

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 1, 1968

FRANK L. BUTTERLY, 5453 Carlton Way, Los Angeles (Hollywood), California advised he has had the telephone number HO 3-7067 for approximately the past two years. He said it is an unpublished number.

BUTTERLY, a Caucasian, male, described himself as age 84. He said that in March, 1968, a man he knows only as "Woody" stayed with him for a short time. He described this man as a Caucasian, male, age about 50, height 5'7", weight about 135 pounds. He said "Woody" is a drifter and does odd painting jobs whenever he can find such work. He did some painting at the St. Francis hotel which is located in the same general area as his, BUTTERLY's residence. He also did some painting for BUTTERLY.

"Woody" left about one and one-half months ago, saying he had to go to Pheonix, Arizona where his sister had just died.

BUTTERLY said he knows nothing of any telephone calls from Fort Worth, Texas.

On April 30, 1968 at Los Angeles, California File # 44-1574 - 10-422
by SA FREDERICK J. PETERSEN *JP* Date dictated May 1, 1968

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ROBERT KEELEY advised he is the Day Clerk at the St. Francis hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles (Hollywood), California.

He said that HARRY LUNSFORD, who used the nickname "Woody", did work as a painter and stayed for a short time at the St. Francis hotel in early 1968. He described "Woody" as a Caucasian, male, height about 5'7", weight 135 pounds, age about 50. He recalled the man talking about a daughter in Pheonix, Arizona and mentioning that he had other relatives in the State of Texas, possibly in Dallas or Fort Worth. He was unable to recall the names of any of these relatives and said he is not aware of LUNSFORD's present whereabouts.

KEELEY said he has not seen "Woody" for about one and one-half months.

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1Date 5/7/68

WILLIAM FRENCH PAUL, Apartment 15, 5540 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, was interviewed at his residence at which time he furnished the following information:

Mr. PAUL related that he sometimes uses the telephone booths in the lobby of the St. Francis Hotel to call his mother, Mrs. HENRY EDGERTON, Pembroke, North Carolina, telephone 522-4689, and his sister, MARY FRENCHETTE, Mount Dora, Florida, telephone number EV 3-3254. Mr. PAUL related he has a telephone in his room which is HO 2-7053, but uses the telephone in the St. Francis Hotel lobby in order that he might tell the number of minutes he talks. By doing this, he related that he could keep his calls from being so long as they might otherwise be.

Mr. PAUL advised he patronizes the Sultan Room of the St. Francis Hotel. He usually goes to the Sultan Room, has a few beers, and then places his telephone calls. He was exhibited photographs depicting JAMES EARL RAY at which time he related the face appeared familiar as an individual he saw at the Sultan Room or the lobby of the St. Francis Hotel. He said he had never had any conversation with RAY and did not know anyone who might be acquainted with RAY.

The following description of PAUL was obtained through interview and observation:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	42
Birth data	
Height	5'9"
Weight	170 to 175 pounds
Hair	Black, becoming gray
Eyes	Brown

On 5/3/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574-D-424

by SAS WILLIAM N. HEARD and
BILLY DALE HUBBARD BDH/pjc Date dictated 5/6/68

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Date 4/29/68

ROBERT E. ESTERBROOK, Senior Security Agent, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, room 200, 742 South Hill Street, provided the following information, which appears on toll tickets for calls placed from the public coin telephone number 213-462-9910, located in the lobby of the St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California:

<u>Number Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>
202-337-5315	March 2	7:51 p.m.	4'17"
203-336-4947	February 26	11:18 p.m.	3'28"
214-374-2858	December 31	6:19 p.m.	9'17"
TO: STEVE WILKY 3102 Alaska			
214-657-2653	December 27	8:25 p.m.	3'19"
215-247-2027	January 3	7:37 p.m.	3'30"
215-586-2060	December 12	8:16 p.m.	3'58"
301-630-3182	February 11	10:03 a.m.	3'5"
314-361-9601	January 20	3:57 p.m.	4'22"
314-423-2348	January 2	9:47 p.m.	12'28"
(Name: BUD COOK, appeared on ticket)			
415-362-6160	December 11	12:29 p.m.	3'45"
415-362-6160	December 12	1:57 p.m.	4'15"
415-369-8370	February 20	8:53 p.m.	26'1"
215-369-8370	February 22	9:07 p.m.	6'9"
501-664-1478	February 16	1:47 p.m.	3'24"
(Collect Call)			
502-333-2728	January 2	9:12 p.m.	4'43"
(Name: KEN STURGES and Mrs. VERA D. 802 Washington Boulevard appeared on ticket)			

On 4/25/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574-D-425

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SA ROBERT F. JACOBS/RFJ/dp Date dictated 4/26/68

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<u>Number Called</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>
504-523-0930	December 22	7:48 p.m.	3'20"
612-866-4439	January 21	1:34 a.m.	12'10"
(Name: DONALDE MONTGOMERY, 5720 Clinton Avenue, appears on ticket)			
702-735-9713	December 23	3:28 p.m.	2'5"
714-247-8494	December 9	6:32 p.m.	4'7"
714-542-8215	January 7	3:06 p.m.	3'5"
714-542-8215	January 7	3:09 p.m.	3'5"
714-542-8215	January 21	3:02 p.m.	23"
714-542-8215	January 24	6:48 a.m.	2'8"
714-542-8215	February 22	1:06 p.m.	1'8"
714-686-9429	December 15	9:08 p.m.	6'19"
714-686-9429	December 26	9:06 p.m.	6'30"
714-686-9429	December 30	9:57 a.m.	7'34"
714-686-9429	December 30	10:34 a.m.	1'50"
714-686-9429	December 30	10:40 a.m.	1'5"
714-686-9429	January 13	11:56 a.m.	6'40"
714-686-9429	January 15	8:33 a.m.	1'37"
714-686-9429	January 18	7:58 p.m.	11'54"
714-686-9429	February 2	7:42 p.m.	2'26"
714-686-9429	February 5	6:00 p.m.	1'21"
714-686-9429	February 17	5:22 p.m.	11'3"
714-686-9429	March 13	3:37 p.m.	3'34"
714-639-2611	December 8	11:25 p.m.	3'23"
714-847-0169	February 23	2:11 p.m.	3'12"
714-847-6160	February 2	3:42 p.m.	3'5"
805-486-3285	February 16	7:42 p.m.	3'12"
805-495-0629	March 13	2:36 p.m.	2'
805-739-5582	February 9	6:11 p.m.	11'47"
813-834-5801	December 25	8:13 a.m.	3'28"
(Name: GEORGE DAVERNOY, 4701 San Jose Street, Tampa, Florida, appears on ticket)			
813-746-4584	December 31	6:12 p.m.	3'13"
906-643-1287	February 29	---- p.m.	3'51"
915-772-2711	January 9	7:26 p.m.	2'59"
916-925-8403	December 18	6:07 p.m.	5'40"
916-925-8403	December 20	10:05 p.m.	4'20"

