

FBI-King Section 26, Serial 2634, second Hester report. Filed 4/30/68.

Of 35 recorded copies none to any prosecutor.

Cover page C says includes investigations of period of earlier report, 4/17. Not included in it "for reasons of brevity." It says. It also acknowledged "persons who were at Jim's Grill...at about the time of the murder...report seeing a white Mustang parked almost in front of Jim's Grill. The owner of this Mustang has not been located and has not voluntarily come forth. It is not believed that this Mustang is pertinent in this investigation and should not be confused" with the one they want believed to be the one in which the subject "fled from the scene."

Synopsis begins with admission no single person at the scene, the Rebel Motel or the Rexall Drug Store made an identification of Ray from the pictures. Carpenter could not make positive identification.

Persons at Rooming House:

5 "Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY...were shown to Mr. CHARLES QUITMAN STEVENS...were not familiar to him..."

6 Anschutz made no ID and "said he would not be able to."

7 Bessie Brewer made no ID and "She further advised that she did not believe she would recognize the man..."

8 Reeves, ditto. Also Frank Brewer on 9, Mrs. Stephens on 10, with Rebel people Anna Christine Kelley, Henrietta ~~San~~ Hagemaster, Victor Durpet, Sava Loving and Sadie Mc Kay on 11 saying the pictures "do not in any way look familiar to them." (Names as in report.)

Persons at Rebel Motel:

12 ff. "Not in any way familiar" to five others on 14.

Oliver Rexall Drug Store:

15 ff. Mrs. Peggy Brown "advised that she is unable to say if this is the same person who was in the store."

York Arms 17 ff. Carpenter "could not positively identify".

Investigation at or near the Lorraine:

19 ff: Mrs. Norman (Georgia M.) Brown 20 ff Places Cabbage at meeting with local pastors and ministers. as "the Church of Minimal Salary (Phonetic)" after 1 p.m. 4/3 Cabbage was speaking when she and other arrived. Jesse Jackson then in a smaller room. After 1:30

4/4 King went to Mrs. Davis room to be able to relax. told others where he was, and from there phoned "a STAN LEWINSON (phonetic) of a (First Name Unknown) Wadhtel" in New York. Later joined by Andy Young, Chauncey Eskridge and others King remained there until 5:45. She was on scene but was not interviewed until 4/15

26 ff: Mrs. Jasper (Lucretia) Ward. From next days's report she is white.

31-36 is 4/11 registration list at Lorraine. 45 rooms occupied, none with more than two and the only no-assigned room from 301 through 316 302 and 313. These also show no Invaders' registrations or Colfield.

37-43 Rev. Samuel B. Kyles, interview delayed to 4/23 although he was there and King was to have been his dinner guest and he had just left King's side when King was killed.

Room 303 in his name but he was not in it. SCIC used it. (38) He is quoted as having said before the assassination both papers reported that King and his party were at the Lorraine. In fact the report was that King had been served there, process server, no more.

(38) In even the FBI's version he said the shot came not from the flophouse but from the bushes. King standing 4-5 minutes before he was shot (42) is what he told me. "He saw no one looking out of ~~the~~ any of the windows to the buildings facing Main Street."

44 ff: Charles Ballard, Rm 310 and James Elmore Phillips, 45-6, in Rms 310, 315 from 4/30 to 4/4, 5:45 p.m. not identified as but apparently Invaders. The reason these are selected is apparent: they both had left. Phillips identifies as "his associates" Charles Ballard, Charles Laverne Cabbage, John Burrall Smith and Edwina Harrell who also had been staying at the motel." On 34 310 is listed to Ballard, but as of Atlanta, 315 to Mabelle Hendricks, also of Atlanta. The FBI knew these meant more and the addresses are covers for the Invaders.

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No other Lorraine entries.

Persons at Jim's Grill:

48-9, Jowers, interviewed 4/5 but omitted from all earlier records to Washington. There is a carefully distorted mention of his parking his Cadillac "directly in back of a white Mustang on the street directly in front of his Grill." It quotes him on colors those of Mississippi licenses whereas he was clear on Arkansas colors, which coincided with those of Alabama that year. The rest is devoted to Chastain's "eggs and sausage" man, who turns out to be not Youngblood but Gene Pearson Crawford, Jackson, Tenn. and who was released when it "was determined" that he "had no part in the Murder..." (Check my taped interview and the evidentiary hearing on the Jowers actualities.)

50-1 Gilbert Stephen (Steve) Cupples belonged to the 1959 White Chevrolet Impala parked across the street from Jim's grill "at approximately 5:03 p.m." That white car near Canipe's? "He said he recalls seeing Jimmy Walker's white Fairlane Ford parked directly south of the fire hydrant located near the entrance to Jim's Grill." In non-FBI English this is in front of Canipe's. He "recalls seeing a white Mustang...parked directly in front of JOWERS Cadillac," which was "located in the first parking space north of the fire hydrant. Here the FBI skips to 6:05 when it has Cupples saying that when he looked out the window the Mustang ~~was~~ was gone. The time lapse is an hour.

