bar Turlock
Cal. Before John F. Kennedy
was killed 1963. I

think. Not Sure.

But newspaper picture
of him was very familiar.
Bill Crosby full name
William James Crosby. Rm 132
Astor Hotel 2085 Hill. Los Angeles, Cal.
Age 54 (Negro)

Investigation 11/5/64 1017 JPD/MS

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Washington D.C. PHONE 625-1186
NEW REGIONAL INSPECTOR
HOTEL ASTOR
208 SOUTH HILL STREET
LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA 90012
APR 26 4 05 PM '68
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Light Grey Cadillac 1966 model
Being Parked in front of my
Desire Bar 6117 Hollywood Blvd
Hollywood Cal. as a "Bill Crosby" or
"Big Jim" Carrison, or Phil (Fusion)
State of Calif. Motor Vehicle Dept. Hours
9 PM - 2 AM. Start Covina, Colton,
Pomona, Palmdale, Lancaster, Riverside
San Bernardino Motor Vehicle Dept.
Los Angeles also. Stop: Negro Motion
EDDIE HUBERT Alias "OZZIE DAVIS".
→ → (over) → →

Lee Davis Police Dept Joliet
Ill. EDDIE Fisher &

Liz Taylor & Bing Crosby

Wm J. Crosby Rm 132.

Astor Hotel 205 So. Hill St.

Los Angeles Calif. See See

[REDACTED] (Notice)

F.B.I. will catch MURDERER of
Martin Luther King after making under-
cover money first by using Wm J. Crosby
as a suspicion for Cain Crime for
Crosby L.B.J. & Hope, Rockefeller Etc.

U.S. Treasury Dept. Int. Pers. Div.
Washington D.C.

NATIONAL INSPECTOR

NEW HOTEL ASTOR

PHONE 625-1186

208 SOUTH HILL STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

(4) 1468

Anti-amy. Crosby (Negro Pianist) acti:
ities: My Desire Bar, 6417 Hollywood Blvd.
Hollywood Cal. (4) 368. Lawrence Stern (mgr.)
① Bartender (Phil) try to send me (Bill) Crosby
Piano home at ten o'clock (asking me if I can)
② Like Box Being Played Continuously by
Customers to keep me (Bill) Crosby from
playing Piano. ③ Caucasian (Irishman)
named (Bill) serving Drinks at tables as
if working. ④ Negro Customer named
"Tony" Catching Some of the Los Angeles
1:50 AM Bus as meaning (Bill) Crosby's
Tony is posing as Lawrence Stern. ⑤
Sweede named "Whitney" who is

Maintenance Man (My ^{Mornings} Desire Bar)
who is also a low western look alike
is also keeping same hours as Bill
Crosby ^{AT NIGHT} Pianist @ Norman Sweet Jr.
#116 & 114 W. Alondra St. Compton Calif.
Has a large Pacific Telephone Bill
Los Angeles to North Carolina in under
over 10 min. Crosby 1968. ~

@ Head "Hippie" Negro with Caucasian
wife Haight Asbury Dist. San Francisco
now coming in & out My Desire Bar as a
under cover man. Crosby. @ Negro man &
Caucasian woman (Sweede) both dancers
as man. Crosby "My Desire Bar" ^{DANCE FLOOR} Spurs Truly
William Fermin Crosby Rm 132. Astor Hotel
208 So. Hill St. Los Angeles Calif. See See
#36 [REDACTED]

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TO LOS ANGELES VIA WASHINGTON
FROM BALTIMORE (44-669)

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MURKIN, CR

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE, APRIL THIRTY LAST.

FOR INFORMATION LOS ANGELES, PASSENGER ON AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE THREE EIGHT, WHICH LEFT DALLAS, TEXAS, NINE ZERO FIVE A.M., APRIL SIX LAST WITH ONE STOP AT FRIENDSHIP AIRPORT, BALTIMORE, AND ARRIVAL AT PHILADELPHIA, ONE THIRTY ONE P.M. SAME DATE, ADVISED THAT INDIVIDUAL WHO OCCUPIED AISLE SEAT ON RIGHT SIDE OF PLANE IN VICINITY OF SEAT ONE FOUR DASH C, TOURIST CLASS, VERY STRONGLY RESEMBLED IO OF RAY, BELIEVED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH RAY. THE INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING RAY BOARDED PLANE AT LOVE TERMINAL AND DEPLANED AT PHILADELPHIA. HE DID NOT CONVERSE WITH ANYONE ON PLANE AND CARRIED NO LUGGAGE.

PASSENGER LIST, TOURIST CLASS ON ABOVE FLIGHT, INCLUDED FIRST NAME UNKNOWN HAISCHER, TELEPHONE THREE ZERO ONE DASH EIGHT TWO THREE DASH TWO THREE NINE EIGHT. INQUIRY

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BY BALTIMORE THIS NUMBER DETERMINED THAT DONALD HAISCHER IS
SERVICE
FIELD SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE FOR BENDIX CORPORATION,
PRESENTLY TEACHING A CLASS AT BENDIX AVIONICS, VAN NUYS,
CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE TWO ONE THREE DASH NINE EIGHT NINE
DASH FOUR SIX ZERO ZERO. 16 509 SAT 104, VAN NUYS

LOS ANGELES IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION
TO LOCATE, IDENTIFY AND INTERVIEW PASSENGER ON AMERICAN
AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE THREE EIGHT TRAVELLING TOURIST CLASS
TO DETERMINE IF ANY INDIVIDUAL IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL
RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SAC BALTIMORE (44-669)
FROM SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

RE BALTIMORE TEL TO LOS ANGELES MAY ONE LAST CONCERNING
LOOKALIKE OF RAY ON BOARD AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE THREE
EIGHT FROM DALLAS TO BALTIMORE AND PHILADELPHIA APRIL SIX LAST.