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The above information was furnished on a confidential basis and should not be made public prior to the issuance of a subpoena duce tecum directed to the custodian of records, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, room 200, 742 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, California.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 5/1/68

ROBERT E. ESTERBROOK, Senior Security Agent,
Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, Room 200, 742
South Hill Street, Los Angeles, California, furnished
the identity of the subscriber to the telephone number
indicated:

TELEPHONE NUMBER

213-463-7067

SUBSCRIBER

FRANK L. BUTTERLY
5453 Carlton Way
Los Angeles, California
(nonpublished)

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On 5/1/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574-D-426

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1Date 5/2/68

ROBERT E. ESTERBROOK, Senior Security Agent,
Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, Room 200, 742
South Hill Street, Los Angeles, California, furnished
the identify of the subscriber to the below listed tele-
phone number:

TELEPHONE NUMBER

805-529-0444

SUBSCRIBER

ROBERT BARRARA
394 Susan
Moorpark, California
(published)

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basis and should not be made public prior to the issuance of
a subpoena duces tecum addressed to the Custodian of Records,
Room 200, 742 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, California.

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Date 4/29/68

ROBERT E. ESTERBROOK, Senior Security Agent,
Pacific Telephone and Telephone Company, Room 200, 742
South Hill Street, Los Angeles, California, furnished the
following list of subscribers to the following telephone
numbers:

TELEPHONE NUMBERSUBSCRIBER

348-6882

Carley's Poodle Patio
7226 Remmet
Canoga Park, California

534-1212

Taco Bell
2424 Morton
Torrance, California

780-5619

WILLIAM A. HOYT
8024 Woodman Avenue
Apartment 4
Van Nuys, California

674-7111

Inglewood Police Department
105 East Queen Street
Inglewood, California

6776309

Non-Payment Disconnected
WILLIAM E. BENOIT
3920 West Imperial Highway
Apartment 3
Inglewood, California

672-2277

Russell's Gulf Service Station
and Automotive
9200 Aviation
Los Angeles, California
(bills sent to RUSSELL MIGILORI)

On 4/26/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574-8-428

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TELEPHONE NUMBER

981-2658
(number changed
to 345-6634 on
April 15, 1968)

area code 714
633-9456

area code 714
835-3232

SUBSCRIBER

RANDY S. SMITH
old address was
15483 Moorpark
Sherman Oaks,
California;
new address
7248 Lasaine Avenue
Reseda, California

JOHN MC LAUGHLIN
1300 North Schaffer
Apartment N2
Orange, California
(address is omitted from
directory)

Nation-Wide Auto Recovery
1212 North Sycamore
Santa Ana, California

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Date 4/29/68

ROBERT E. ESTERBROOK, Senior Security Agent, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, Room 200, 742 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, California, furnished the following information from toll billings for telephone number 213-463-9449, subscribed to by RITA RODE, 5666 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, California:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE CALLED</u>	<u>NUMBER CALLED</u>
2/20	12:01 p.m.	Redondo	379-5411
2/22	9:17 p.m.	Inglewood	677-6309
2/22	9:05 p.m.	Inglewood	677-6309
2/22	8:52 p.m.	Inglewood	677-6309
3/12	New Orleans	New Orleans, Louisiana	947-0930
3/15	3:14 p.m.	Santa Ana, California	714-835-2332
3/19	2:33 p.m.	Pocomoke, Maryland	301-957-2337
3/20	3:15 p.m.	Orange, California	714-633-9456
3/21	Mo	New Orleans, Louisiana	945-7312
3/22 3/23	New Orleans	New Orleans, Louisiana	945-7312
4/4	6:59 p.m.	New Orleans, Louisiana	504-945-7312
3/7	1:18 p.m.	Inglewood	672-2277

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE CALLED</u>	<u>NUMBER CALLED</u>
3/9	4:13 p.m.	Norwalk	866-2246
3/9	8:16 p.m.	Van Nuys	981-2658
3/10	9:39 p.m.	Van Nuys	981-2658
3/10	11:21 p.m.	Malibu	456-3297
3/11	10:22 p.m.	Van Nuys	981-2658
3/11	10:57 p.m.	Inglewood	674-7111
3/12	2:53 p.m.	Canoga Park	348-6882
3/14	12:29 p.m.	Lomita	534-1212
3/15	7:20 p.m.	Van Nuys	981-2658
3/20	8:22 p.m.	Santa Monica	828-3510
3/29	10:37 p.m.	Van Nuys	780-5619
3/30	11:38 p.m.	Santa Monica	396-7156
3/31	2:48 a.m.	Santa Monica	396-7156
3/31	2:35 p.m.	Santa Monica	396-7156

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1Date 4/29/68

PIERCE MARTIN, Director of Security, General Telephone Company, 2224 Colorado Avenue, Santa Monica, California, furnished the identities of subscribers to the telephone numbers listed below:

TELEPHONE NUMBERSUBSCRIBERS

456-3297

DENNIS CALLIGAN
25200 Malibu Road
Apartment 1
Malibu, California

828-3510

(non-published number)
"Los Angeles Times"
2932 Wilshire
Santa Monica, California

379-5411

City of Redondo Beach Offices
401 Diamond
Redondo Beach, California

866-2246

C. E. SMITH
9746 East Park
Apartment 17
Bellflower, California

396-7156

B. P. GORDAN
422 Rialto Avenue
Venice, California

The above information was furnished on a confidential basis and should not be made public prior to the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum addressed to the Custodian of Records, General Telephone Company, 2224 Colorado Avenue, Santa Monica, California.

