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TO JACKSON, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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RE LITTLE ROCK TEL TO DALLAS AND MEMPHIS, APRIL TWENTYFIVE,
LAST.

JAMES L. GATTEN, ONE ZERO ZERO FIVE METKER, APARTMENT FORIY
ONE, IRVING, TEXAS, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING TODAY:

HE IS BELL HOP AT RAMADA INN, LOVE FIELD, DALLAS, TEXAS, AND
DELIVERS CARS FOR HERTZ THRUUGHT THE UNITED STATES.

ON APRIL SIX LAST GATTEN LEFT ATLANTA, GA., ENROUTE TO DALLAS
IN HERTZ CAR. ON EARLY AM APRIL SEVEN LAST GATTEN PICKED UP A
HITCH HIKER ON INTERSTATE FIFTY NINE, ABOUT TEN MILES WEST OF
INTERSECTION OF INTERSTATE FIFTY NINE AND STATE ROUTE FORTY NINE.
HITCH HIKER WAS IN REMOTE AREA, AND TOLD GATTEN THAT HE HAD
BEEN DROPPED OFF BY TRUCK WHICH TURNED OFF ON RURAL ROAD. HITCH
JHIKER RODE WITH GATTEN TO MIDTOWN NEW ORLEANS WHERE HE GOT OUT
ON INTERSTATE TEN NEAR INTERSECTION OF TULANE STREET, STATING HE
WOULD TAKE A CITY BUS FROM THERE.

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HITCH HIKER DESCRIBED AS : WHITE MALE THIRTY-FIVE TO FORTY, LIGHT SANDY BROWN HAIR, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES TO SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE POUNDS, UNSHAVEN, APPROXIMATELY ONE DAYS LIGHT COLORED BEARD, WEARING SHORT SLEEVED SPORT SHIRT, BLUE DRESS SLACKS, LOAFERS, SPOKE WITH SOUTHERN DRAWL NOT VERY NOTICABLE. HITCH HIKER SMOKED SEVERAL CIGARETTES, AND APPEARED TO BE FAMILIAR WITH PLANT LIFE OF THAT AREA. STATED HE WAS IN MERCHANT MARINES, AND PICKING UP A SHIP IN NEW ORLEANS.

GATTEN DISPLAYED WANTED FLYER, RE JAMES EARL RAY, AND STATED NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT PICTURE RESEMBLED THE HITCH HIKER. THE OTHER TWO PHOTOGRAPHS ON THE FLYER DID NOT RESEMBLE HITCH HIKER AT ALL.

GATTEN DOES NOT RECALL IF HITCH HIKER HAD LONG POINTED NOSE, DIMPLE IN CHIN, OR PROMINENT LEFT EAR.

DURING TRIP NO MENTION WAS MADE BY EITHER PERSON OF THE KING MURDER.

JACKSON: ATTEMPT TO LOCATE TRUCK DRIVER WHO DROPPED HITCH HIKER OFF IN RURAL AREA ON INTERSTATE FIFTY NINE, ABOUT TEN MILES WEST INTERSECTION OF STATE ROUTE FORTY NINE AND INTERVIEW RE HITCHHIKER.

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