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TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, aka; I. O. NUMBER 4182, WF # 442-A; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (Deceased) - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div>	TYPED BY njc
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REFERENCES: Report of 5/19/68, at New Orleans;
Houston airtel to Director, 5/2/68;
Houston airtel to Director, 5/6/68;
San Antonio teletype to Director, 5/7/68.

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LEADS

No leads have been set forth in this report as all have been handled by more expeditious means during the progress of this investigation.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

One copy of this report is being provided to the Houston and San Antonio Offices for information purposes in anticipation of assisting in any subsequent investigation.

The purpose in submitting this report even though it contains the results of negative investigation is because information had been previously reported that allegedly the subject was observed on the evening of 12/16/67, making a telephone call from a coin box while being accompanied on a trip from Los Angeles, California, to New Orleans, Louisiana, by **CHARLES STEIN**, during the period December 15 - 17, 1967. This call was allegedly placed from a pay telephone in the area near Houston, Texas.

It has also been alleged that the subject may have made several telephone calls while traveling through Texas.

It has been further alleged that the subject had indicated that his purpose in traveling to New Orleans was on business and the subject had mentioned an Italian sounding name as the person he was to contact.

Referenced Houston airtel, dated 5/2/68, contained a list of 281 calls made 12/15 - 17/67, from within the Houston Division to Louisiana.

Referenced Houston airtel, dated 5/6/68, contained an additional 75 phone calls made 12/15 - 17/67, from within the Houston Division to Louisiana.

Referenced San Antonio teletype contained a list of nine calls made from within the San Antonio Division to Louisiana.

In view of the allegations previously set forth, New Orleans is reporting only the results of interviews of persons residing in the New Orleans area.

The subscribers of the rest of the calls to other parts of Louisiana furnished by the Houston and San Antonio Divisions have also been determined. These persons who still reside in Louisiana have been located and interviewed, and no pertinent information relative to this investigation was developed. The results of these

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interviews are being maintained in the New Orleans file in this matter. Of these individuals where it has been determined they no longer reside in Louisiana, leads have been set out to other offices to have them located and interviewed for any pertinent information.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Office: NEW ORLEANS

Field Office File #: NO 157-10673

Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
I. O. # 4182, WF # 442-A;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
(Deceased) - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis: Information received regarding identities of 22 New Orleans telephone numbers, which were called from Texas during period of 12/15 -17/67. Subscribers identified and interviewed. Some recall receiving calls from friends or relatives, while others could not recall receiving calls. All state JAMES EARL RAY is unknown to them.

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DETAILS:

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On May 2, 1968, the Houston Office of the FBI provided information that long distance telephone calls were placed to the below listed New Orleans telephone numbers on the dates indicated. These telephone calls were placed during the period December 15 - 17, 1967, from coin telephones located within the Houston Division on Interstate Highway 10 and Route 90:

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DATE	NEW ORLEANS TELEPHONE NUMBER
December 17, 1967	242-5962
December 16, 1967	242-8580
December 15, 1967	283-1173
December 17, 1967	361-0465
December 15, 1967	361-3374
December 15, 1967	361-4360
December 17, 1967	522-8495
December 15, 1967	524-0001
December 16, 1967	525-7532
December 15, 1967	721-2027
December 15, 1967	861-7067
December 17, 1967	887-8469
December 16, 1967	888-0404
December 17, 1967	888-7744
December 16, 1967	895-3872
December 16, 1967	945-4302
December 17, 1967	947-3471

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[REDACTED] advised that number [REDACTED] is the school's telephone number and she cannot recall who may have telephoned the school from Texas during the month of December, 1967.

[REDACTED] explained that one of many salesmen, with whom the school does business, may have called for an appointment prior to his arrival in New Orleans. This could possibly be an explanation for the Texas call. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised she could furnish no specific information regarding the matter.

[REDACTED] was shown photographs of the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, whom she could not identify as anyone seen at [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] self-employed as a paint contractor, was contacted at his residence and advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent.

He advised that he is the subscriber to telephone number [REDACTED] and the only telephone call he could remember around December 15 - 17, 1967, from Houston, Texas, would be one his wife received from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was exhibited various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, and upon viewing these photographs, advised that RAY was unknown to him.

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[REDACTED] was located at her place of employment, Schwegmann Brothers Giant Supermarket, [REDACTED] and advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent.