~~DONALD HAISCHER~~, BENDIX AVIATION REPRESENTATIVE, ADVISED
THIS DATE HE WAS TOURIST CLASS PASSENGER ON ABOVE FLIGHT.
PHOTOS OF RAY EXHIBITED AND HE ADVISED COULD NOT RECALL
OBSERVING ANYONE ON FLIGHT RESEMBLING RAY. HAISCHER IN NO
WAY RESEMBLES RAY.

AIR MAIL COPIES MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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852 PM URGENT 5-2-68 ARK

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, SPRINGFIELD,
CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 1P

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION MAY TWO SIXTYEIGHT.

EXPANDED TAXICAB CHECK AND REVIEW OF TRIP SHEETS CONTINUING.
NEGATIVE TO DATE.

EXPANDED AIRLINES CHECKS CONTINUING. NO PERTINENT INFO
OBTAINED TO DATE.

CONTACT OF INDIVIDUALS OFFERING USED CARS FOR SALE IN
CLASSIFIED ADS CONTINUING. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

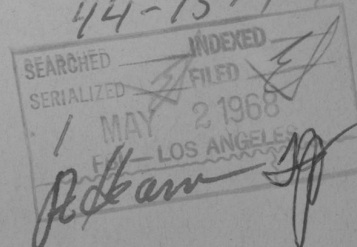
INVESTIGATION OF STOLEN CARS, INCLUDING THOSE FURNISHED BY
NCIC FOR THE PERTINENT PERIOD CONTINUING. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION
OBTAINED TO DATE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, Sacramento (100-427) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles teletype to Sacramento, 4/29/68.

RE: Look-alike SAUL JOHN

Referenced teletype stated that ALLAN ENGELHARDT, Conoga Park, California, advised that on April 20, 1968, he observed individual in coffee shop at Rocket Bowl, DeSoto Street, north of Nordhoff, Conoga Park, who resembled JAMES EARL RAY. ENGELHARDT advised unknown person left coffee shop and entered 1959 or 1960 Ford, bearing California License EZR-721. ENGELHARDT described look-alike as white male American, 38 to 40 years old, 5'10", 165 pounds, sandy to reddish-blond hair.

Department of Motor Vehicles check of EZR-721 reflects license listed to SAUL JOHN, 926 North Denair Street, Turlock, California, on 1954 two door Buick.

SAUL JOHN, 926 North Denair Street, Turlock, California, was interviewed at his residence on April 30, 1968.

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JOHN was born in [REDACTED]. He advised he has owned 1954 white two door Buick, California License EZR-721, for five years. Due to his age, he has not driven this car out of Stanislaus County during that time. The license plate was observed to be on the vehicle. He advised he has not been in Conoga Park, was not there on April 20, 1968, and does not even know where Conoga Park is. He does not recognize photograph of RAY as resembling anyone he knows.

It is noted that 926 North Denair is within sight of the Turlock Police Department. Lt. WILLIAM LADD, Turlock Police Department, confirmed, on April 30, 1968, that because of JOHN's age, he never leaved Turlock in his automobile.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
SAC, DALLAS

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT ~~EN ROUTE FROM~~ LOS ANGELES
TO NEW ORLEANS.

CALLS MADE FROM MARFA, TEXAS:

CALL TO FOUR EIGHT TWO DASH THREE ZERO FIVE SEVEN,
ON DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST MADE BY FILIBERTO BARRERA,
ONE ONE SEVEN TWO DURKIN STREET, CAMARILLO, CALIFORNIA.
FILIBERTO BARRERA INTERVIEWED, STATED NUMBER REGISTERED
TO HER SINCE MAY, SIXTY SEVEN. ~~SHE~~ STATED SHE WAS ON TRIP
TO TEXAS DECEMBER LAST AND MADE CALL FROM TEXAS TO CALIFORNIA
RESIDENCE ON DECEMBER FIFTEEN OR SIXTEEN LAST.

CALL TO FIVE TWO NINE DASH ZERO ONE THREE THREE.
LEO BARRERA INTERVIEWED, STATED HE IS BROTHER-IN-LAW OF
MANUEL HUGO GARCIA, MOORPARK, CALIFORNIA, TO WHOM TELEPHONE

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IS LISTED. BARRERA CALLED GARCIA DURING DECEMBER LAST
TO ADVISE RETURN TO LOS ANGELES DELAYED DUE TO SNOW STORM.

CALL TO TWO FIVE SIX DASH EIGHT ZERO TWO SEVEN,
REGISTERED TO MRS. JOHN C. MC CALLUM, SOUTH PASADENA,
CALIFORNIA, TO ADVISE SHE RECEIVED CALL DECEMBER SIXTEEN
~~DATE~~FROM RELATIONS ~~IN~~ ROUTE FOR HOLIDAY ADVISING DELAY
DUE TO CAR TROUBLE.

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DUE TO CAR TROUBLE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (44-703)
SAC, RICHMOND

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE WASHINGTON FIELD TT TO BUREAU MAY ONE LAST.