52-3, David M. Wood: At about 5:05 "he walked in front of a Mustang automobile which was parked close to Jim's Grill...immediately in front of " Jowers Cadillac which was "immediately to the north of the fire plug." His description of the Mustang is somewhat detailed: dirty, no hubcaps, etc. Black tires., no front license. No Memphis sticker. He did not notice, it says, until after King was killed, after six, that the Mustang was gone. He had been spending his time playing a machine, pinball or shuffle-board. He also recalls that "a Fairlane owned by Jimmy Walker was parked just south of the fire plug. He even recalled that when Walker "entered Jim's Grill which was shortly after 5:00 p.m." he "made a remark that the Mustang took his parking place."

54 Kenneth W. Foster: ~~When~~ When he entered Jim's Grill at about 5:05 "he recalls specifically that he walked between a white Mustang and a white Cadillac that were parked near the entrance to Jim's Grill.." Recalls black tires on Mustang but no hubcaps. It was where ~~Jimmy~~ Jimmy Walker usually parks. "Mr. Foster explained that JIMMY WALKER parked his white Ford Fairlane just south of the fire hydrant...immediately north was parked JOWERS white Cadillac and immediately in front of the white Cadillac to the north was a white Mustang...." He also was playing the machines, did not hear any shot and only when the deputy came and told them not to leave did he look out and see the Mustang was not there.

56-7 Paul Sander Vargas, Jr. was with Steve Cupples, Franklin Tay and Jimmy Walker when they walked to Jim's Grill. He recalls Walker's car where the others placed it.

57-8 Barry Elwood Tubbs. He also recalls the same location of Walker's white Fairlane, "just south of the fire hydrant."

59-60 Billy Ray Hoard went to Jim's Grill with Kenny Foster. "...he recalls a line of white cars parked immediately in front of the grill...four or five...recalls seeing Jimmy Walker's...just south of the fire hydrant..."

62-3 James A. Walker, Jr. found a white Mustang parked where he usually parks, in front of where Jowers parked his white Cadillac ~~west~~ west of the hydrant ~~so~~ "he had to back up and park in the first space just south of the above-mentioned fire hydrant." But he "noticed prior to parking ~~his car~~ that BARRY TUBBS' Lincoln Continental was parked in front of the Mustang..." which "appeared to be slightly dirty or at least not recently washed." FROM HIS ACCOUNT HE LEFT NO ROOM FOR THE CAR BEHIND HIM IN FRONT OF CANIPE'S TO JACKRABBIT OUT. IT WAS SO TIGHT HE WAS AFRAID HE'D GET A TICKET.

64-5 Frank Holt: was walking and didn't reach the scene until he was "instructed by a Memphis police officer of Shelby County Sheriff's officer to go in Jim's Grill and to stay off the street..."

66-7: William Zenie Reed left the grill between 5:15 and 5:30 "and saw a white Mustang was parked near the entrance of Jim's Grill. ...had not recently been washed." After he and Ray Hendricks, who had returned to Jowers' for his jacket, walked north "he saw a white Mustang go east on Vance from South Main Street." He had reached his room and was in it for "as much as 15 minutes when he heard numerous sirens in the immediate vicinity area going down toward Jim's Grill..." and much of the rest of the world that is in the same direction.

68-9: Ray Alvis Hendrix, with Reed, tells the same story about leaving about 5:30, remembering he had forgotten his jacket, going back and learning later that while he was doing this Reed was examining the white Mustang. Same story about a white Mustang turning into Vance Street. They were in their rooms when they heard the sirens. Mustang not rushing, no tire squeals.

There is no single report in this that is specific that is not in direct contradiction of what the FBI said, the official position, etc. There is no single report that is even consistent with the official version. Without exception all those who notice cars place a white Mustang where Ray told me he had his parked, without exception all place the white car near Canipes as next to hydrant and a white Fairlane belonging to Jimmy Walker. The totality if overwhelming, as is the official representation of the direct opposite.

It is not "for reasons of brevity" that all of this was omitted "in the last report."

Medical Information: 70ff This being basic in any homicide it requires four pages, two of which are half pages only. 15 days after the assassination the FBI obtained the "Emergency Room Summary," ~~by Rex~~ retyped rather than xeroxed. Dr. Ted Galyon was first, joined by Drs. John ~~Rex~~ ^S Weisner and Rufus Brown. There was a tracheotomy but this statement not only does not say through a wound but the opposite, that "a portion of the right apex of the lung was bulging through the wound."

Consistent with this, the day before, or 14 days after the crime, the ever-diligent FBI interviewed Dr. Jerry T. Francisco, medical examiner, from whom it obtained 5 photographs he had taken two weeks earlier. Minor part of p. 74.

Driver's License and Automobile Registration: 75-7 Duplicate license mailed 3/1 to ~~Alabama License Plate, 70-31~~ 2608 South Highland and not returned. So how did he get it without some at that address sending it?

Continental Dance Studios, N.O. 78 ff: No Ray.

Physical Evidence and Latent Fingerprints: 83ff. Angled rehash. Memphis tells Washington what Washington had told Memphis.

Miscellaneous: 111ff