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On 5/10/68, Mr. BERT VANDE VUSSE, 86 South Wilson Boulevard, Mt. Clemens, Michigan, advised that during March of 1968, while en route from Florida to Michigan, he and his wife spent the night of 3/11/68 at the Holiday Inn, 2100 South Market Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee. They occupied Room 212.

At the time of their arrival, Mrs. VANDE VUSSE noticed the occupant of Room 202 watching them park their car. She mentioned this individual to her husband, and they moved the car to another spot in front of their room. This individual was also observed in deep conversation with one of the motel employees. During the night of 3/11/68, several pieces of luggage were stolen from their car, and this matter was reported to the Chattanooga PD.

Mr. and Mrs. VANDE VUSSE both are of the opinion that the man who stayed in Room 202 of the Holiday Inn at Chattanooga on the evening of 3/11/68 bears a strong resemblance and may be identical with JAMES EARL RAY, whose picture they observed in recent edition of Life Magazine.

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Will ascertain the occupant of Room 202, Holiday Inn, 2100 South Market Street on evening of 3/11/68, and attempt to ascertain if this individual might be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

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