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Re Memphis airtel to Los Angeles 2/28/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies and to Memphis and New Orleans two copies each of Letterhead Memorandum (LHM) recording interview with CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN.

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CHH Charles Joseph Stein was interviewed in Los Angeles on February 13, 1969 and furnished the following information: *LH*

During April, 1968, he was contacted by a reporter from the "Los Angeles Times", a daily metropolitan Los Angeles newspaper. This reporter was named Larsen. During the conversation with Larsen, they discussed a memorandum slip, the type used in hotels to give messages regarding incoming telephone calls during ones absence, which Stein had received from James Earl Ray. This slip had the address of Stein's sister, Marie Lee, where Stein stayed while in New Orleans, Louisiana during December, 1967 when he and Ray travelled from Los Angeles to New Orleans and return. This slip also bore a phone number which Stein cannot recall. Stein said that he did not now have the slip of paper in his possession since he has moved several times during the interim.

Stein felt that the phone number might be of great financial value since he felt the phone number might be the location where James Earl Ray could be located. According to Stein, Larsen offered him \$15 or \$20 for the slip which he felt was not enough money.

Following the conversation with Larsen, Stein said he spent his last dollar to call the phone number on the slip, which was a New Orleans phone number. He said that the person answering the phone identified the number as being that of the Greyhound Bus Station in New Orleans. Stein continued that Ray was eager to leave New Orleans for the return trip to Los Angeles but that he wanted to stay a day or two longer. Stein suggested to Ray that they check weather conditions prior to departing New Orleans for Los Angeles since on the trip to New Orleans, they had encountered a snow storm. Stein continued that Ray called the fire station, who suggested he call the Greyhound Bus Depot for weather

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information. According to Stein, Ray did call the Greyhound Bus Station and made a notation on the memorandum slip.

Stein stated during interview that he is eager to go to Memphis, Tennessee, to be a witness in the Ray trial. He said he intends to take with him a camera or a photographer to record his actions as a witness and that he intends to write a book about his experiences in this case. Stein said that he will embellish on his story to make the book a good seller and to profit financially from it.

Stein was asked if he had ever heard Ray mention anyone named Raul, to which he answered negatively. He said he knows of no connection between the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, Senator Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Stein continued that James Garrison, New Orleans District Attorney, had contacted his sister, Marie Lee in New Orleans asking to have Stein contact him. Stein said he made two attempts to call Garrison collect but the calls were not completed.

Stein advised that he had called the District Attorney's Office in Memphis to obtain permission to telegraph Ray in prison for information concerning the December, 1967 trip to New Orleans. Stein said that the District Attorney "took the fifth amendment" and while permission was not granted, Stein did telegraph Ray in prison. As of the date of interview, Stein stated he had not received any information from Ray.

During the interview with Stein, on several occasions, he digressed into the realm of metaphysical thought concerning the continuous creations of many new Christs. Stein stated that he had no permanent address in Los Angeles, but that he is living on a day-to-day basis with friends.

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