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MELODY MARGARET O'BRIEN, was interviewed at her residence, [REDACTED] Los Angeles, at which time she furnished the following information:

When asked if she was acquainted with ERIC STARVO GALT, JAMES EARL RAY, CHARLES J. or CHARLEY STEIN, RITA STEIN, or MARIE MARTIN, who is also known as Marie Dennino and Marie Martinello, she replied that she was not acquainted with any of these individuals. When asked if she was acquainted with a JERI or HELEN, she replied that she was not acquainted with a JERI, but did know a HELEN, whose last name she could not recall, who was a topless dancer at "The Mouse Trap" on Valley Boulevard, Industry, California, at the same time as O'BRIEN. She added that HELEN had formerly been employed as a topless dancer at "The Stairway", 6274 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, prior to her employment as a topless dancer at "The Mouse Trap". She stated that HELEN resided on [REDACTED] Los Angeles, exact address unknown, but in the vicinity of Western Avenue and Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles. HELEN was described by O'BRIEN as:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Age	22-23 years
Height	5'3"
Eyes	Blue
Build	Busty, well built, and aspiring to become an actress
Hair	Brunette, wears blonde wig

O'BRIEN advised she knew of no reason why her telephone number, [REDACTED] would be written in a telephone booth in the St. Francis Hotel. She related she had never been in the St. Francis Hotel or the Sultan Room, nor did she know anyone residing at the St. Francis Hotel. She related that she was a topless dancer and many of the patrons who come to watch her dance get her name. They thereafter obtained her telephone number from the telephone book or telephone operator as her number is published. She stated she had been told that

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by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/26/68

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her name and telephone number was even written in the men's restroom at the places where she had danced topless. She commented she had danced topless in various places in the Los Angeles area until she terminated her last place of employment the past Saturday, April 20, 1968. She was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY at which time she advised she could not recognize the individual depicted in the photographs. She further added that she could not recognize JAMES EARL RAY as an individual who patronized the places where she danced. O'BRIEN stated she did not know anyone who drove a white Mustang with Alabama license plates.

O'BRIEN advised that for a period of about four months ending February 1967, she received a series of telephone calls at her residence which is the number listed above. Each call was placed at approximately 2 a.m. She advised the caller was a male, who she believed to be in his twenties. The caller would ask to meet her. She refused on every occasion and, therefore, did not learn the caller's name or the location from which he was calling. O'BRIEN stated she had notified the Hollywood Division of the Los Angeles Police Department, but telephone calls ceased before any action could be taken.

O'BRIEN advised she had been living with a roommate, MARTIN VILLAIRE, during the past two years and he may have had an acquaintance at the St. Francis Hotel, who placed her telephone number on the wall.

The following description of O'BRIEN was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	MELODY MARGARET O'BRIEN
Race	White
Sex	Female
Hair	Dark brown, worn long
Eyes	Brown
Height	5'2"
Weight	120 pounds
Age	24 years
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	Los Angeles, California
Education	[REDACTED]
	The Old Mission of San Gabriel 12th grade - graduated Azusa High School, 1960
Relatives	HARRY VICTOR O'BRIEN, deceased 1962

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