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Synopsis:

At about 6:00 PM on 4/4/68, while standing on second floor balcony outside room 306 of the Lorraine Motel. 406 Mulberry Street, Memphis, Tennessee, victim was struck in right side of face by a single bullet. Autopsy report indicated that "the severing of the spinal cord at this level and to this extent was a wound that was fatal very shortly after its occurrence." This investigation, predicated upon a specific request from the Attorney General of the U.S., disclosed fatal shot was fired from the bathroom of a rooming house located at 4222 S. Main Street, Memphis, which bathroom was located at the rear of the rooming house, and which had a window overlooking the Lorraine Motel. (Crime scene diagram included in details.) On afternoon of 4/4/68, Unknown Subject rented room 5-B at 4222 S. Main Street and paid one weeks rent. After hearing rifle shot at about 6:00 PM on 4/4/68, other tenants in rooming house observed Unknown Subject flee from rooming house carrying a large package which was subsequently abandoned by him on sidewalk in front of Canipe Amusement Company, 424 S. Main Street, from which place he was observed to flee in a white Mustang. Found abandoned in front of 424 S. Main Street was 30-06 Remington model 760 rifle, serial number 461476, a small plastic suitcase containing numerous articles, undershorts, a tee shirt, binoculars, and a brown and green bedspread in which all of these items were partially wrapped. Investigation at motels in the vicinity of Memphis. Tennessee, to locate an individual driving a white Mustang, disclosed

that ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, had spent the night of 4/3/68, at the Rebel Motel, 3466 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, and was driving a Mustang with Alabama license 1-38993. Investigation disclosed binoculars abandoned by Unknown Subject were purchased afternoon of 4/4/68, from RALPH M. CARPENTER, salesman, York Arms Company, Memphis. Gillette shaving kit abandoned by Unknown Subject determined to have been purchased Oliver Rexall Drug Store, Whitehaven, Tennessee. Autopsy findings set out. IN VIEW OF Th3 CRIME FOR WHICH UNSUB BEING SOUGHT, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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