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TO: SAC HOUSTON  
FROM: SAC DALLAS (44-2649)  
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JAMES M. SHEPARD, TWO SEVEN ONE ONE WELBORN ST, DALLAS, TODAY ADVISED HE WAS IN "OFFICE BAR", BEAUMONT, TEXAS, MONDAY EVENING APRIL FIFTEEN LAST, ABOUT TEN THIRTY PM WHEN OBSERVED INDIVIDUAL SITTING FRONT OF BAR COUNTER WHO CLOSELY RESEMBED COMPOSITE DRAWING OF ERIC STARVO GALT HE HAD SEEN IN BEAUMONT NEWSPAPER. DESCRIBED INDIVIDUAL AS WM, THIRTYFIVE-FORTY, FIVE FT. TEN-ELEVEN, HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVENTYFIVE LBS, BROWN HAIR, POINTED NOSE; HAVING EYES THAT SEEMED "VERY FIXED" AND CLOSE TO NOSE, WHO APPEARED NERVOUS AND "DEEP IN THOUGHT." SHEPARD STATED HE INQUIRED OF ANOTHER CUSTOMER SITTING NEXT TO HIM ABOUT THIS INDIVIDUAL AND WAS TOLD THIS MAN HAD FREQUENTED BAR FOR APPROX SIX MONTH PERIOD. SHEPARD STATED THAT HE WENT TO REST ROOM AND UPON RETURNING THE QUESTIONED INDIVIDUAL HAD LEFT BAR AND CUSTOMER WITH WHOM HE HAD HAD PREVIOUS CONVERSATION COMMENTED TO HIM THAT HE HAD BETTER LEAVE AS HIS LIFE WAS IN DANGER. SHEPARD SAID THAT HE THEN DEPARTED. SHEPARD FURTHER

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STATED UPON SEEING PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY TODAY IN DALLAS  
NEWSPAPER HE FURTHER FELT THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL HE OBSERVED IN  
BAR CLOSELY RESEMBLED RAY.

SHEPARD ADVISED BAR LOCATED ON EAST ELEVENTH ST, OR ON  
NORTH ELEVENTH ST, BEAUMONT, AND IT HAS PROMINENT PHOTO OF  
GEORGE WALLACE ON WALL.

HOUSTON AT BEAUMONT. HANDLE.

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