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Mr. LONNIE PHIL SMITH was contacted at the Veterans Administration Hospital (VA). SMITH was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and furnished the following information:

SMITH is presently a patient, suffering from failing eye sight and an arthritic condition who has been assigned to domiciliary number 2 since March 15, 1968. Prior to his admission at the Biloxi VA Hospital, he was a patient at the VA Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama, having been first admitted there December 3, 1967. SMITH has worked as a licensed practical nurse (LPN) in Birmingham, Alabama. He was last employed as an LPN at the Hanover House Nursing Home in Birmingham for one week in September, 1967, he believes the dates to be September 2, 1967 to September 9, 1967.

He had a room at the Economy Boarding House. SMITH could not remember the room number and indicated that he was not particularly friendly with other roomers in that dwelling. During the week he spent at the Economy Boarding House in September, he became acquainted with an individual also rooming at the Economy Boarding House whom he described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Middle or late 20's
Height	Medium
Weight	170
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown, business cut.

On 4/13/68 at Biloxi, Mississippi

File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA PAUL A. MEISSNER, JR.,/brh

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Characteristics

Well-mannered and always
well-dressed

During the week he spent at the Economy Boarding House, exact date unrecalled, the individual described above drove SMITH in his (SMITH's) vehicle to Leeds, Alabama, to visit SMITH's dying brother. This trip, which took one day, resulted in this individual meeting SMITH's sister-in-law, FRANCIS SMITH, and her daughter, GAIL SMITH in Leeds, Alabama. FRANCIS SMITH is presently employed as a nurse at the Leeds Hospital in Leeds, Alabama. During the entire period of SMITH's contact with the above described individual, SMITH advised he does not believe the man identified himself by name. He stated the man did very little talking about himself and would only respond to questions. SMITH advised that one thing he remembered was that the man indicated that he was an artist and he gave SMITH the impression he was not employed at present.

The individual described above, who drove with him to Leeds, Alabama, appeared to be friends with (First name unknown) CHEETER (Phonetic), the owner of the Economy Boarding House. SMITH advised he saw this individual speaking with CHEETER several times during the week he stayed at the Economy Boarding House. SMITH advised further that during the entire period of his stay at the Economy Boarding House, he was under extreme nervous tension and was distraut. He advised that he could not recall anything else concerning the individual described above, but that should he recall anything further, he would immediately contact the FBI.

SMITH advised that he did not recognize any of the following names as being identical with people he had previously met:

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JOHN WILLARD

HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER

ERIC STARVO GALT

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	LONNIE PHIL SMITH
Home address	Route 1, Eastaboga, Alabama
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	July 22, 1916
Place of birth	Gallant, Alabama
Height	5'8"
Weight	150
Hair	Brown, grey
Eyes	Blue