On 4/26/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574-D-430

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1Date 4/30/68

PIERCE MARTIN, Director of Security, General Telephone Company, 2224 Colorado Avenue, Santa Monica, California, furnished the identity of a subscriber to the telephone number listed below:

TELEPHONE NUMBER

805-482-3057

SUBSCRIBER

DAN C. PEREZ
1172 Durkin Street
Camarillo, California
installed June 23, 1966

The above information was furnished on a confidential basis and should not be made public prior to the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum address to the Custodian of Records, General Telephone Company, 2224 Colorado Avenue, Santa Monica, California.

On 4/30/68 at Santa Monica, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574-0-431

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1Date 4/30/68

JOE PETERS, Bartender, Sultan Room, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised that he had asked LOUIS LOMAX to remove himself and his business from the Sultan Room at the St. Francis Hotel. PETERS stated that LOMAX was interfering with the business at the bar.

PETERS stated that with regard to female associates of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as, Eric Starvo Galt, he remembered, there was a blond Caucasian female, with whom RAY engaged in conversation approximately in February. PETERS stated that this girl wears her hair short and combed back and goes by the name of "DARRELL". He said that he believes her to be a lesbian-prostitute. He said that she was a user of narcotics and also a heavy drinker. He said that recently she was living with a Spanish-American male who is known as "RAY". He said that "RAY" was a former boxer who was recently arrested. He stated that prior to "DARRELL's" association with "RAY", she was kept by JACK PENDLETON. PETERS described PENDLETON as a Caucasian male, with a crippled leg. He said that according to his knowledge, PENDLETON is presently in the Veterans Hospital, Los Angeles. PETERS said that PENDLETON pimped for "DARRELL". PETERS said that somehow he obtained word that "DARRELL" is presently in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, or Minneapolis, Minnesota. PETERS said that there are several women that frequent the Sultan Room and/or that particular area on Hollywood Boulevard, with the names, "HELENE", "HELENA", and/or "HELEN". He advised that there is a "HELENA" (Last Name Unknown), who is middle aged, that works at a Thrifty Drug somewhere in Hollywood, and that frequents the bars. He advised that there is a middle age woman named ALISA (phonetic) who has a daughter that is a go-go-dancer. He said that he believes ALISA is a dancer or was a dancer.

PETERS stated that he will attempt to develop information as to the identities of these individuals and will relate this information as soon as it is obtained.

On 4/25/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574-10-432
by SA E. RHEAD RICHARDS and SA DENNIS C. LEMASTER/DCL/dp Date dictated 4/26/68

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JOE PETERS, 5493 Fernwood Avenue, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

PETERS stated he was a bartender at the Sultan Room, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, until he terminated his employment on April 26, 1968. He stated that there were no fry cooks employed at the Sultan Room.

PETERS stated that a woman named DYRELL DENNIS and a man named RAY, whose last name he did not know, stayed in a room registered to JACK PENDELTON at the St. Francis Hotel. PETERS described RAY as a Mexican American, 5'2" or 3", 130 pounds, dark hair, dark eyes, and unkept appearance. PETERS described RAY as a wino and that he has no control over his physical excretion faculties which is obvious to those in his presence. PETERS continued that RAY sometimes worked at a hamburger stand in the vicinity of the St. Francis Hotel. He related that DENNIS and RAY were drunk most of the time.

PETERS stated that DENNIS and RAY stayed at the St. Francis Hotel room registered to JACK PENDELTON where they usually slept on the floor. PETERS stated that PENDELTON is presently in a hospital, the name of which or location of which he does not know, for the amputation of a limb.

On 4/28/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574-0-433
by SA THEODORE J. A'HEARN:jmk Date dictated 5/1/68

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1Date 4/30/68

Mrs. ELSIE POIRIER, Manager, Staton Hotel, 1536 North Western Avenue, advised that she was not familiar with any persons by the name of RAY FERNANDEL or JACK PENDLETON. Mrs. POIRIER advised that the description of FERNANDEL did not fit anyone who had stayed at the hotel in the last several years. She advised that most of the hotel residents were permanent and that no such individuals were residing with any of the permanent guests.

On 4/29/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574-D-434
by SA WILLIAM JOHN SLICKS^{WJS} and
SA RICHARD H. ROSS/RHR/fem Date dictated 4/29/68

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Records of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, Los Angeles, California, reflect that telephone number 294-3997 is listed to Dr. THEODORE EVANS, 4295 Don Carlos Drive, Baldwin Hills, California. The billing for this number is sent to 2608 West Santa Barbara Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

A review of the billing for this number is as follows:

January, 1968:

El Segundo	322-1212
Santa Monica	398-3226
El Segundo	322-1212
El Segundo	322-1212
El Segundo	322-1212
El Segundo	322-1212
Hawthorne	676-5642
Hawthorne	676-5642
Compton	639-5515
Pasadena	794-8334
Pasadena	798-2619
Redondo Beach	375-7594
Santa Monica	451-1558

February, 1968:

Chicago, Illinois	363-8794
San Francisco, California	731-1640
Chicago, Illinois	363-8794
San Francisco, California	731-1640
Salisbury, North Carolina	633-2506
Newhall, California	259-4880

On 4/29/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574-10-435
by WMB
SA WALTER M. BRADY:gcw Date dictated 4/29/68

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San Francisco, California	731-1640
Newhall, California	259-4880
San Francisco, California	731-1640
El Segundo	322-1212
El Segundo	322-1212
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El Segundo	322-1212
El Segundo	322-1212
El Segundo	322-1212
El Segundo	322-1212
Redondo	375-7594
Hawthorne	679-7101
El Segundo	322-1212

March, 1968:

San Francisco	731-1640
San Francisco	731-1640
San Francisco	731-1640
Santa Monica	451-1558
Santa Monica	451-1558

