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TO: SACS, ATLANTA (44-2386), MOBILE, AND JACKSONVILLE
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

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RE ROOMING HOUSE ONE ZERO SEVEN - FOURTEENTH STREET
NORTHEAST, ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

RE MOBILE TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYFOUR LAST.

BILLY JOE FAULKNER, APARTMENT H, TWO ZERO ZERO TWO KIRBY
STREET, DALLAS, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON APRIL
TWENTYFOUR LAST.

THE ONLY TIME HE HAS BEEN IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA DURING
RECENT YEARS WAS FROM NOVEMBER NINETEEN SIXTYSIX THROUGH
FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN WHEN HE RESIDED AT AN UNRECALLED
ADDRESS ON PIEDMONT STREET. THEN HE RESIDED FOR ABOUT TWO
WEEKS AT WHAT HE BELIEVES WAS ONE ZERO SEVEN FOURTEENTH STREET
NORTHEAST. IT WAS THE FIRST BUILDING ON FOURTEENETH STREET
OFF PEACHTREE. HE LIVED IN A FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT IN THE REAR
NEAR THE KITCHEN DOOR. HE WAS INJURED ON MARCH TWENTYONE
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND LEFT ATLANTA ON MARCH TWENTYFOUR
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND WENT TO LIVE WITH HIS FATHER IN MIDLAND

CITY, ALABAMA.

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CITY, ALABAMA. HE STAYED THERE UNTIL SOMETIME IN AUGUST NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN WHEN HE WENT TO NEW ORLEANS AND BEGAN WORKING FOR EDWARDS TRANSPORTATION COMPANY ON A TUGBOAT. HE WORKED ON THE TUGBOAT FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS. THEN HE WENT TO LOCAL FIVE ONE THREE, INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, GALVESTON, TEXAS, AND THEY GOT HIM A JOB WITH LUMMUS COMPANY AS A WIREMAN AND JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN ON A CONSTRUCTION JOB IN TEXAS CITY, TEXAS. WHILE IN TEXAS CITY HE RESIDED AT COLONIAL COURTS WHICH IS BEHIND THE MAIN POST OFFICE. HE WAS LAID OFF THIS JOB BECAUSE OF A REDUCTION IN FORCE.

IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND JANUARY AND FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, HE WAS IN MIDLAND CITY, ALABAMA WITH HIS FATHER. IN FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, HE WENT TO WORK FOR OLYMPIA GOLF COURSE, DOTHAN, ALABAMA AND WAS FIRED IN MID MARCH NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

FROM THE MIDDLE OF MARCH NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT UNTIL HE CAME TO DALLAS ON APRIL THREE LAST HE LIVED WITH [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED] PLACE, A BEER BAR ON ROUTE FOUR, GRACEVILLE, FLORIDA. THIS BAR IS LOCATED THREE AND ONE HALF MILES NORTH OF GRACEVILLE ON

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SLOCOM (PH) HIGHWAY. HE SPENT FOUR OR FIVE DAYS A WEEK AT THIS BAR AND THE REST OF THE TIME HE SPENT IN MIDLAND CITY WHERE HE STAYED WITH HIS FATHER OR IN A TRAILER HE RENTED FROM MR. AND MRS. CHARLES WOODHAM. THE ONLY TRAVEL HE DID DURING THIS TIME EXCEPT BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN MIDLAND CITY AND GRACEVILLE WAS ONE TRIP HE MADE TO PENSACOLA, FLORIDA TO PICK UP A GIRL TO WORK AT THE BAR. HE WENT TO PENSACOLA AND RETURNED THE SAME DAY.

DURING THE TIME HE WAS AT MY PLACE BAR TWO GIRLS WORKED THERE, JACKIE MOLINE AND JACKIE (LNU) WHO IS NOW EMPLOYED AT THE BUSY BEA CAFE IN DOTHAN, ALABAMA.

LARRY BURCH, AN INSURANCE SALESMAN FOR INDEPENDENT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, WAS IN THE BAR ALMOST DAILY AND CAN VOUCH FOR HIS BEING THERE.

