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SA HARVEY W. JAMES conducted the following interview
at Washington, D. C.

EDWARD FATH, business address, Editorial Phatonews
Section, "The Evening Star," 225 Virginia Avenue, S.E.,
telephone number LI 3-5000 extensions 658 and 444, was
telephonically contacted on June 4, 1968, after his telephone
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contact to Washington, Field Office (WFO), June 3, 1968. An
appointment for interview was set up for June 6, 1968.

Field Office and advised: Thin features, sharpe hawk

At around 8:10 to 8:15 p.m. May 31, 1968, he was parking his car in the vicinity of 19th and S Street, N.W. when he observed an individual walking north on 19th Street near S Street, N.W. At the time he though he had seen this individual before but could not place where he che, watched this individual walk north on 19th Street, N.W. and watched this individual walk north on 19th Street, N.W. and continue northward for some distance. He did not notice anything peculiar about the walk. As, muted offeren; anything peculiar about the walk. As, muted offeren;

The following Sunday, June 2, 1968, FATH was lors reading a Life magazine and read the article about JAMES EARL RAY and it was then he determined the individual he had seen on Friday morning appeared to be identical with RAY. He then went to his office where he reviewed the photographs of RAY which had appeared in the newspapers, including a description, and he became even more convinced the person he had seen very strongly resembled RAY. The undurited.

At approximately 9:45 a.m., June 3, 1968, FATH was parking his car on 19th Street, N.W., between R and S Streets, N.W. when he observed the same individual come out of the building at 1706 19th Street, N.W., lock the door, and walk north on 19th Street, N.W. to the alley where he turned west. FATH did not follow the individual on foot but got back into his car and drove around the block. He never saw this individual again. Searched contacted

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He felt so strongly the person he had seen was RAY that he telephoned the Federal Bureau of Investigation V. (FBI) to report it: 19th Street, N.W., advised as follows

He described this individual as eeper for a F. M. K. VAN DER VEER, at the above address since April, Height: n on all lessors, but 5 feet 8 inchesors have been Weight: wilding for a number o 144 pounds ts. JONES is to Age: Wited with these people, Uncertain, over 35 years Hair e her to clean and strai Black, medium short, brushed

sue the building, both under Complexion: ". Mustache:

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Mrs. JONES then took traants and one by one gave a where employed, references, an

Race: Mr. VAN DER VEER owns b White uses located at 1704 and Sex: 19th Streets, N.W. and re Maleurnished rooms. Applications straight back, not parted. In recent weeks only Thin features, sharpe hawk ved beek type nose. Appeared as students who attend a nearby I though he had recently lostes was vacated his room recently, weight, got guests usually are Rather pale Small straight black mustache, is has not a tapered at the ends buildings Conservative dresserved any Pants, muted olive green; ants Coat, dress coat, off color green; tie and shirt, colors not noted; shoes were lizzard or aligator, dark, and new inc looking; wore dark horned rim sun glasses of a common type individual was attending school carried rain coat, too, and umbrella.

She then observed the Deliberate, unhurried. EARL RAY. Walk: She said she had never seen anyone of this description in either of tphotographs were then displayed to FATH of JAMESTH EARL RAY, and Identification Wanted Flyer Number 442-Z, dated April 19, 1968. FATH advised after studying the photographs that the person he saw looked the same in facial features as the left photograph on the flyer. He said the hair style was similar to the style in the photographs but the hair seemed shorter and perhaps a bit thinner. R VILLA, and has seen almost all those woo have applied for room rental before TC. VAN DE SAS HARVEY W. JAMES and JOSEPH C. KELLY conducted the following investigation on June 7, 1968, at Washington, She will be alert for anyone in the neighborhood catching the description of RAY as shown in the photographs and will immediately contact the FBI if anyone is observed.

Mrs. BULAH JONES, home address, 1824 S Street, N.W. interviewed at 1704 19th Street, N.W., advised as follows:

She has been employed as a housekeeper for a ivery,
Mr. H. K. VAN DER VEER, at the above address since April,
1964. Mr. VAN DER VEER owns both houses located at 1704 and
1706 19th Streets, N.W. and rents furnished rooms. Applications
are taken on all lessors, but most of the lessors have been
in the building for a number of years. Mrs. JONES is property
acquainted with these people, all men, since her duties 216,
require her to clean and straighten their rooms. The truck was

In recent weeks only one or two tenants have moved of into the building, both under age 25, and both are foreign very students who attend a nearby Language Institute. No tenants has vacated his room recently. Overnight guests usually are not permitted.

In. FIGH DED advised that he first made a contract

with aligator or lizzard slippers nor has she observed any tenant with a mustache she can recall. She sees the tenants almost daily since she comes to one of the two buildings, FRANK around 6:00 a.m. to begin her duties.

Mrs. JONES then took the registration cards of the tenants and one by one gave a description of each as well as where employed, references, and, if applicable, where the individual was attending school.

She then observed the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. She said she had never seen anyone of this description in either of the two houses. A description as furnished by FATH was produced for Mrs. JONES. She replied no one of this description had been in either house to her knowledge since she has been employed by VAN DER VEER. Number 202, Paryland alboro Fike, Washington, D. C., Number 202, Paryland

application cards in the absence of VAN DER VEER, and has seen almost all those who have applied for room rental before Mr. VAN DER VEER. The had a permit and the contract.

She will be alert for anyone in the neighborhood matching the description of RAY as shown in the photographs and will immediately contact the FBI if anyone is observed.

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