April, 1968:

San Francisco, California	731-1640
Anaheim	535-8171
Anaheim	535-8171
San Diego	262-1685
Compton	639-5515
Santa Monica	398-3226
Redondo Beach	375-7594
Pasadena	797-1946

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The files of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, Los Angeles, California, reflect the following listings:

Newhall	259-4880 This number is listed to County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Office c/o Wayside Honor Rancho 29300 Golden State Highway Castiac, California
797-1946	This number is listed to LEROY MIMS 753 West Figueroa Drive Altadena, California
798-2619	This is a non-published number listed to LILIE GARRIS 1880 Belmont Avenue, Pasadena, California
794-8334	This number is listed to Dr. JAMES KING, JR. 3608 Monterosa Drive, Altadena, California
676-5642	This number is listed to RAYMOND A. KRAMER . 11412 Dehn Avenue, Inglewood, California
679-7101	This number is listed to BOB BURKHARDT 13806 Glasgow Place, Hawthorne, California
322-1212	This number is listed to Hacienda International Hotel, 525 North Sepulveda, El Segundo, California

On 4/29/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574-D-436
mmmb
by SA WALTER M. BRADY:gcw Date dictated 4/29/68

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639-5515

This number is listed to ROSS MILLER, JR.
537 West Compton Boulevard, Compton, California

535-8171

This number is listed to Disneyland Hotel
1441 South West Street, Anaheim, California.

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1Date 4/19/68

DAVID L. WALLACE, Owner, Jamaica Bay Inn, 4175 Admiralty Way, furnished the following information:

Telephone number 823-5333 is the number through which all incoming calls are received at the Jamaica Bay Inn. There is no record of incoming calls. A record is maintained for all outgoing calls.

Telephone records for November, 1967 through March, 1968 were reviewed by WALLACE and no outgoing calls were placed to telephone number 469-8096.

On 4/19/68 at Marina Del Rey, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574-10-437
by SA WILLIAM S. BURTON/dlp Date dictated 4/19/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/18/68

ROBERT E. ESTERBROOK, Senior Security Agent, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, Room 200, 742 South Hill Street, advised that toll ticket Serial Number 390938 reveals that a call was placed from telephone 213-469-8096 to TED GREEN (phonetic), telephone number 209-753-2353 at 2:24 p.m. on December 10, 1967 (Sunday). The call was completed and lasted for a duration of two minutes and thirty-three seconds. The name of the person placing the call was not shown on the toll ticket.

Mr. ESTERBROOK is retaining the original toll ticket in his possession at the telephone company.

The above information is confidential and cannot be made public without the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. The subpoena should be addressed to ROBERT E. BITNER, Chief Special Agent, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, Room 200, 742 South Hill Street.

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1Date 5/2/68

ROBERT E. ESTERBROOK, Senior Security Agent, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph, Room 200, 742 South Hill Street, furnished the identity of the subscriber to the telephone number listed below:

Telephone NumberSubscriber

472-7709

STEVEN BOMSE
11767 Sunset Boulevard
West Los Angeles, California

ESTERBROOK advised that the above number was disconnected February 28, 1968, and is not now a working number.

The above information was furnished on a confidential basis and should not be made public prior to the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum addressed to the Custodian of Records, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, Room 200, 742 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, California.

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ROBERT E. ESTERBROOK, Senior Security Agent,
Pacific Telephone and Telegraph, Room 200, 742 South Hill
Street, furnished the identity of subscribers to the telephone
numbers listed below:

TELEPHONE NUMBERSUBSCRIBER

805-529-0133

351 1351c
MANUEL GARCIA
Everett
Moorpark, California
installed May, 1967

213-256-8027

JOHN C. MC CALLUM
242 Camino Del Sol
South Pasadena, California
installed February 12, 1965

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basis and should not be made public prior to the issuance of
a subpoena duces tecum addressed to the Custodian of Records,
Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, Room 200, 742 South
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1Date 6/5/68

L. O. POINDEXTER, Postal Inspector, 312 South Spring Street, advised that Post Office Box 643, Beverly Hills, California, was rented on April 1, 1968, to KENT ABRAMS. ABRAMS listed his business as Comptroller, Hamburger Hamlet, 118 South Beverly Drive, Los Angeles. When renting the box, ABRAMS presented a business card which bore the name, Trans-Computer Associates, 18232 Kingsbury Drive, Northridge, California. The business card listed L. A. GLENN as Associate Director of Trans-Computer Associates. Concerning mail received by C. M. HEDGPETH, Mail Forwarding Agent, for ERIC S. GALT, POINDEXTER advised that as far as the Post Office Department is concerned, once mail is delivered to HEDGPETH, it is considered out of the postal system, and the Post Office Department has no further interest in the matter. POINDEXTER explained that HEDGPETH is acting as an agent for his customers. Forwarding or final disposition of mail after it is delivered to HEDGPETH is a matter between HEDGPETH and his customers and of no concern of the Post Office Department. POINDEXTER advised that HEDGPETH could open the letter, return it to the sender, forward it, or file a notice with the Post Office Department that he no longer wished to receive mail for a particular customer.

On 5/29/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574-D-441
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C. M. HEDGPETH, 406 South Second Street, Alhambra, California, was contacted and advised of the opinion of the Postal Inspector, L. O. POINDEXTER, concerning a letter received for ERIC S. GALT. HEDGPETH requested the letter postmarked May 27, 1968, at Canoga Park, California, be opened and after the FBI had no further use for it that it be returned for final disposition.

On 5/29/68 at Alhambra, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574 - D-442
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DALE SMITH, Postmaster, Beverly Hills, California, advised that Post Office Box 643, Beverly Hills, California, was rented by OWEN D. NEIGHBOUR on March 31, 1961. In June, 1966, he furnished his address as 1346 Dawnridge Drive, Beverly Hills, telephone number CR 1-4169. On March 25, 1968, NEIGHBOUR did not renew his rental of the Post Office Box and submitted a forwarding address care of PAUL NEWLIN, 417 Academy Street, Newark, Delaware. He instructed that mail be forwarded to that address until May 30, 1968.