She advised that the only telephone call she received from Texas during the period of December 15 - 17, 1967, was from [REDACTED] wife of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had called to see if [REDACTED] relatives were going to Texas relative to a local charge pending against [REDACTED]. Her relatives did not go to Texas, and she believed the [REDACTED] lives in the Houston, Texas area.

Upon being shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, [REDACTED] advised that RAY was unknown to her.

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[REDACTED] formerly Mrs [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] New Orleans, Louisiana, furnished
the following information:

[REDACTED] has lived at her present residence for
approximately 13 years. She is the subscriber to telephone
number [REDACTED] in the name of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] received a telephone call from her
niece, [REDACTED], address unknown, Houston, Texas, on
December 15, 1967, [REDACTED] birthday. She stated [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] placed the telephone call from a pay telephone booth
in Houston, Texas, even though [REDACTED] has a phone of her
own, because [REDACTED] did not want to acquire a large
telephone bill which has happened so often in the past when
[REDACTED] places long distance telephone calls from her
personal phone.

[REDACTED] stated her nephew, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Houston, Texas, would know the address of
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated she was not a member of any
racist or hate-type group and was, in fact, a member of
the Eastern Stars. [REDACTED] stated she had seen photo-
graphs of JAMES EARL RAY in the newspapers, but knew
nothing about RAY outside of what she had read in the
newspapers.

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[REDACTED] Algiers, phone [REDACTED] was questioned concerning a phone call she received on December 17, 1967, from Texas. She stated she could not remember this particular call as she received calls from Houston, Texas, quite regularly as she had a friend there.

She advised that this person was [REDACTED]. She stated she did not know his address as he was a seaman cook and was out at sea quite a bit of the time and called her when he got in. She stated she thought he sailed on the ship "American Trader." She stated that this is the only person she has received phone calls from in Texas.

[REDACTED] was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY but advised she did not know him nor had she ever seen him before.

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[REDACTED] Apartment B, advised that in the past she had received several phone calls from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] further advised that she met [REDACTED] at a party in New Orleans and that he presently lives in Orange, Texas, from where questioned call came.

[REDACTED] stated that she had gone out several times with him but does not know his first name. [REDACTED] further stated that [REDACTED] is a seaman and may be reached at this address:

[REDACTED]
York, New York 10028

[REDACTED] was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY with negative results.

[REDACTED] stated that she believes she received a call from [REDACTED] on or about December 15, 1967. She advised that she is the subscriber to telephone number [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Gretna, Louisiana, phone number [REDACTED] advised that the above phone number is registered in the name of [REDACTED] who is her husband. [REDACTED] advised that her husband is currently employed by Brown and Root, Incorporated, Post Office Box 3, Houston, Texas. [REDACTED] stated that her husband is employed in the pipeline department and that the company has a local office on Peters Road in Belle Chasse, Louisiana. [REDACTED] advised that the address used by the company in New Orleans is Post Office Box 425, Harvey, Louisiana. [REDACTED] stated that her husband is employed as a pipeline superintendent.

[REDACTED] advised that her husband is currently on a pipeline barge, Brown and Root, Incorporated barge [REDACTED] located on the Gulf of Mexico. [REDACTED] stated that this barge will be in the Gulf of Mexico for approximately two weeks and that this current job was begun on Wednesday, May 8, 1968.

[REDACTED] recalled that from approximately December 15-17, 1967, her husband was out in the Gulf of Mexico on Brown and Root barge [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that it was possible that some employee could have called her husband at the above number sometime around that period of time. [REDACTED] stated that Brown and Root employs many people who live in Texas.

[REDACTED] stated that she was unable to recall receiving any long distance telephone call from the Houston area from a pay phone.

[REDACTED] advised that her husband's mother, [REDACTED] lives in Houston, Texas, at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] very rarely leaves her house and would definitely not be calling from a pay phone. [REDACTED]

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advised that both she and her husband have no other relatives in Houston, or the Houston, Texas, area.

[REDACTED] was shown Identification Order Number 4182 of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that she did not recognize this individual.