RE ~~THREE~~ ^{MAR.} TWO TELEPHONE CALL FROM ST. FRANCIS HOTEL,
LOS ANGELES TO WDC, THREE THREE SEVEN DASH FIVE THREE ONE
FIVE.

LA INDICES NEGATIVE RE RICHARD LEE OGG AND PETER HOLDEN. SAM LUGASH, MANAGER, AUTO DRIVE AWAY, TWO TWO SEVEN SOUTH VERMONT, LA, ADVISED HOLDEN, NOW RESIDING FIVE ONE ONE NINE FOUNTAIN, LA, CONTRACTED MARCH EIGHTEEN LAST TO HAVE HIS NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN HALF TON CHEVROLET PICKUP TRANSPORTED FROM COLONIA PARK INCORPORATED, WDC, TO AUTO DRIVE AWAY, LOS ANGELES. LUGASH'S RECORDS REFLECT

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TRUCK DRIVEN FROM WDC TO LA BETWEEN APRIL EIGHT AND APRIL FIFTEEN LAST BY RICHARD L. OGG, FIVE EIGHT ONE ONE MARLBORO PIKE, DISTRICT HEIGHTS, MARYLAND, AND THAT HOLDEN TOOK POSSESSION LATTER DATE. LUGASH BELIEVES OGG ACCOMPANIED BY BROTHER, FURTHER DESCRIPTION UNKNOWN. HE DESCRIBED HOLDEN AS WMA, FORTY FIVE TO FORTY EIGHT YEARS, FIVE FOOT TEN INCHES, ONE NINETY POUNDS, STOCKY, SHORT BROWN HAIR, REPUTABLE SELF EMPLOYED PAINTER AND NOT RESEMBLING JAMES EARL RAY PHOTOS. LUGASH CERTAIN HOLDEN AND OGG UNKNOWN TO ONE ANOTHER.

MRS. FOWLER, MANAGER, FIVE ONE ONE NINE FOUNTAIN, LA, ADVISED HOLDEN AND FAMILY RESIDED APARTMENT TWO TWO THREE HER LOCATION, AND THAT HOLDEN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER. HOLDEN PERSONALLY CONTACTED AND ~~ACKNOWLEDGED~~ ^{Mar.} ~~THREE~~ TWO CALL TO WDC TO ARRANGE RELEASE OF HIS TRUCK. HOLDEN OCCASIONALLY USED TELEPHONES AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL WHEN RESIDING AT NEARBY RESIDENCE OF ONE SEVEN FOUR THREE GARFIELD. NAME AND PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY UNKNOWN TO HOLDEN.

RICHMOND DISCONTINUE RE HOLDEN.

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RICHMOND DISCONTINUE RE HODGEN.

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WASHINGTON FIELD WILL FORWARD PHOTO OF OGG FOR
DISPLAY IN UNSOLVED LA AREA BRS.

MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY ADVISED AIR MAIL.

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WASHINGTON FIELD W/PHOTO FORWARDED PHOTO OF OGG FOR

DISPLAY IN UNSOLVED LA AREA BRS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND
MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, *ATLANTA*
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

Re: Charles Stein:

REINTERVIEW OF CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN, MAY TWO INSTANT.
PURPOSE OF INTERVIEW WAS TO REVIEW INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY
FURNISHED BY STEIN AND OBTAIN FROM HIM DETAILED INFORMATION
REGARDING HIS MEETING OF INDIVIDUAL KNOWN TO HIM AS ERIC
GALT (JAMES EARL RAY), THE DISCUSSIONS THEY HAD, THEIR
TRIP TO AND FROM NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, THEIR ACTIVITY
WHILE IN NEW ORLEANS, AND THEIR ACTIVITY IN LOS ANGELES
SUBSEQUENT TO NEW ORLEANS TRIP. AGENTS CONDUCTING
INTERVIEW, ONE OF WHOM IS FAMILIAR WITH NEW ORLEANS AREA,
HAD IN THEIR POSSESSION EXTENSIVE INFORMATION REGARDING
STEIN'S BACKGROUND.

STEIN FURNISHED SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME INFORMATION
AS IN PREVIOUS INTERVIEWS. STEIN ADVISED ONLY ACTUALLY
OBSERVED GALT (RAY) MAKING ONE PHONE CALL; HOWEVER, BELIEVES

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MAY HAVE MADE OTHER CALLS WHILE NOT IN STEIN'S PRESENCE. STEIN STATED ONE CALL HE OBSERVED MADE FROM PUBLIC COIN BOX PHONE BOOTH DURING NIGHT PRIOR TO ARRIVAL NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. STEIN ADVISED ARRIVED IN NEW ORLEANS ON DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST.

STEIN ADVISED HE AND LOUIS LOMAX DID NOT LOCATE PHONE BOOTH IN QUESTION, WHEN TRIP RETRACED BY THEM. FEELS THIS DUE TO FACT LOMAX TRACED TRAVEL IN REVERSE FROM WAY IT ACTUALLY OCCURRED. STEIN STRONGLY FEELS BY RETRACING TRIP ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS HE WOULD BE ABLE TO LOCATE PHONE BOOTH IN WHICH CALL WAS MADE BY GALT (RAY).