On 5/31/68 at Beverly Hills, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574-D-443
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1Date 6/5/68

KENT ABRAMS, 19021 Gledhill Street, Northridge, California, was interviewed at his place of business, 118 South Beverly Drive. He advised he rented Post Office Box 643, Beverly Hills Station, Los Angeles, about six or eight weeks ago. He stated he rented the box for a friend, LOU A. GLENN and a couple of GLENN's friends, who were starting a business. The business was to be known as Trans-Computer Associates and the business would attempt to locate compatible marriage partners through computer analysis. ABRAMS stated he never picked up any mail at the Post Office and the business was never really activated. He advised he did not send a letter addressed to ERIC S. GALT, using Post Office Box 643 as a return address. He said he had no idea who might have sent the letter. ABRAMS observed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC S. GALT, and he advised he did not know this individual.

On 5/29/68 at Beverly Hills, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574 *D-444*
by SA's THEODORE M. GARDNER and FRANCIS G. KAHL/plf Date dictated 5/29/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 18, 1968

Mrs. MABEL DEWEY, manager, Horton Court Apartments, 1631-1639 North Kingsley Drive, Los Angeles (Hollywood), who resides in the apartment at 1633 North Kingsley, was interviewed at her residence on April 18, 1968, at which time she furnished the following information:

She has managed the Horton Court Apartments for a number of years, for the owner, Mr. RUSSELL HORTON, who resides at 4849 Longridge Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California. His telephone number is 213-789-5664.

The Horton Court Apartments have maintained a charge account at the Rompage Hardware company, 5542 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. During the years that she has managed the apartments they have made numerous purchases from that hardware company, including pliers. She had no recollection, however, of any purchases of duck-billed pliers at any time during the years she has been the manager of the apartments.

Mrs. DEWEY made the maintenance workshop of the apartments available for examination. No duck-billed pliers were noted.

Photographs of various individuals, including two photos of ERIC GALT, were exhibited to Mrs. DEWEY, and she was unable to identify GALT as anyone she had ever seen.

Mrs. DEWEY's home telephone number is NOrmandie 5-0260.

On 4/18/68 at Los Angeles, California File # 44 - 1574 - D-445
by SAS G. J. MOOREHEAD /jw
GILBERT G. BENJAMIN: GGB Date dictated 4/18/68 GGB

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 4/24/68

CHARLES CALVIN BOOKMAN was contacted by FBI Agents at his residence, Apartment 201, 948 South Figueroa, Los Angeles. At the outset of the interview, BOOKMAN was advised that he was being requested to come to the Los Angeles Office of the FBI to be interviewed in connection with his knowledge of the activities of JAMES EARL RAY. BOOKMAN was also advised that his appearance at the FBI Office was strictly voluntary and he agreed to accompany the Agents to the office.

At the outset of the interview in the Los Angeles Office of the FBI, BOOKMAN executed a voluntary appearance; an Advise of Rights Form, which he acknowledged he read and understood. He stated that between 3:00 and 3:30 p.m. on April 19, 1968, he received a telephone call from a man he knew in Leavenworth Penitentiary as JIM RAY. BOOKMAN was displayed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and selected a photograph with closed eyes as the best likeness of the man from whom he received the telephone call. He stated that the man identified himself in the call as JIM RAY and stated that he was "around town". The caller also stated that he needed money and when BOOKMAN stated he did not have any, the caller requested that if anyone asked about him BOOKMAN was to say that he had not seen him. The caller also stated that if BOOKMAN could furnish him no help, he was going to have to go to a mission possibly in San Pedro.

BOOKMAN stated that the only first name he has ever called RAY is "JIM", however, when both were serving time in Leavenworth he heard RAY called "RALPH" and "EDDIE".

BOOKMAN stated he first met RAY in the Trustee Farm, which was across the river from the main prison at Leavenworth Penitentiary. BOOKMAN stated he was transferred from Springfield to Leavenworth in the summer of 1956 and left there in May of 1957 when RAY was still there. BOOKMAN served as a cook in the Trustee Farm kitchen and RAY was serving food in the same kitchen. About two months before BOOKMAN left Leavenworth, a Negro was placed in charge of the Trustee Farm as Steward

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At this time prison authorities also began integrating sleeping quarters which formerly had been segregated at the farm into two white dormitories and two Negro dormitories. At this time RAY requested a return to the main prison because he was opposed to integration. BOOKMAN stated that he knew RAY about two months in the farm and that they played dominos together and saw one another regularly.

BOOKMAN stated that the next time he saw RAY was in the Spring of 1961 when he met him in a Greyhound Bus Station which is part of the Pickwick Hotel in Kansas City. He saw RAY for about an hour and had a drink with him at a bar at the Pickwick Hotel. At that time, RAY stated he was living in Southern Missouri but did not say where. BOOKMAN continued on his bus trip and the last time he saw RAY was about August 20, 1967 in the Amber Room of the Figueroa Hotel in Los Angeles. BOOKMAN came in to the Amber Room and RAY was seated at a bar with a blonde woman, age 20 to 22 and "not too tall". During conversation with RAY and the woman, he gained the impression that RAY was living with the woman but could not recall the name of the woman or any other identifying data. During this conversation RAY stated he had been working aboard a ship not further identified and was currently unemployed. BOOKMAN gained the impression that RAY was working out of New Orleans. BOOKMAN stated that he stayed with RAY for about an hour and then left furnishing RAY his address and telephone number. He stated that he never saw RAY or the girl again. He knows that RAY was apparently fairly well off since he bought all the drinks while they were together.

While in Leavenworth, RAY was a close associate of "BINNY" BINNION who was currently behind the scenes owner of the Horseshoe Club in Las Vegas. RAY was also associated with WILLIE LEVINE while in prison, who was about 60 years old and serving time for a narcotics violation. LEVINE was from Los Angeles and BOOKMAN believes that he is deceased.

BOOKMAN stated that all baked goods for the Trustee Farm came from across the river in the main prison. BOOKMAN stated that he also cooked in the main prison kitchen before going to the Trustee Farm.