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[REDACTED] Apartment 7, [REDACTED],
was contacted and furnished the following information:

She advised her telephone number is [REDACTED] however, she advised that to the best of her knowledge she has not received any long distance telephone calls from Texas during December, 1967, or at any other time. She advised she has no relatives, friends or any other persons known to her to be residing in Texas. In addition, she advised that she is divorced from her husband and lives at her present address with her two sons, ages ten and eighteen. Her oldest son is working but she stated he also has no friends or relatives in the Texas area.

She advised after viewing all available photographs of JAMES EARL RAY that such a person was completely unknown to her by either name or photograph.

It was noted during interview of [REDACTED] that she was of Cuban extraction and spoke broken English. The interview was conducted with some difficulty, although she was emphatic in her denial of herself or anyone else ever receiving any long distance telephone calls from Texas to her present telephone number at any time.

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[REDACTED] Apartment 303, New Orleans, telephone [REDACTED] advised she could not recall receiving a telephone call possibly in December, 1967 but she thought probably it was November, 1967, from one [REDACTED]. Miss [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was from Tel Aviv, Isarel, and that she had met him sometime in the previous summer while on a shipboard cruise. She stated that she recalled [REDACTED] was calling her from a telephone booth in Houston and from the noise she heard in the background, she thought that the telephone was located near the docks in Houston.

[REDACTED] stated that she had never heard of JAMES EARL RAY prior to the recent publicity and the photographs of him were unknown to her. She further related that [REDACTED] did not resemble RAY.

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Miss [REDACTED] after being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents, was interviewed at her residence, [REDACTED]. She furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] stated that she was unaware of any telephone calls being made from Texas to her residence telephone, telephone number [REDACTED] from December 15, 1967, through December 17, 1967. [REDACTED] did state that her roommates received telephone calls from Texas, but that the last call she remembers was made in the earlier part of December. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED], a roommate, has a father who is a Lieutenant Colonel stationed in San Antonio, Texas. She further advised that [REDACTED] another roommate, has a boyfriend who is with the Merchant Marines and who was stationed in Galveston, Texas, before leaving for London, England.

[REDACTED] was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, but upon viewing these photographs, she stated that RAY was unknown to her.

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Miss [REDACTED] after being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents, was interviewed at her residence, [REDACTED] and furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] advised that her residence telephone number is [REDACTED] but that this number is subscribed to by one of her roommates. [REDACTED] advised that she was unaware of any telephone calls being made from Texas to her telephone number in New Orleans from December 15, 1967, through December 17, 1967. She stated, however, that she remembers her boy friend telephoning her from a pay telephone in Galveston, Texas, on either December 6, or December 7, 1967. She advised that her boy friend's name is [REDACTED], and that he is a [REDACTED] on the ship Old Louise Lykes. She stated that when [REDACTED] telephoned, his ship was located in Galveston, Texas. [REDACTED] noted that [REDACTED] was en route for London, England, and was due to arrive on either May 9, 1968, or May 10, 1968.

[REDACTED] was displayed various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, but upon viewing these photographs, she advised that RAY was unknown to her.

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[REDACTED] after being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents, was interviewed at her home address, [REDACTED]. She furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] advised that her home telephone number is [REDACTED], but that this number is subscribed to by one of her roommates [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] stated that she was unaware of any telephone calls being made from Texas from December 15, 1967, through December 17, 1967.

[REDACTED] did state, however, that her father, Lieutenant [REDACTED] Randolph Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, telephone number [REDACTED] called her from Texas sometime around Thanksgiving. [REDACTED] advised that this was the last telephone call from Texas that she could recall.

[REDACTED] was displayed various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, and upon viewing these photographs, she advised that RAY was unknown to her.

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[REDACTED] Kenner, advised he is presently employed as a painter at the Henry Lamia Company. He stated that he previously had telephone number [REDACTED] which was disconnected January, 1968. He stated that to the best of his memory he probably received a long-distance call from the Houston, Texas area in December, 1967, from his twin brother, [REDACTED]. He stated that his twin brother left New Orleans, before Christmas, 1967, and called several times from Bridge City, Texas, where he presently resides. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were not identified by [REDACTED] nor has he ever heard of JAMES EARL RAY or [REDACTED].

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[redacted] student, Tulane University, was interviewed at his residence, [redacted] Apartment H. [redacted] stated that his home address is [redacted] Texas, where his mother, [redacted] resides.

