

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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**MARVIN MARSHALL** called the FBI Office at Memphis, Tennessee, by telephone and furnished the following information:

He does not have a permanent address but temporarily rooms with Mrs. **[REDACTED]** Merriwether Street near Whitney in the Frayser area of Memphis. He did not know the address and Mrs. WILKINS does not have a telephone. **MARSHALL** is unemployed and is a disabled veteran. His disability involves "a nervous condition" but he is "not out of touch with reality".

On the date that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was murdered in Memphis, **MARSHALL** lived at 922 North Hollywood, Memphis. His residence was three doors down from a Gulf service station which was located at the corner of Hollywood and Jackson, Memphis. Around 7:00 P.M. on the date of Dr. KING's murder, **MARSHALL** saw JAMES EARL RAY make a telephone call from the coin operated telephone inside the above mentioned service station. **MARSHALL** did not see RAY arrive at or depart from the station and had no information regarding any car being driven by RAY. At the time, **MARSHALL** had pulled into this service station to get some gasoline. He then walked inside the door of the service station and, at this time, saw the man he has since recognized as RAY using the telephone. He recognized this man as RAY from photographs he has seen of JAMES EARL RAY. When **MARSHALL** walked into the service station, he stood about 3½ to 4 feet away from the man he saw using the telephone. **MARSHALL** described the man he saw using the phone as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	35-45
Height	5'11" - 6'
Weight	165-175
Hair	Black, but looked like a wig
Clothing	Dark colored suit
Miscellaneous	Wore glasses

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**MARSHALL** did not hear any of the conversation of this man.

The owners of this Gulf service station were two white men, names unknown. Shortly after the murder of Dr. KING, these two men closed this service station but reopened another service station between the Holiday Inn and the Quality Motel near the old bridge over the Mississippi River at Memphis. This new station was either a Phillips 66 station or a "76" station. These two men no longer operate this station.

**MARSHALL** described these two men as follows:

#1

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	45
Height	5'8" - 5'9"
Weight	250-300
Hair	Reddish; short

#2

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	35-40
Height	6'3" - 6'4"
Weight	175-180
Build	Slender
Miscellaneous	Talked slowly

For a few days before the murder of Dr. KING and for a few days after his murder, several police cars were parked at the above mentioned Gulf service station. **MARSHALL** did not know the names of the police officers in these cars but one of the officers who frequently was there was a lieutenant or a captain. He was a white man and was described by **MARSHALL** as "elderly".

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When asked why he had waited so long to report this information, MARSHALL replied, "I didn't give it too much thought". He said he had been "so upset" about Dr. KING getting killed.

MARSHALL said he had reported this information by telephone to the FBI around September to November, 1976, but he did not know the name of the person with whom he had spoken.