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It was pointed out to BOOKMAN that RAY never went to the Trustee Farm at Leavenworth and BOOKMAN then stated that he might possibly have met RAY while in the main prison.

It was pointed out to BOOKMAN that RAY was in prison in the Spring of 1961 when BOOKMAN stated he had met RAY in Kansas City. BOOKMAN then furnished an account of his activities beginning in 1957 and concluded that it must have been August or September 1959 when he met RAY in Kansas City.

It was suggested to BOOKMAN that if he was mistaken in some details he might be mistaken about the identity of the person who called him on the afternoon of April 19, 1968. BOOKMAN stated that he had absolutely no doubt that the person who called him was identical with the photograph of JIM RAY which had been displayed to him. BOOKMAN was advised that it was a violation of Federal law to harbor a fugitive and that it was also a violation of Federal law to furnish material false information to Federal authorities. BOOKMAN conceded that there might be inaccuracies in some of the information he furnished but reiterated that he had received a phone call from JAMES EARL RAY on the afternoon of April 19, 1968. During the course of the interview with BOOKMAN it was noted that BOOKMAN is incased in a cast from his upper chest to the foot of his left leg. He advised that he had been in four accidents in his life in addition to being treated for numerous ailments including a diabetic condition, kidney and liver infections, and a congenital hip defect. He has been treated at United States Public Health Hospitals in Memphis, Tennessee; Baltimore, Maryland; Galveston, Texas; and San Francisco, California, as well as other hospitals which include St. Francis Hospital, Billings, Montana; County Hospital, Salt Lake City, Utah; Coronado Hospital, San Diego, California; Marine Hospital, Norfolk, Virginia; Community Hospital, Indio, California; Los Angeles County Hospital and John Wesley Hospital, Los Angeles.

He was involved in an accident while working in Glendive, Montana, and received \$5,700 in Workman's Compensation from a board in Helena, Montana, in May of 1957. He was involved in an accident in Jackson, Wyoming, when hit by an automobile

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in July of 1958. He was hit by an automobile on the Coronado Ferry in San Diego in January 1963, and in October 1967, he was struck by an automobile driven by a priest in Indio, California, which resulted in a broken hip and other ailments for which he is still in a cast.

BOOKMAN furnished a personal history of his migrant activities. He has worked as a cook in numerous cities throughout the country mostly in the South and far West, usually for only a few days or weeks at a time. He stated that for the past ten years he has rarely worked and has made a living as a cardsharp when not hospitalized. He stated he was represented by Attorney MAURICE BOUDREAU in San Diego in litigation arising out of the accident on the Coronado Ferry. He also advised that he had been treated by Dr. LINDSTROM in Salt Lake City as a result of the accident in Jackson, Wyoming.

The following description of BOOKMAN was obtained from observation and interview:

Name	CHARLES CALVIN BOOKMAN
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Richmond, Virginia
Height	5 feet, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches
Weight	150 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown and thinning
Residence	Apartment 201, Belmont Apartments 948 South Figueroa Los Angeles, California
Occupation	Cook
Social Security Number	
Physical Disability	Diabetic, for which he takes intermittent insulin shots; congenital hip injury which has caused him to limp through his life.
Arrest Record	

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Arrest Record
(continued)

1933 - Richmond Police Department
Stolen Rental Car
Dismissed

1944 - Sacramento Police Department
Forgery
1 - 15 years San Quentin

1948-9 - United States Secret Service
Forgery
19 months

1950 - Richmond Police Department
Grand larceny
2 years

1953 - Cocoa, Florida
Parole Violator
Returned to Richmond

1953-4 - United States Marshal
Interstate Transportation of
Stolen Property
6 months
Suspended

1955 - FBI
Probation violation
2 years

September 1967 - Las Vegas Police
Department
Drunk
7 days, \$25

During interview, BOOKMAN denied being an alcoholic
or ever having been treated for alcoholism.

Relatives

Father: CHARLES GILMORE BOOKMAN
Died 1921

Mother: HETTIE ELLICE BOOKMAN
Died 1960

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Relatives
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Brother: WILLIAM J. BOOKMAN
Minister
Methodist Church
Suffolk, Virginia

Sister: Mrs. ROBERT (FRANCES) PECK
3655 East Front Avenue
Norfolk, Virginia

Sister: Mrs. WILLIAM (HETTIE MAY)
MATTHEWS, Jr.
Richmond, Virginia

Wife: ARLENE DUGGER
nee BACON
Current residence somewhere in
Iowa
Married 1941
Divorced 1945

Daughter: Mrs. JERRY (KAREN) BRIGHT
Danville, Virginia

Nephew: ROBERT BOOKMAN
University of Florida at Gainesville

Nephew: WILLIAM BOOKMAN, Jr.
Emporia, Virginia

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 4/25/68

Mrs EDITH F. DURY, Principal, Grant Elementary School, 1530 North Wilton Place, Los Angeles, California, made available for examination the school records (cumulative record cards and enrollment sheets) for CHERYL, KIM, and LINO ROSAS, on April 25, 1968, in her office at the school at which time the following information was obtained.

CHERYL MARIA ROSAS (DeMEN)

This child was born [redacted] at New Orleans, Louisiana. The school record indicates there was a birth certificate presented when the child was enrolled; and the last name on the birth certificate was DeMEN. An affidavit for change of name was submitted on June 1, 1965 by RITA ROSAS to change this child's name from CHERYL MARIA DeMEN to CHERYL ROSAS. School records also indicate the child's mother to have been RITA STEIN ROSAS born in New Orleans, Louisiana (housewife), and the child's stepfather to have been STAN ROSAS also born in New Orleans (occupation-car salesman).

This child was one of four children in the same family. She had two younger brothers, LINO and DINO, and an older sister, KIM.

While in grade A-1, she was given a scholastic capacity test on which her index was rated at 70.

