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RE: WILLIAM N. HESTER, TROY, ALABAMA, FORMERLY REGISTERED REBEL MOTEL, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

AT TROY, ALABAMA

WILBUR N. HESTER, 109 Forrest Avenue, Troy, Alabama, on April 11, 1968, informed SA CHILTON B. CREASON that he made a trip to Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968, spending that night at the Rebel Motel in Room 35. HESTER is a clerk at the United States Post Office, Troy, Alabama. Thursdays are his off-days and he frequently on such days drives trucks for various concerns in the Troy area to supplement his earnings. On April 4, 1968, he drove a tractor-trailer unit delivering a load of chemicals from the Chevron Chemical Company to Swift and Company, Memphis, Tennessee. He traveled alone.

About 7:00 or 7:30 p.m., April 4, 1968, he arrived at Memphis. Since it was too late to deliver his load, he stopped at a service station to inquire as to where he might find a motel for the night where he could keep his tractor-trailer unit nearby. He was referred to the Rebel Motel. He had never stayed at this motel before and had not been in Memphis for a number of years. While at the service station, he heard of the shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING but had no information concerning the details of this event.

HESTER drove on to the Rebel Motel where he checked in at approximately 8:00 p.m., April 4, 1968. He was given Room 35. It was dark by this time and after checking in his room, he cleaned up and ate dinner at the motel restaurant. Following this, he endeavored to call his wife by long distance telephone to allay any apprehension she might have for his safety in view of the tense atmosphere at Memphis; however, he was unable to get a long distance operator and was unable to place the call. After eating dinner, HESTER returned immediately to his room, heard a 9:00 p.m. news special, and then went to sleep. At 5:30 a.m., April 5, 1968, he was called by the motel office. After dressing, he checked out and drove to Swift and Company for his delivery. Immediately thereafter, he left Memphis for his return trip to Troy, Alabama.

HESTER informed that he did not see a white Mustang

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parked in the vicinity of the Faber Motel and had no contact with any other occupants of the motel except the motel employees at the office and the restaurant. He did not notice any of the neighbors in the adjoining motel rooms, although he did hear some talking in Room 34. He was unable to discern any of the words or whether this conversation was by men or women.

HESTER informed that he knows of no one by the name of ERIC S. GALT nor by the name of ANDY GAST.