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TO

File (44-1987)

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FROM:

ASAC C. O. HALTER

SUBJECT:

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GEORGE H. CASTLEMAN, SR., Director of Sales, Dean Truck Lines, Inc., 123 East Virginia, Memphis, Tenn., residence address 1576 Lehr Drive, Tel. 398-5957, telephonically communicated with me from his home the morning of May 8, 1968. Mr. CASTLEMAN, who is the father of GEORGE H. CASTLEMAN, JR., an Agent assigned to the Omaha Office, is recovering from an operation and will be at his residence for several weeks.

One of CASTLEMAN's salesmen who works for Dean Truck Lines, Inc., and a salesman who works for another line were in Wilmoth's Restaurant, 1985 South Third St., Memphis, Tenn., Monday afternoon, May 6, 1968. Both of these men observed the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY which appeared in the Press-Scimitar, May 7, 1968. After seeing the photograph, both salesmen recalled that an individual they observed leave Wilmoth's Restaurant at about 3:30 PM on Monday, May 6, 1968, closely resembled the photograph of RAY. The individual in question at the restaurant left with a woman and is believed to have entered a Volkswagen.

CASTLEMAN did not care to disclose the names of the salesmen, stating they did not desire to be interviewed in the FBI Office or by the police. CASTLEMAN stated, however, that in the event FBI Agents wanted to interview the salesmen, he could have the salesmen at his residence.

I did not push CASTLEMAN for the names of these salesmen but do not feel that we should permit CASTLEMAN to set the conditions under which we will conduct our interviews.

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Recommend Agents show photographs of the subject at the Wilmoth Restaurant, 1985 S. Third, Memphis, Tenn.

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