The school history portion of the cum card showed the following entries:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Home Address</u>	<u>School Enrolled in</u>	<u>Home Telephone No.</u>
9/29/65	1311 North Citrus	Selma Avenue	HO 5-6978
12/13/65	3340 Floyd Terrace	Valley View	HO 4-3603
5/13/66	4132 Clayton Avenue	Los Feliz	665-6906
9/16/66	3340 Floyd Terrace	Valley View	HO 3-5281
1/2/68	5666 Franklin Avenue	Grant	HO 3-9449
1/30/68	5666 Franklin Avenue	Grant	HO 3-9449

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SAs THEODORE M. GARDNER/AG
by GILBERT G. BENJAMIN/CGB/vaa Date dictated 4/25/68

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In the section for comments by teachers under the caption, "Summary of Observations," the child's teachers made the following comments: Kindergarten, "Academic growth slow. Needs to improve listening habits." B-1, "Poor language expressions hinder school progress. No effort made in reading or arithmetic. Needs help in learning to listen and follow directions, in improving peer relations." A-1, "Very slow. Only here 19 days."

An enrollment form (34-E-20) submitted to Grant Elementary School noting date of enrollment at that school as January 2, 1968, indicates CHERYL MARIA ROSAS was born in New Orleans, Louisiana. Her father, LINO ROSAS, was born in Louisiana also and was indicated on this form to be deceased. The child's mother was shown as RITA ROSAS STEIN.

KIM MARIE ROSAS (DeMEN)

School records show this child's date of birth to have been [redacted], and her place of birth as New Orleans, Louisiana. Her father was listed as STANLEY born New York, New York (occupation - car salesman); mother RITA STEIN (occupation - housewife).

The school history portion of her cum card shows the following additional entries to those on the card for CHERYL MARIA ROSAS:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Home Address</u>	<u>School Enrolled in</u>	<u>Home Telephone No.</u>
9/14/64	2030 East Florence	Florence Avenue	LU 5-5947
10/19/64	1311 North Citrus	Selma Avenue	HO 4-8424

Teacher's comments concerning this child's academic growth and development include the following: "Slow in academic growth." "Below average." "Very low in academic work. Needs much remedial help." "Very short attention span. Below class in emotional growth. Very immature and dependent."

LINO ROSAS

School records show this child's date of birth to have been [redacted] at New Orleans, Louisiana. The person to notify in case of an emergency was listed as MARIE DeGRASSE, 5413 Hollywood Boulevard (telephone 464-1131, extension 201).

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1Date 4/3/68

BO DEL MONTE, 1229 North Bronson, Los Angeles, California, was asked if he knew a buxom blond named "BARBARA" who worked at the Vegas Club. He said that he knew this individual and that according to his knowledge she is presently working in Reno, Nevada. He stated that she formerly lived in the 1200 block on Bronson.

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Date 4/16/68

ALBERT LEWIS ABSTON, also known as Gilbert R. Abston and Hardrock was interviewed at the Los Angeles County Jail where he was then prisoner under booking number 688086. ABSTON, who stated he could always be contacted through LOUELLEN HILL, 1775 Freeman Avenue, Long Beach, California, telephone number 438-5210, advised as follows:

Pictures of the suspected killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING appeared in the April 13, 1968 issue of the "Los Angeles Times". The profile picture "fits to a tee" one WILLIAM LENNARD or LENNORD who, in 1957 or 1958, served time in Draper Prison, Elmore, Alabama with ABSTON. LENNARD was serving time on a manslaughter charge for the shooting of a Negro. LENNARD, ABSTON's cellmate, told ABSTON that prior to his, LENNARD's, arrest, he had followed KING from Bessemer, Alabama, to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, in hopes of getting an opportunity of shooting KING. LENNARD's talk centered around his hatred of Negroes. LENNARD was always figuring ways of "getting rid" of KING. He said he would do it if no one beat him to it. LENNARD's father, a gunsmith, made LENNARD a gun which could not be traced. During time LENNARD was ABSTON's cellmate the name of GALT was mentioned, although ABSTON could not recall details.

ABSTON described LENNARD as follows:

Name	WILLIAM LENNARD or WILLIAM LENNORD
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	35 to 36 years (as of 1968)
Height	5'11" to 6'
Weight	175 to 180 pounds
Hair	Brownish - red, butch haircut
Eyes	Not certain of color but strongly believed to be blue
Scars and marks	None noticed
Peculiarities	Southern drawl
Residence	Bessemer, Alabama
Miscellaneous	Knew south side of Birmingham,

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 by SA SAMUEL W. NORTH, JR./nmb Date dictated 4/15/68

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Miscellaneous cont. Alabama, like "palm of hand" -
was "daredevil type",
raced motorcycles

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/16/68

VICTOR SCAPA, Owner, Palos Verdes Cleaners, 27420 Hawthorne Boulevard, advised that a check of his records shows that laundry ticket number 658 for \$1.37 bore the name H. H. BROWN. This laundry was received in the shop on or about July 21, 1967. Because of the amount, SCAPA was of the opinion the laundry consisted of three shirts. He further advised that he does not recall customer BROWN and he is no longer a customer at the laundry. He said his records showed the following additional entries for H. H. BROWN:

<u>TICKET NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
364	6/24/67	\$1.70
575	7/11/67	\$1.03
809	7/29/67	\$2.57
874	8/3/67	\$1.70

On 4/16/68 at Palos Verdes Estates, Cal File # Los Angeles 44-1574-D-450
by SA RICHARD H. ROSS ^{RMK}
SA FRANCIS G. KAHL/met Date dictated 4/16/68

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1Date 4/15/68

Mrs. WANETA F. CORNELIOUS, 14018 Greenstone Avenue, Norwalk, California, advised that California license UKM 731 was issued to her for use on a 1967 Mustang, gold in color. This Mustang is in the possession of her daughter, DEBORAH RADVANSKY, and son-in-law, GEORGE RADVANSKY, Jr.

RADVANSKY is presently assigned to the Millington Naval Station, Memphis, Tennessee, and was in possession of the Mustang on April 3 and April 4, 1968. GEORGE RADVANSKY, Jr., is presently residing at 3362 Dawn Drive, Apartment 4, Memphis, Tennessee.