STEIN DENIED GALT EVER VISITED HIM AT THREE THREE FOUR ZERO FLOYD TERRACE, HOLLYWOOD, NOR EVER HAVING MET GALT BEFORE THEIR MEETING IN SULTAN ROOM, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, HOLLYWOOD, NIGHT OF DECEMBER FOURTEEN LAST. DENIES EVER HAVING FURNISHED ANY TYPE DRUG TO GALT (RAY), OR EVER HAVING SEEN GALT (RAY) USE ANY. STEIN ADMITTED PAST ARRESTS FOR POSSESSION BARBITUATES AND STATED WOULD KNOW A "DOPEHEAD" IF HE SAW ONE. STATED GALT WAS NOT A "DOPEHEAD", BUT POSSIBLE HE MIGHT HAVE TAKEN "PILLS", ALTHOUGH NEVER IN PRESENCE OF STEIN.

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STEIN STATED HE WAS QUITE IRRITATED WITH LOUIS LOMAX, BECAUSE LOMAX USED HIM FOR PUBLICITY PURPOSES. STEIN EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR HIS LIFE FROM THE KILLER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BECAUSE OF PRESS EXPOSURE GIVEN HIM BY LOMAX.

I + would appear that
~~INTERVIEWING AGENTS OF OPINION~~ STEIN TELLING TRUTH AS BEST HE REMEMBERS OF HIS ASSOCIATION WITH GALT (RAY).

BUREAU MIGHT DESIRE TO CONSIDER RETRACING STEIN'S TRIP WITH GALT (RAY) TO NEW ORLEANS, WITH PURPOSE IN MIND OF LOCATING PHONE BOOTH IN WHICH STEIN PERSONALLY OBSERVED GALT (RAY) MAKING CALL. POSSIBLE SUCH RETRACING ~~COULD~~ *might* BE PRODUCTIVE IF CONDUCTED IN LOGICAL MANNER AND MIGHT POSSIBLY BRING OTHER FACTS TO MEMORY OF STEIN.

STEIN ADVISED HE RECALLS THAT GALT (RAY), ON TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS, TOLD HIM NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON HE WAS GOING TO SEE. STEIN STATED NAME WAS ITALIAN SOUNDING, WAS A WELL-KNOWN NAME IN NEW ORLEANS, AND ADDRESS GAVE STEIN MENTAL PICTURE OF CHALMETTE-INDUSTRIAL CANAL AREA. STEIN ADVISED WHEN ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE PHONE BOOTH ON TRIP WITH LOUIS LOMAX, LOMAX ASKED HIM IF SAM ~~RISCELLE~~ (PHONETIC)

Riscelle

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WAS PERSON NAMED BY GALT (RAY). STEIN ADVISED TOLD LOMAX
HE COULD NOT REMEMBER NAME, NOR COULD HE RECALL IT DURING
INTERVIEW, THIS DATE.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-441100) FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000) (P)
RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY 1, 1964.
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REINTERVIEW WITH RITA STEIN

RITA STEIN, AKA RITA ROSAS; SISTER OF CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN

REINTERVIEWED TODAY SEPARATELY BUT SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH REINTERVIEW OF HER BROTHER, PURPOSE WAS TO REVIEW IN DETAIL WITH HER FACTS SURROUNDING ORIGINAL MEETING WITH ERIC GALT AND ATTEMPT TO FILL OUT ANY FACTS SHE MIGHT HAVE OVERLOOKED DURING ORIGINAL INTERVIEWS.

INFORMATION FURNISHED WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH INFORMATION ORIGINALLY FURNISHED. CLAIMS NEVER MET GALT PRIOR TO MEETING WITH HIM IN SULTAN ROOM BAR, IN ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, HOLLYWOOD, IN MID-DECEMBER SIXTY SEVEN, DAY BEFORE HE DROVE HER BROTHER TO NEW ORLEANS TO BRING BACK HER DAUGHTERS KIM AND CHERYL. STATES SHE WAS INTRODUCED TO HIM THAT EVENING BY HER COUSIN, MARIE MARTIN, WAITRESS IN SULTAN ROOM BAR. SHE SAID SHE TRIED TO MAKE HIM UNDERSTAND THAT IT WAS ~~WAS~~ ESSENTIAL SHE GET HER KIDS BACK FROM NEW ORLEANS, AND QUOTE THIS WAS NO PLAY CLOSE QUOTES. HE CLAIMED HE UNDERSTOOD, AND STATED HE WOULD BE GLAD TO TAKE HER AS HE WAS ON VACATION AND NOT WORKING. SHE WENT HOME AND TOLD HER BROTHER THERE WAS A GUY AT SULTAN ROOM BAR THAT WAS WILLING TO DRIVE HER TO NEW ORLEANS. HAD CHARLIE GO TO SULTAN ROOM TO SIZE HIM UP THAT EVENING.

NEXT MORNING SHE CONVINCED CHARLIE HE SHOULD GO TO NEW
TO NEW ORLEANS
ORLEANS IN HER PLACE, AS SHE WAS AFRAID TO RIDE ALONE/WITH MAN SHE HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY KNOWN. GALT SHOWED UP AT HER HOUSE EARLY THAT AM AND SAID THAT HE WAS DOING A FAVOR FOR HER, AND SHE COULD DO A FAVOR

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FOR HIM BY HAVING HER BROTHER, HER COUSIN MARIE, ACCOMPANY HIM TO REGISTER AT WALLACE HEADQUARTERS, AND FOR HER TO DO LIKEWISE. SHE AND BROTHER AND COUSIN AGREED, AND DROVE IN HIS WHITE MUSTANG TO WALLACE HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD. SHE RODE IN BACK SEAT WITH SONS. HER TWO/~~daughters~~. GALT, MARIE AND CHARLIE RODE IN FRONT SEAT.