HE ARRIVED IN DALLAS ON APRIL THREE LAST AND RENTED THE APARTMENT AT TWO ZERO ZERO TWO KIRBY ON THAT DATE. ON APRIL FOUR LAST HE RECALLS GOING TO SEE WALTER (LNU) WHO OPERATES GALAXIE ONE ONE LIVE OAK STREET AND PAYING HIM THREE DOLLARS

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FOR A TELEPHONE CALL HE HAD MADE TO WALTER IN JANUARY. ON APRIL FIVE LAST HE HAD LUNCH WITH DALE KNOTTS, GENERAL DIRECTOR OF THE TB ASSOCIATION IN DALLAS.

JERRY NED MILLER, WHO FORMERLY RESIDED NEAR MY PLACE BAR ON ROUTE FOUR, GRACEVILLE, HAS BEEN HIS CONSTANT COMPANION FOR THE LAST TWO MONTHS AND IS NOW RESIDING WITH HIM AT APARTMENT H, TWO ZERO ZERO TWO KIRBY STREET, DALLAS.

MILLER INTERVIEWED AND VERIFIED FAULKNER HAS BEEN HIS CONSTANT COMPANION SINCE MID MARCH NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT AND THEY HAVE NOT BEEN TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, OR MEMPHIS DURING THAT TIME.

[REDACTED] CAME TO DALLAS WITH HIM IN HIS CAR AND IS ALSO LIVING WITH HIM AT THIS ADDRESS. SHE IS CURRENTLY WORKING AS A WAITRESS AT THE MANDARIN RESTAURANT ON GASTON AVENUE.

HE STATED HE DID NOT KNOW ANYONE WHO RESIDED AT ONE ZERO SEVEN FOURTEENTH STREET OR ANYONE IN ANY OF THE ADJOINING APARTMENT BUILDINGS IN ATLANTA. HE RECALLS TALKING TO A MAN ABOUT FIFTYSEVEN YEARS OLD WHO RESIDED AT THAT ADDRESS WHO WAS

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A CARPENTER AND HE BELIEVES HE RETURNED TO HIS HOME IN CARROLTON, GEORGIA ON WEEKENDS.

HE WAS SHOWN A PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY AND HE STATED HE HAS NEVER SEEN THIS PERSON AT ANY TIME. HE SAID THE NAME IS NOT FAMILIAR TO HIM, NOR IS THE NAME ERIC STARVO GALT.

HE KNOWS NOTHING WHATEVER ABOUT THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING AND HAD NO HATRED OF KING. HE WOULD NEVER HAVE CONSIDERED PARTICIPATING IN ANY WAY IN A PLOT TO KILL KING. HE ADMITTED HAVING BEEN A MEMBER OF THE KU KLUX KLAN IN NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE BUT SAID HE CEASED BEING A MEMBER IN ABOUT MARCH NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE AFTER HE WAS STOPPED BY POLICE IN SOME SMALL TOWN IN NORTH CAROLINA AT WHICH TIME HE HAD HIS KLAN ROBE ON. HE CLAIMED HE WAS ONLY IN THE KLAN FOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS AND HELD NO POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY.

HE DISPLAYED A CURRENT FLORIDA DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER H ONE EIGHT ONE SEVEN THREE NINE D WHICH SHOWS IT WAS ISSUED MARCH TWENTYFIVE NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT AND EXPIRES ON HIS BIRTH DATE IN NINETEEN SEVENTY.

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IT IS ISSUED TO BILLY JOE FAULKNER, ROUTE FOUR, GRACEVILLE,
JACKSON, FLORIDA, BORN FEBRUARY TWENTYSEVEN NINETEEN TWENTYEIGHT,
WHITE, BLUE EYES, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE
POUNDS, AN ELECTRICIAN.

MRS. MARGARET MC GULPIN, MANAGER OF APARTMENTS AT TWO
ZERO ZERO TWO KIRBY, VERIFIED THAT FAULKNER, A WOMAN HE SAID
WAS HIS WIFE, AND A BOY SAID TO BE THEIR SON, MOVED INTO
APARTMENT H ON APRIL THREE LAST.

DALLAS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION TO VERIFY ABOVE.

MOBILE AND JACKSONVILLE CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT PLACES
NAMED BY FAULKNER TO VERIFY HIS STORY.

AIRMAIL COPIES MEMPHIS. P