On April 23, 1968, Special Agent SIDNEY H.
ROCHE contacted Mr. JAMES M. BONES, Inspector, United
States Post Office Department, and inquiry was made
concerning the possibility of the Federal Bureau of
Investigation reviewing postal money orders purchased
at the western station, United States Post Office,
Santa Monica, California, during the period of February
1, 1968, through March 4, 1968.

The money orders sold through that station
during the pertinent period were in series 1,908,183,856
through 1,908,183,999 and 1,916,210,000 through 1,916,211,999.

Mr. BONES explained that because of the filing
procedure utilized by the United States Post Office,
money orders, after being cashed, are not kept in numerical
sequence, but forwarded to the Treasury Department and
placed according to date received into cardboard boxes
of 2,000 money orders each. He said that for this reason
it would take several days to locate these money orders,
as it would be necessary to find the locater number
before the money orders could be located.

On April 25, 1968, the following Special Agents
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field
Office, reported to the Government Accounting Office
Building (GAO), 441 G Street, Northwest, to review money
orders: HARVEY W. JAMES, JAMES W. NORMENT, JR., JOHN L.
PATTERSON, KENNETH L. PLESS, SIDNEY H. ROCHE, and HARVEY
E. WILKINSON.

A total of 376 money orders falling in the pertinent period described above were searched against the following names with negative results:

JAMES EARL RAY
ERIC STARVO GALT
HARVEY LOWMEYER
JOHN WILLARD
W. C. HERRON
JAMES O'CONNER
JAMES WALTON
JAMES WALYON
JAMES MC BRIDE

On April 26, 1968, the afore mentioned agents searched 1,561 additional money orders which were located at the Federal Records Center building in Suitland, Maryland, against the afore mentioned names that the subject has utilized, and the search was made with negative results.

A total of 1,937 postal money orders were searched.