FOLLOWING RETURN TO HER HOME ON FRANKLIN STREET, GALT AND CHARLIE LEFT FOR NEW ORLEANS.

NEXT SAW GALT EARLY AM ON MORNING ^{he} HE AND CHARLIE RETURNED WITH HER TWO DAUGHTERS FROM NEW ORLEANS. HE HELPED UNLOAD CAR AND LEFT IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER. RETURNED BRIEFLY NEXT DAY TO DELIVER CHILD'S BLACKBOARD OVERLOOKED IN UNLOADING CAR PREVIOUS MORNING. SHE INSISTS HE NEVER ENTERED HER HOME FARTHER THAN HALF WAY ACROSS FRONT ROOM. NEVER HAD FOOD OR DRINK OR USED BATHROOM IN HER HOME. SHE ALSO INSISTS SHE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE HE WAS OR MAY HAVE BEEN NARCOTICS USER OR PEDDLER.

ADDED ON THIS INTERVIEW THAT HER SECOND HUSBAND, STANLEY LINO ROSAS, WHO DIED OF OVERDOSE OF MORPHINE IN HOLLYWOOD, WAS NOT KNOWN TO HER TO BE ADDICTED TO NARCOTICS; HOWEVER, SHE SAYS HE ADMITTED TO HER AFTER THEIR MARRIAGE THAT HE HAD BEEN ARRESTED ON NARCOTICS CHARGE IN LOUISIANA. SHE CLAIMS SHE DOES NOT KNOW DETAILS OF THAT ARREST; WHETHER HE WAS USER OR PUSHER. THINKS HE MAY HAVE SERVED TIME IN ANGOLA STATE PEN, BUT IS NOT SURE. SAYS THIS WAS ALL BEFORE SHE

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SHE MET HIM.

PHOTO OF GALT (JAMES EARL RAY) TAKEN BETWEEN AUGUST SIXTY SEVEN AND FEBRUARY SIXTY EIGHT, FURNISHED BY U.S. POSTAL INSPECTORS, EXHIBITED TO RITA STEIN. SHE STATES THIS IS BEST LIKENESS OF GALT OF ANY PHOTOS SHE HAS SEEN. PHOTO OF GALT IN DARK GLASSES TAKEN DURING FALL SIXTY SEVEN PUERTO VALLARTA RESHOWN AND SHE STATES IT IS VERY POOR LIKENESS. STATES GALT'S WALK, POSTURE, AND STATURE WAS NEVER RELAXED, IMPRESSED HER AS ALWAYS BEING IN STATE OF MILITARY ATTENTION.

Charles STEIN also expressed opinion that photo furnished by USPO best likeness of individual he knew as Galt.

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RE GALT'S CORRESPONDENCE WITH "SWINGER" CLUB.

U.S. POSTAL INSPECTORS OFFICE FURNISHED PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT TAKEN DURING PERIOD AUGUST SIXTY SEVEN TO FEBRUARY SIXTY EIGHT AND LETTER WRITTEN BY GALT FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN LAST. THESE ITEMS FURNISHED U.S. POSTAL INSPECTORS BY PATRICIA K. ANDERSON TWO EIGHT ZERO ZERO GLENVIEW, LOS ANGELES WHO RECEIVED LETTER AND PHOTOGRAPH FROM GALT RESULTANT FROM HER NAME BEING INCLUDED ON LIST OF QUOTE THE LOCAL SWINGER END QUOTE A CORRESPONDENCE CLUB IN DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA.

JAMES E. O'DOWD AND ANN L. MEYERS, OWNERS OF QUOTE THE LOCAL SWINGER END QUOTE STATED THEY RECALLED INDIVIDUAL NAMED ERIC GALT HAD SENT IN FEE OF ONE DOLLAR FOR LIST OF SWINGERS. BOTH RECALLED GALT HAD SENT FIVE LETTERS TO CLUB FOR TRANSMITTAL TO INDIVIDUALS INCLUDED IN LIST OF SWINGERS BY SYMBOL NUMBER. NO RECORD OF INDIVIDUALS TO WHOM GALT SENT LETTER MAINTAINED. RECORDS THIS CLUB CONTAIN NAME OF PATRICIA SHUBERT, TWO EIGHT ZERO ZERO GLENVIEW, LOS ANGELES.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442611) FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000) (P)
 RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL TWENTY, LAST.
 ADVISE THAT THE NEW YORK OFFICE HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT AN INDIVIDUAL
 WHOSE NAME IS BEING USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE MENTIONED
 MATTER, HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A MEMBER OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY.
 THE INDIVIDUAL IN QUESTION IS CURRENTLY BEING HELD IN CUSTODY
 BY THE NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE NEW YORK OFFICE IS
 CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE
 INDIVIDUAL IN QUESTION. THE NEW YORK OFFICE WILL KEEP THE
 BUREAU ADVISED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS. (P)

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RE ADVERTISEMENT PLACED IN LOS ANGELES FREE PRESS
BY GALT.