On 4/13/68 at Norwalk, California File # Los Angeles 44-1574-D-451
by SA RICHARD P. DOUCETTE and RPD
SA JOHN P. HELFRICH/RPD/vjh/mlh DA Date dictated 4/15/68

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1Date 5/24/68

Mr. STEPHEN THOME was telephonically contacted at 355 West Acacia Street, Glendale, and was advised it had been learned his father, HAROLD J. THOME, had obtained a ride to Worthington, Texas, on March 9, 1968, allegedly to visit a son or son-in-law in that town. THOME stated he was positive his family had no relatives anywhere in Texas and had no idea whom his father might have visited.

THOME volunteered that his father had called him on Monday night, May 20, 1968, from an unknown location, paying for the call. He told his father the FBI wanted to talk to him and urged his father to contact them and clear the matter up. His father refused, stating he was afraid the FBI would kill him, just as the Los Angeles Police would do if they could find him. THOME stated this indicated the serious mental condition of his father. THOME also stated his father had been intensely interested in World Peace and Brotherhood since the start of his mental illness. He stated his father was sure there were warrants outstanding for him in California, and he would not return to California for that reason.

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ALLAN O. THOMPSON, Manager, St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, advised that during a conversation with a Caucasian male, whom he refused to identify, certain events were recalled by him concerning JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt. THOMPSON said this unnamed individual inquired about the relationship between JAMES EARL RAY and another Caucasian male of whom he heard GALT call "J.C." THOMPSON said this unnamed individual approached him in an effort to "get a piece of the action" concerning the reward money offered as a result of the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. THOMPSON said that during March, prior to the departure of JAMES EARL RAY, he remembered receiving two, possibly three, long-distance telephone calls for ERIC GALT, while THOMPSON was operating the hotel switchboard. THOMPSON said that when he advised the caller that ERIC GALT had no telephone in his room, the man requested THOMPSON to leave a message for ERIC GALT to call JAMES C. HARDIN collect. This caller also provided the city and operator number. THOMPSON said he relayed this information to ERIC GALT on each occasion. He advised the telephone calls came from both Atlanta and New Orleans.

THOMPSON said that subsequent to these telephone calls, a person who identified himself as JAMES C. HARDIN, came to the St. Francis Hotel shortly after the last of the recalled telephonic contacts. THOMPSON said this individual did not reside at the St. Francis Hotel. He advised that HARDIN may have stayed the night at the St. Francis on an unofficial basis in that he believes he remembers observing HARDIN slip out the side door of the hotel early one morning shortly thereafter.

THOMPSON described HARDIN as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Age	35 - 40 years
Height	5'7" - 8"
Weight	140 - 150 pounds
Hair	Dark, combed back, cut short
Eyes	Possibly dark

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Build
Complexion
Characteristics

Slender
Dark, slightly acne scared
Perhaps spoke with a slight
Southern accent

THOMPSON stated in reference to the telephone calls to ERIC GALT by JAMES C. HARDIN, that they all occurred within a few days of each other. He advised on one occasion, the operator was placing the telephone call for HARDIN. He said that on the other occasions, he believes HARDIN dialed directly.

THOMPSON said the individual who brought HARDIN to his attention does not wish to identify himself. THOMPSON said he believes the reason for this is that the individual is a subject of a local warrant. He said that when he suggested that this individual contact the FBI concerning any knowledge that he may have concerning the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, the individual replied that he could not contact the FBI. THOMPSON was advised that he should recontact this individual and inform him that it is imperative that he be contacted by Bureau Agents. THOMPSON said that he would inform this individual of this request.

THOMPSON was further advised of the importance of this matter and that he must provide this unknown individual's name. He was also informed that it was possible that he would be subpoenaed to provide this information. THOMPSON refused and said that he made a promise to this individual, and he fully intends to keep this promise. THOMPSON said that it would take court action to induce him to identify this individual.

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CHARLES SHERIDAN, Bartender, Angeleno's, 1657 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California, advised that DAVE FITZWATER is known to him as either "DAVE" or "FITZ." He stated that FITZWATER lives with his brother, CECIL FITZWATER, at 5400 Carlton Way, Los Angeles, California, which is the address of a large apartment house.

SHERIDAN stated that he has permanently expelled FITZWATER from Angeleno's due to his sloppy manners and habits and that he presently frequents the Red Vest located at 1610 North Western Avenue.

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ALLAN O. THOMPSON, Manager, St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, advised that DAVID A. FITZWATER, also known as Dave, "Fitz," is not identical with the "FITZ" of whom he spoke on May 28, 1968. He stated further that he knows DAVID A. FITZWATER on a casual basis.

It should be noted that a face-to-face confrontation was effected in this matter of identification between DAVID A. FITZWATER and ALLAN O. THOMPSON.

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DAVID A. FITZWATER, Apartment 109, 5400 Carlton Way, Los Angeles, California, advised that he goes by the name of "DAVE" and "FITZ." He advised that he knows ALLAN O. THOMPSON, Manager, St. Francis Hotel. He consented to being shown to THOMPSON in an effort to identify a person whom THOMPSON knew only as "FITZ."

FITZWATER stated that he does not know of any information other than that which he has read in local newspapers concerning the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. He said he does not know JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt. He advised that he has been a customer at the Rabbit's Foot Bar but that he did not relate anything to ALLAN O. THOMPSON at that bar concerning the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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THEODORE FINKELSTEIN, 23140 Erwin Street, Woodland Hills, California, was interviewed at his place of employment, Rocketdyne, 6633 Canoga Avenue, Canoga Park, California. He advised that he is associated with a group of individuals who planned to set up a business known as Trans-Computer Associates. Post Office Box 643, Beverly Hills, California, was rented as a mailing address for this business. FINKELSTEIN denied writing a letter to ERIC S. GALT, 406 South Second, Alhambra, California. He stated he had no idea who could have written the letter and, on his own initiative offered to take a polygraph examination concerning this matter. He advised that on or about May 22, 1968, he examined the contents of Post Office Box 643, and it contained a letter addressed to OWEN D. NEIGHBOUR. He stated he examined the contents of the letter and it contained literature advertising nude type photographs. The letter was from Studio Press, Cooper Station, New York. He observed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised he did not know him.

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