[redacted] advised that during the Fall Term of the 1967-68 school year, he lived in an apartment at [redacted] with [redacted], who is also from Houston, Texas.

[redacted] stated he left New Orleans for Houston on December 17, 1967, for Christmas vacation. [redacted] advised he had not received any long distance calls from Texas during the period from December 15 to 17, 1967.

[redacted] advised that his roommate [redacted] received a long distance telephone call from his, [redacted] father, [redacted] of Houston, Texas. [redacted] stated he thought this call was on December 15, 1967, and that arrangements were made for [redacted]'s father to pick [redacted] up on December 16, 1967, in New Orleans.

[redacted] reviewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that this individual was unknown to him.

[redacted] advised that he is the subscriber to telephone number [redacted]

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[REDACTED] advised that he is the subscriber to New Orleans telephone number [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] informed that he could not specifically recall receiving a long distance telephone call at his residence on December 17, 1967, from the general area of Houston, Texas.

He stated that in the past he has received many long distance telephone calls at his residence in connection with his employment. He advised that he is a salesman for Clark Brothers.

Upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, he advised that RAY was unknown to him. He stated that he had observed photographs of RAY in local newspapers as a suspect in the shooting of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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[REDACTED], Metairie, Louisiana, furnished the following information:

She and her husband [REDACTED] and their four children have resided at [REDACTED] for approximately ten years and they presently have a telephone with number [REDACTED]. The telephone is listed in her husband's name and the telephone bill is made out in her name because she had previously been employed by Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company. Her husband is employed as a diesel engine mechanic for [REDACTED] New Orleans, Louisiana.

She advised she cannot recall receiving a telephone call from Houston, Texas, or from that area during December 15 through 17, 1967. Neither she nor her husband have any relatives, friends, or acquaintances who were living in Texas during December, 1967, nor does she know of anyone who passed through that area and called them in December, 1967.

She further advised that only her family uses the telephone and no one else received a call on their telephone in December, 1967. Her husband sometimes receives business calls on their home telephone, and possibly he received a telephone call from that area.

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[REDACTED] was interviewed at his place of employment, [REDACTED] Incorporated [REDACTED] New Orleans, Louisiana, and furnished the following information:

He is employed as a diesel mechanic and he and his wife [REDACTED] have resided at [REDACTED] Metairie, Louisiana, for approximately ten years. Their telephone number is [REDACTED]

He advised that his wife had called him on the telephone just before the Agent arrived and informed him of the questions asked her. He advised that he cannot recall receiving a telephone call from either Houston, Texas, or that immediate area during December 15 through 17, 1967. He does not have any friends, relatives or acquaintances who were in, or passed through that area during December, 1967.

He further advised that from time to time he receives business calls from customers at his home and therefore, he has tried to recall if he received a telephone call from a customer in Texas during the December 15 through 17, 1967, period and he just cannot recall receiving such a call. He has the office personnel checking their December, 1967, job orders for any calls coming from the Houston, Texas area, but so far, no job orders have been located coming from that area.

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[REDACTED] was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and after reviewing same, he advised that he has never seen this individual.

He further commented that he would discuss this matter with his wife and try to further recall if they received such a call and he would continue to have his office check their records for such a call and advise the interviewing Agent.

At a later time on May 9, 1968, [REDACTED] telephonically contacted the interviewing Agent and advised that a search of their office records failed to reflect that he received a telephone call from the Houston, Texas area during the period December 15 through 17, 1967.

The following investigation was conducted by [REDACTED] at Metairie, Louisiana:

On May 12, 1968, [REDACTED] telephonically advised that he and his wife had been discussing the possibility of receiving a telephone call from the Houston, Texas area between December 15-17, 1967 and determined that possibly one of their babysitters had received such a telephone call at their home. In contacting one of five of their babysitters, [REDACTED] who was babysitting for them on December 16, 1967, advised that her then fiance, [REDACTED] was in Pasadena, Texas near Houston, Texas on the weekend of December 15-17, 1967 and her fiance contacted her by telephone at the [REDACTED] residence. [REDACTED] stated that Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] now reside at [REDACTED] Metairie, Louisiana.

On May 13, 1968 [REDACTED] telephonically advised that she had received a telephone call on December 16, 1967 while babysitting at the [REDACTED] residence and this telephone call was received from her husband, [REDACTED] who was in Pasadena, Texas. She stated that her husband is presently employed at [REDACTED] Harvey, Louisiana.