ON MAY TWO INSTANT, ~~Gene Turner~~ ^{Advent Galt}, ACCOUNTANT, LOS
ANGELES "FREE PRESS", ~~L.A. UNDERGROUND NEWSPAPER~~ ^{LOS}
ANGELES MADE AVAILABLE ADVERTISEMENT PLACED BY ERIC S. GALT ON
JANUARY THIRTY LAST. ADVERTISEMENT PROBABLY RECEIVED AT "FREE
PRESS" BY MAIL. ADVERTISEMENT READS: "SINGLE MALE CAUC.
THIRTY SIX YEARS. FIVE ELEVEN ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LB, DIGS
FR. CULT. DESIRE'S DISCREET MEETING WITH PASSIONATE MARRIED
FEMALE FOR MUTUAL ENJOYMENT, AND/OR FEMALE FOR SWING SESSIONS
APPT. FURN. WILL EX. PHOTO. WRITE ERIC S. FOUR ZERO SIX SO.
SECOND ALHAMBRA, NINE ONE EIGHT ZERO TWO. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~"

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ NOTATION BELOW ADVERTISEMENT READ "RETURN NAME AND
ADDRESS, ERIC S. GALT. SAME AS ABOVE. INCLOSED IS M.O.
FOR FOUR DOLLARS TWENTY FIVE CENTS, RUN ~~ADD~~ ADD UNDER THIRTY
ONE UNIT SYSTEM. THANKS"

EXAMINATION OF ABOVE REVEALED ENTIRE CONTENTS
TYPEWRITTEN USING RED RIBBON. NO HANDWRITING INVOLVED.

TURNER STATED ADVERTISEMENT RAN IN FEBRUARY TWO
DASH EIGHT LAST EDITION OF ABOVE PAPER, ~~W~~ ~~H~~ ALSO MADE
AVAILABLE.

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~~XX~~
ABOVE ADDRESS IN ALHAMBRA IS THAT OF C. M.
~~HEDGPETH~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~W~~ ~~H~~ INTERVIEWED BY BUREAU AGENTS ON
APRIL FOURTEEN LAST. HE STATED GALT WAS PAYING CUSTOMER OF
HIS MAIL FORWARDING SERVICE AT FOUR ZERO SIX SOUTH SECOND

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STREET FROM FEBRUARY ONE LAST TO MARCH ONE LAST. ALL MAIL WAS TO BE FORWARDED TO GALT AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL IN HOLLYWOOD. HEDGPETH STATED HE WAS CERTAIN GALT NEVER RECEIVED ANY MAIL THROUGH HIS FORWARDING SERVICE.

PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT, LETTER AND ORIGINAL OF L.A. FREE PRESS ADVERTISEMENT FURNISHED BUREAU FOR LABORATORY EXAMINATION VIA AIR TODAY.

LOS ANGELES WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW PATRICIA K. ANDERSON FOR INTERVIEW.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

4/30/68

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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
RE: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles, 4/24/68, re ALMENA LOMAX - COMPLAINANT.

On 4/29/68, Mrs. ALMENA LOMAX was telephonically contacted per her request to arrange an appointment for interview. She stated she was too busy to see an agent during the week of 4/29 - 5/3/68 since she went to Berkeley every Thursday and Friday to write for a publication called "The Post". She stated she had to take care of her family and house and had no spare time. She said that after she wrote her letter to Attorney General RAMSEY CLERK concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., she had second thoughts and believed her theory that individuals who subscribe to the "Tuskegee Tribune" might have something to do with KING's assassination, was a far-fetched idea.

Mrs. LOMAX sounded nervous and harassed when talking to agent but stated she would try to find time to mail in a list of subscribers to the "Tuskegee Tribune", marking the names of those she believed to be white people, in the event the Bureau desired to check them out as possible aspects.

Mrs. LOMAX suggested an agent contact her again on 5/6/68 to determine if she had the list prepared.

Los Angeles will contact Mrs. LOMAX on 5/6/68.

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1 - Atlanta (44-2386)(AM-REGISTERED)
1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (AM-REGISTERED)
1 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Los Angeles
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/1/68

ReButel to Los Angeles, 4/26/68.

Referenced teletype advised HAROLD J. THOME, a possible mental case, had been attempting to have an audience with MARTIN LUTHER KING in Atlanta. He had reportedly threatened a neighbor in the past with a shotgun. The Bureau instructed that although subject RAY had been identified as the assailant, investigation should be conducted to determine if THOME might be implicated as a conspirator.

A review of Los Angeles files reflects HAROLD J. THOME had advised the Los Angeles Office on 4/19/67 he had observed a pickup truck and dune buggy in a ravine near Tujunga, California, and the occupants of the vehicles were apparently burying something. He brought this to the attention of the FBI because he thought it was of possible interest in the YOUNG kidnaping case.

In September, 1967, THOME's son, STEVEN THOME, 355 West Acacia, Glendale, California, was interviewed at the residence of his father, 10520 Hillhaven Street, Tujunga, and advised his father had written President JOHNSON and the Pope on numerous occasions, voicing opposition to the war in Vietnam. He stated his father had been arrested in the past for pulling a gun on police officers who were attempting to stop some hippies from marching through a canyon area.

In September, 1967, Mrs. HAROLD THOME, former wife of THOME, stated she did not know his current address, but said he had been confined to mental wards in various hospitals in the Los Angeles area. She said besides having a mental problem, she considered THOME an alcoholic.

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- 2 - Memphis (Encls. 59) (AM)
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 - 2 - Birmingham (Encl. 1) (AM) (Info) (44-1740)
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- this is for information of Atlanta 5/1/68*

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On 1/4/67, TIM THOME, son of HAROLD J. THOME, advised this office his father was attempting to travel to Washington D. C. to see President JOHNSON.

