

ADMINISTRATIVE INSERT (R/D):

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On 6/5/68

[redacted] Memphis, Tenn. (who requested that his identity not be revealed, as he did not want to become "involved") furnished the following information:

He is sure in his own mind that about a month ago he sold a set of tires to JAMES EARL RAY. He had just seen a photograph of RAY in the local newspaper and thought at the time he dealt with this individual that this was RAY (or GALT), whose photograph had appeared in the paper. After the man left he called FRANK C. HOLLOMAN, Director of Fire and Police, a personal acquaintance and furnished him information he had concerning this individual.

[redacted] checked his tire sales records and located a copy of an invoice dated 4/23/68 reflecting the sale of 4 775 by 15 tires, total price \$55.28, to HUBERT FRIEFMAN, 4301 - Nesbit, Pfd 1 - Box 268, Nesbit, Miss. The invoice contains a notation "CHARLES OSWALT" which [redacted] said was the name of this man's alleged employer at Nesbit, Miss. It also contains a notation, "Desoto 176775", which [redacted] said was the Mississippi License on a 1960 or 1961 green Chevrolet Station Wagon this person was driving. [redacted] stated the man presented a check already signed by some woman, name unknown to him now, who had an account at the Southgate Branch of the U P Bank in Memphis, but the man filled in the amount of the check. [redacted] wrote down the man's Mississippi driver's license number on the check and questioned him because of this check. The man claimed the signer of the check was a relative, possibly mother or wife, and claimed he was working in Memphis painting houses on Getwell. However, a Negro employee told [redacted] the man said he was enroute to Houston, Texas.

[redacted] stated while the tires were being balanced this man dropped what appeared to be a .32 caliber slug, which slug obviously had been removed from the hull and had not been fired. [redacted] picked up the slug and still has it. [redacted] looked in the Station Wagon while the man was not looking and observed 2 suitcases and a number of tools which appeared to be all carpenter's tools. He moved a pile of tools and stated he saw what he knows to be a machine gun, which he described as resembling an air wrench of the type he used to removed wheels from cars.

[redacted] described the above man as follows

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Name used: HUBERT PROEMAN

Address given: Nesbit, Miss. (stated he lived on Highway 301 near Nesbit, and [redacted] believes the name, CHARLES OSWALT, written on invoice was stated by man to be his employer or landlord, or some person who owned the "plantation" on which the man lived)

Race - W

Sex - M

Age - 32-33

Ht. - 5-10

Wt. 165

Hair - Lt. Brown, normal haircut, parted on left

Eyes - "real pretty light blue", "noticeable eyes"

Ears - one ear closer to head than other

Scars & Marks - had about 1/2 to 3/4 inch rounded, sunken, scar on left side of face just in front of ear lobe;

Man had stitches inside his mouth and [redacted] stated he could see "impression" of these stitches from the outside. Claims he asked man what was wrong with his mouth, and man told him he had operation that had something to do with his gums. [redacted] claims man pulled up his upper lip and showed him the stitches. Stated his mouth protruded because of this condition, and [redacted] went on to speculate that man had operation to disguise his appearance.

[redacted] said after accepting the check he called the above branch of UP bank and bank verified that signer of check had account. Stated he later deposited check in the Holiday City Branch, First National Bank, Memphis, and check cleared.