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[REDACTED] Metairie, Louisiana, was contacted at his place of employment, [REDACTED] at which time he furnished the following information:

In 1960, he was involved in an automobile accident, in Jamestown, Louisiana and received severe head injuries and since that time he has been under medical treatment at the Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas. He stated that since residing in New Orleans he has traveled to Houston, Texas on the weekends for medical treatment in that since the accident he has been bothered with severe headaches.

During the weekend of December 15-17, 1967 he telephonically contacted his fiance, [REDACTED] who he is presently married to, at the [REDACTED] residence, [REDACTED] Metairie, Louisiana. He recalls that he first attempted to contact his fiance at her home without success and he then called his fiance's sister, who is the neighbor of [REDACTED] and his fiance's sister said that [REDACTED] was babysitting at the [REDACTED] residence. He then placed a long distance call to his fiance at the [REDACTED] residence. This telephone call was made from one of two telephone booths in Pasadena, Texas. one of which is located at a Seven - Eleven Grocery Store, approximately 8 or 9 miles away from Route I-10 in [REDACTED] a telephone booth at a cut rate service station in Pasadena, Texas. He stated that the Seven - Eleven Grocery Store is located on the corner of South Shaver and Pauline in Pasadena, Texas and the cut rate service station is located on South Shaver between the Seven - Eleven Grocery Store and Pasadena, Texas. He stated that during the weekend he made the telephone call to his fiance, he was residing with friends at [REDACTED] Pasadena, Texas.

[REDACTED] was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and after reviewing same stated that he does not know this individual nor has he ever seen this individual. He did comment that he recalls reading about this individual in the newspaper, however, he has never seen this individual in or around the telephone booths in Pasadena, Texas.

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[REDACTED] advised that he was born [REDACTED] in Sweetwater, Alabama and he is presently employed as a district mechanic for [REDACTED]. He requested that his employer not be told the reason he was being contacted in this matter, inasmuch as he has lost several jobs in the past three years due to his physical condition in that he blacks out due to severe headaches. He also requested that his employer not be advised regarding his treatment for this illness at the Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas.

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[REDACTED] advised that he is the subscriber to New Orleans telephone number [REDACTED]. He advised that friends of theirs, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], moved from New Orleans to Houston, Texas, in December, 1967, shortly before Christmas. [REDACTED] advised that they would call Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] as soon as they arrived safely in Texas. [REDACTED] stated that the [REDACTED] called them from the vicinity of Port Arthur, Texas, on the Sunday before Christmas, December 17, 1967, to advise them that they had arrived safely in Texas, and had moved to Houston. Mr. [REDACTED] added that he believes this call was made from a pay phone and was of short duration because the [REDACTED] were still on the road. [REDACTED] commented that he and his wife were concerned because the [REDACTED] were pulling a house trailer.

[REDACTED] furnished the following address for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Houston, Texas
77021

[REDACTED]
Area Code 713

[REDACTED] added that [REDACTED] is an employee of Texas Automatic Sprinkler Company in Houston, Texas.

[REDACTED] viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that the face looked familiar because he has seen photographs of RAY either in the newspapers or on television; however, JAMES EARL RAY was unknown to him. [REDACTED] commented that he knows of no one using the names of ERIC STARVO GALT, W. C. HERRON, HARVEY LOWMYER, JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES O'CONNOR, JAMES WALTON, JOHN WILLARD or JAMES EARL RAY.

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[REDACTED] Negro female, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] advised that she is the subscriber to telephone number [REDACTED] however, she does not recall receiving a long distance telephone call from the State of Texas during the month of December, 1967. [REDACTED] stated that to the best of her knowledge, she has no relatives or friends residing in the State of Texas and could not imagine who possibly may have called her from this destination. She advised, however, that it was possible one of her relatives may have called and not indicated the place where they were calling from. She indicated that she could not furnish any specific information regarding this telephone call.

[REDACTED] was shown several photographs of the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, whom she could not identify as anyone whom she has seen.

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[REDACTED] New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that she has telephone number [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that her husband [REDACTED] is presently a patient in a mental hospital in Fort Worth, Texas, and that she receives numerous calls from [REDACTED] her nephew, concerning the well-being of her husband.