Subsequent investigation of the dune buggy incident established the people working around the automobile were attempting to tow it out of an area in which it had been stuck and there was no apparent relationship to the Young kidnaping case.

The Atlanta Office advised that THOME had appeared at SCLC Headquarters, Atlanta on 11/6/67, insisting upon having an interview with MARTIN LUTHER KING for an unknown reason.

On 11/7/67, TIM THOME (above), advised his father had a history of mental difficulties, frequency of suicide and had been in and out of Camarillo State Mental Hospital.

On 9/14/67, KENNETH C. MERRYHEW, U. S. Secret Service, Los Angeles, advised his department had investigated HAROLD JAMES THOME after receipt of a letter he had written President JOHNSON at his ranch in Texas, dated 12/21/66. MERRYHEW stated the letter in essence warned President JOHNSON he was "in grave danger" and set forth THOME's opposition to the United States involvement in Vietnam. MERRYHEW stated the letter indicated THOME had written the President on two previous occasions. Mr. MERRYHEW stated the records of Camarillo State Hospital reflected THOME was a patient from 1/30/64 to 5/2/64 and from 10/2/64 to 12/10/65. He was classified as a schizophrenic paranoid, disorganized, troublesome and unapproved. No further investigation was conducted by Secret Service.

Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) records reflect that on 3/13/66, THOME was arrested for threatening a neighbor with a gun. No disposition of this arrest was shown. On 6/4/67, THOME was arrested for drunk driving and at the time of arrest had a .410 shotgun on the dashboard of the car which was unloaded. No disposition for this arrest was shown.

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FD-302s concerning THOME are attached.

The following description of THOME was obtained from the records of the LAPD:

Name	HAROLD JAMES THOME
Birth Data	<input type="text"/> in Chicago
Height	5' 10"
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue (wears metal rim glasses)
CII No.	294-617
LAPD No.	787-450T
Social Security Number	<input type="text"/>

THOME SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1574)

DATE: 5/1/68

FROM : SA J. CHARLES MERRIMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/30/68 at approximately 1:00 p.m. JAMES ERVIN STEWART, 8223 South Hooper Avenue, Los Angeles, California, telephone number 582-9831, telephonically advised that he is self-employed as a collector of waste paper, using his 1944 truck in this employment. STEWART noted he had been working in the Westwood area of Los Angeles during the past few days, during which time he observed a whitemale who somewhat resembled JAMES EARL RAY on 4/27/68 about 2:00 p.m. in an alley in the vicinity of Federal Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard, and again 4/30/68 saw this same man about 12:30 p.m. in an alley just off Rochester Avenue at Bundy Drive. On the latter occasion unknown man was observed getting into a blue Camaro or Pontiac or similar looking car with a black vinyl top, California license plates, numbers unknown.

STEWART said above mentioned man resembled somewhat a photo of RAY seen in local newspapers. At approximately 1:30 p.m. on 4/30/68 several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to STEWART at Santa Monica Boulevard and Bundy Drive, Los Angeles. STEWART, after viewing these photos of RAY, stated the unknown man mentioned above was not identical to photos of RAY.

In view of above no further action appears warranted.

STEWART displayed California driver's license number H932082 which contained his name, JAMES ERVIN STEWART, DOB [redacted] and description as 170 lbs., 6'1", black hair, brown eyes, residence 8223 South Hooper Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90001.

STEWART additionally advised he was born in North Carolina. It was noted that STEWART, a Negro male, had two very noticeable scars on left side of neck, which scars appeared to have resulted from knife wounds, each scar being about four inches in length by 1/2-3/4 inch wide.

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PLEASE FURNISH POSSIBLE NEW ADDRESS FROM CALIFORNIA LICENSE
KDT 654, 1964 PONTIAC SEDAN, REGISTERED TO JAMES E. SIMS,
254 1/8 CORONADO, NO. 40, LOS ANGELES. IN REPLY, PLEASE
REFER OUR FILE 44-1574.

WESLEY G. GRAPP
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
FBI, LOS ANGELES

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

AND PHOENIX (44-371)

FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 4P

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MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO BUREAU DATED APRIL TWENTYNINE, LAST.

MRS. WARNER MOORE (PATRICIA) COWARD, FOUR ONE THREE THREE COLE STREET, FT. WORTH, TEXAS, TODAY STATES HER FATHER HARRY ELWOOD (WOODY) LUNSFORD IS AN ALCOHOLIC ITINERANT PAINTER SUFFERING FROM STOMACH TROUBLE. SHE STATES HER FATHER AND MOTHER SEPARATED IN FIFTYSEVEN. AT THAT TIME HER FIVE YOUNGER SISTERS AND ONE YOUNGER BROTHER WERE PLACED IN AN ORPHANAGE. SHE STATED HER FATHER TELEPHONES HER TWO OR THREE TIMES EACH YEAR WHEN HE IS DOWN AND OUT. SHE USUALLY SENDS HIM BUS FARE AND HE STAYS WITH HER SEVERAL WEEKS UNTIL HE RECOVERS AND THEN LEAVES. HER FATHER USUALLY STAYS AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AND HAS STAYED AT THE ST. FRANCIS AND RECTOR HOTELS THERE. USUALLY HE STAYS IN FLOP HOUSES AND MISSIONS FOR ALCOHOLICS. IN JAN., SIXTY HER FATHER'S ONLY SISTER, MRS. JOHN H. MEEDLES, THREE SEVEN ZERO NINE YALE STREET, PHOENIX, ARIZONA,

