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Re Chicago airtel to St. Louis, 10/15/74, captioned  
"JAMES EARL RAY; INFORMATION CONCERNING."

On 12/11/74, SA WILLIAM R. BURTON interviewed JONNIE RHODES (Mrs. PAUL RHODES), P. O. Box 80, Advance, Mo. Mrs. RHODES advised that her brother, FRED GLASSCOCK, and his wife, both of whom are now deceased, formerly operated the Glaco Motel, Highway 61, Hayti, Mo. About one month before MARTIN LUTHER KING was killed in Memphis, Tenn., she was working at her brother's motel. A hitchhiker came in and he said in conversation with her that he was from Birmingham, that he had gotten to Birmingham on a ship and that he had worked in various places as a short order cook. Later, when she saw a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY she felt like this hitchhiker looked very much like RAY. She did state, however, that the photograph of RAY depicted him as being somewhat older than the hitchhiker who she had seen at the motel. She further thought there was something more than coincidence because the hitchhiker indicated that he was from Birmingham, had been on a ship and had worked as a short order cook and these were the same things that JAMES EARL RAY said he had been doing.

She stated that she had no idea as to the man's name and had no other information to furnish. She wanted the FBI to have the information because of the similarity in the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and the hitchhiker.

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