[REDACTED] advised that to the best of her knowledge, the telephone call from Texas during December was either from her nephew, [REDACTED] or from her son, [REDACTED] who was traveling from California to New Orleans for the Christmas holidays. She stated she can recall receiving a telephone call from [REDACTED] sometime during the month of December, 1967, and that during this short conversation, [REDACTED] had advised her that he would be in New Orleans shortly.

[REDACTED] stated that to her knowledge, [REDACTED] has never been in trouble with the law and is considered a [REDACTED] respected individual.

She stated that she is employed by the United States Coast Guard, Gateway Building, Marine Inspection Office, as a Supervisory Clerk in Licensing and Certification. She stated that she has been so employed by the Coast Guard for the last 27 years.

[REDACTED] stated that she has conducted numerous name checks for the FBI since the assassination of Doctor KING in reference to GALT, LOWMYER and RAY. She added that she is familiar with photographs of RAY, having seen these photographs in various newspapers and magazines. She added that JAMES EARL RAY is unknown to her.

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after being made aware of the official identity of the interviewing Agent, furnished the following information:

His residence telephone number is [REDACTED] at the above address, which is occupied by [REDACTED] and his wife. [REDACTED] said that he is unable to recall any telephone call received on his residence telephone during the period December 15-17, 1967. He said that he knows of no relatives or acquaintances who might have been traveling in Texas during the pertinent period and who may have telephoned [REDACTED] home. He can recall absolutely nothing regarding any telephone call to his home.

[REDACTED] mentioned that his wife is presently visiting relatives in Kentwood, Louisiana. He said that it is remotely possible that she may have received a call in December, but he is certain that she would have mentioned it to him, and he can remember no telephone call during December which his wife spoke of receiving. He said that his wife plans to return to New Orleans in about ten days.

[REDACTED] said that he has two relatives who live in Texas, and it is possible that either of them may have telephoned his home, especially since the call was made during the Christmas season; [REDACTED] recalls no such call from either relative, however. He identified the Texas relatives as his wife's brother, [REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED] Dallas, Texas, and [REDACTED] residing at [REDACTED] Dallas, Texas.

After viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, PREISS advised that he had previously seen photos of RAY in the newspaper, but the face does not appear at all familiar to him and he has never seen the man before. RAY's name and all known aliases likewise had no significance to [REDACTED]

During the interview, it was noted that [REDACTED] is an elderly man who speaks with a noticeable German accent.

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He indicated that in March of 1968, he became seventy years old, and he is presently retired and living on Social Security. [REDACTED] said that he is a native of Bavaria, Germany, and came to the United States in 1922. [REDACTED] further said that, while he had learned of the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., from news sources, he paid very little attention to the matter or indeed to any current events, preferring to spend his time working on his hobby of horticulture. It was noted that a large variety of unusual plants were growing on [REDACTED] property.

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On May 9, 1968, information was received from the Houston Office of the FBI that it had been determined that long distance telephone calls had been placed from coin telephones in the Beaumont, Texas area on December 16, 1967, to the following New Orleans telephone numbers:

282-6540

899-4323.

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[REDACTED] Negro female, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] furnished the following information:

She is the subscriber of telephone number [REDACTED] but does not recollect receiving a long distance telephone call from the State of Texas during the month of December, 1967. She advised that she does have a niece, [REDACTED] who resides in Houston, Texas, but does not recall receiving a telephone call from [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] further advised that her niece has subsequently been married and she has no knowledge of her marriage name or present address.

[REDACTED] was shown several photographs of the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, whom she could not identify as anyone she has known or seen. She advised she could furnish no specific information regarding the long distance telephone call.

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[REDACTED] New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that telephone number [REDACTED] is listed under his mother's name, but that she has been dead since 1964. He said he lives with his half brother, [REDACTED] who is 56 years old.

He said that he does not recall receiving a telephone call from Beaumont, Texas, on December 16, 1967. He said, however, that his brother is a seaman and may have called him from Beaumont, Texas. He said that [REDACTED] is currently en route to Saigon, Vietnam, on board the "Wesleyan Victory," a Gulf South American Lines vessel out of New Orleans and Beaumont, Texas, or some Grace Lines ship.

He was exhibited a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, and he stated that RAY is unknown to him, except that he has seen his picture in the newspapers.