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Woody Lunsford

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HAD A HEART ATTACK. HER FATHER AT THAT TIME WAS LIVING WITH AND TAKING CARE OF AN OLD MAN IN LOS ANGELES WHOSE TELEPHONE NUMBER SHE HAD BUT CANNOT NOW LOCATE. HER FATHER LATER TOLD HER HE CAUGHT A RIDE WITH ANOTHER WINO BY THE NAME OF JIM OR BOB AND THE TWO DROVE TO PHOENIX, ARIZONA. ON ARRIVAL THEY WENT TO THE HOME OF HER FATHER'S AUNT BLANCHE HAMPTON, TWO THREE ZERO THREE PORTLAND STREET, PHOENIX. ANOTHER AUNT ELDA, ALSO RESIDES AT THAT ADDRESS.

HER MOTHER HAS REMARRIED AND IS MRS. MELVIN PACK, FOUR FOUR TWO ZERO WEST SOUTHERN, PHOENIX. HER FATHER ARRIVED AT HER RESIDENCE, FORT WORTH, ABOUT MARCH FIFTEEN, LAST, AND REMAINED THERE UNTIL ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO. ABOUT APRIL FIFTEEN, LAST, HER FATHER ASKED HER FOR MONEY SO HE COULD LEAVE INDICATING HE WANTED TO RETURN TO LOS ANGELES. SHE HAD NO MONEY AT THE TIME. HER FATHER PLACED A CALL ON HER TELEPHONE, WA FOUR NINE THREE ZERO NINE, TO AN INDIVIDUAL IN PHOENIX. HER FATHER INDICATED THIS WAS THE SAME PERSON WHO DROVE HIM FROM LOS ANGELES TO PHOENIX WHE HIS SISTER WAS ILL IN JAN. SHE BELIEVES HER FATHER CALLED A GARAGE BY THE NAME OF DON'S GARAGE IN PHOENIX.

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HER FATHER WAS UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE MAN ON THE OTHER END OF THE LINE AND ON HIS INSTRUCTIONS, SHE GAVE THIS MAN HER RESIDENCE TELEPHONE NUMBER. IN ABOUT TEN MINUTES, HER FATHER RECEIVED A PREPAID CALL FROM A MAN IN PHOENIX. SHE ANSWERED THE TELEPHONE AND HEARD SOMEONE PUTTING MONEY IN A TELEPHONE. THIS MAN TOLD HER FATHER TO COME TO PHOENIX AND LOCATE HIM BY LOOKING IN THE PHOENIX NEWSPAPER WHICH SHE BELIEVES WAS THE TIMES AND LOOK UNDER MISCELLANEOUS ADS FOR AN ADVERTISEMENT STATING, "HOUSE PAINTING, REPAIR, CARPENTER WORK, TELEPHONE NUMBER BLANK" AND TO CALL THAT NUMBER.

SHE BELIEVES HER FATHER IS IN PHOENIX OF LOS ANGELES AND PROMISES TO NOTIFY THE FT. WORTH RA IF SHE HEARS FROM HIM. SHE REQUESTED HER IDENTITY BE PROTECTED AS SHE DOES NOT WANT HER FATHER TO KNOW SHE HAS FURNISHED INFORMATION REGARDING HIM.

HER FATHER HAS A BROTHER, WILFORD LUNSFORD, WHO IS ALSO WINO AND USUALLY STAYS AROUND LOS ANGELES. WILFORD USUALLY DISTRIBUTES CIRCULARS FROM DOOR TO DOOR. SHE STATES HER FIVE SISTERS AND ONE BROTHER ALL PRESENTLY LIVE IN FT. WORTH AND SHE SEES THEM AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK. HER FATHER NEVER STAYS WITH THEM AND NONE OF THEM HAS HEARD FROM HIM SINCE HE LEFT FT. WORTH.

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ANOTHER SISTER, MRS. JAMES AHLIN DANIEL ALSO LIVES AT FOUR ONE THREE THREE COLE AND VERIFIED ALL OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION.

MRS. COWARD STATED ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO SHE GAVE HER FATHER SIXTY DOLLARS AND THE NEXT MORNING HE WAS GONE.

LOS ANGELES, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE WOODY LUNSFORD THROUGH RECTOR AND ST. FRANCIS HOTELS AND ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL WHO GAVE HIM A RIDE FROM LOS ANGELES TO PHOENIX IN JAN, LAST.

MRS. COWARD STATED THIS INDIVISUAL, ACCORDING TO HER FATHER, WHIPPED A MAN IN BAR IN LOS ANGELES FOR MOLESTING OR INSULTING A WOMAN. SHE BELIEVES THE NAME OF THE BAR WAS ANGELO'S OR ANTHONYS. SHE HAS NO IDEA WHEN THIS FIGHT OCCURRED.

PHOENIX AT PHOENIX, CONTACT LUNSFORD'S RELATIVES AND ATTEMPT TO LOCATE LUNSFORD. ASCERTAIN FROM RELATIVES IF THEY CAN IDENTIFY PERSON WH GAVE LUNSFORD RIDE TO PHOENIX IN JAN. SIXTYEIGHT.

DALLAS AT FT. WORTH, MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH MRS. COWARD FOR ANY INFORMATION THAT MIGHT ASSIST IN LOCATING HER FATHER HARRY LUNSFORD.

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