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On May 7, 1968, information was received from the San Antonio Office of the FBI that it had been determined that the following long distance telephone calls had been made from coin telephones located at or near San Antonio, Texas, to the following listed telephone numbers at New Orleans, Louisiana, on the dates indicated:

Telephone Number	Date
834-0436	December 17, 1967
895-9029	December 16, 1967
943-9109	December 15, 1967.

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[REDACTED] Apartment 2, advised that she is the subscriber of telephone number [REDACTED] but does not specifically recall receiving a long distance telephone call from the State of Texas during the period December 15-17, 1967. [REDACTED] advised, however, that she does telephonically communicate with the Reverend [REDACTED] of San Antonio, Texas. She advised that Reverend [REDACTED] is a Redemptorist missionary priest who travels throughout the State of Texas and very possibly called her on this particular occasion. She advised that this is the only individual whom she knows in the State of Texas who would possibly contact her.

[REDACTED] stated that in view of the fact of Reverend [REDACTED] position, she did not particularly care to get him involved in this matter and as such, declined to furnish Reverend [REDACTED] address other than stating that his residence is located at a Redemptorist parish in San Antonio, Texas.

[REDACTED] was shown several photographs of the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, whom she could not identify as anyone she may have met or previously seen.

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[redacted] was contacted at [redacted] Apartment 211 where she advised that she resides with [redacted]

[redacted] advised that their telephone number at the apartment is [redacted]

[redacted] as questioned concerning any telephone calls received at the apartment from December 15 to December 17, 1967 from anywhere in Texas. She advised that a mutual friend of theirs who is in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed somewhere near San Antonio, Texas during that period has called the apartment on numerous occasions and that she feels fairly certain that he called shortly before Christmas, 1967. She said that she could not be certain that the call was between December 15 to 17, but that it was near those dates. She advised his name is [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted] also has a friend in Houston, Texas and that individual occasionally calls the apartment, but she does not know this person's name and could not say he called during the above period.

[redacted] advised that Miss [redacted] is in Lafayette, Louisiana and will not return until May 13, 1968.

[redacted] was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY at which time she advised that she did not know this person although she was aware that he was being sought for the murder of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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[redacted] was contacted at the Katz and Betzhoff Drug Store, Napoleon Avenue and St. Charles Street, where she advised she is employed. She stated that she lives at [redacted] and has telephone number [redacted]

She advised that she has not received any telephone calls from Texas during the period December 15 to 17, 1967, although her roommates, Miss [redacted] and Miss [redacted] do have friends in Texas and they sometimes receive calls from those friends.

[redacted] was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY at which time she advised that she did not know him but recognized his as the man being sought for the slaying of DR. KING.

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Miss [REDACTED] was contacted at [REDACTED] Apartment 211, at which time she advised that she resides at that apartment and subscribes to telephone number [REDACTED] which is located at that apartment.

[REDACTED] stated that she cannot recall receiving any telephone call from any place within the State of Texas, during the period December 15 to 17, 1967. She advised that she cannot recall her roommates Miss [REDACTED] or Miss [REDACTED] receiving calls from Texas during that period.

[REDACTED] advised that she has one friend in Houston, Texas, with whom she communicates but that at best she can recall she generally telephones this individual in Houston. She advised that person's name is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY at which time she advised she recalls seeing RAY'S photograph in a newspaper but that she was not familiar with RAY and had never received a call from him.

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[REDACTED]
advised her telephone number is [REDACTED] and she has had this telephone since an unrecalled date in 1964.

[REDACTED] advised that she cannot recall receiving a telephone call from anyone in the State of Texas between December 15 and December 17, 1967. [REDACTED] stated if she did receive this call, the only person that would call her from Texas is her son, [REDACTED] who is currently enrolled in the Job Corps and is staying at the Job Corps Training Center at San Marcos, Texas.

[REDACTED] advised her son can be reached through [REDACTED] Texas Educational Foundation, Gary Job Corps Training Center, Box 1108, San Marcos, Texas.

[REDACTED] a Negro, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and she advised that she has never seen this individual and knows nothing about the individual.

[REDACTED] further advised that if her son [REDACTED] did in fact telephone her in December of 1967, he would have made this telephone call from a pay telephone booth as he would not have been permitted to use any of the telephones at the Job Corps Training Center to make a personal long distance telephone call.

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