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NO SHOULD DETERMINE CORRECT SUBSCRIBER TO PHONE NUMBER AND IDENTIFY RAUL V. ESQUIBEL, WHO WAS SUSPOSED TO HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO JAMES EARL RAY, AND HIS PHONE NUMBER WAS GIVEN TO JERRY COHEN, A REPORTER. NO SHOULD COMPARE THIS PHONE NUMBER WITH PHONES OF MOTEL WHERE RAY STAYED IN NEW ORLEANS IN DECEMBER 1/9/67, TO DETERMINE IF NO'S HAVE ANY SIMILARITY.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1487) AND NEW ORLEANS (157-10653)
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 3 P

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RE LOS ANGELES PHONE CALL TO NEW ORLEANS FEBRUARY FIVE INSTANT.

DAVE LARSEN, LOS ANGELES TIMES REPORTER, ADVISED FEBRUARY FIVE INSTANT THAT DURING APRIL SIX EIGHT WHEN SEARCH WAS BEING MADE TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE JAMES EARL RAY, HE INTERVIEWED CHARLES STEIN, RE HIS ASSOCIATION WITH RAY. STEIN ATTEMPTED TO SELL FOR ABOUT TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS TO LARSEN AND FELLOW REPORTER JERRY COHEN, A PIECE OF PAPER WHICH STEIN STATED BORE RAY'S HANDWRITING. PAPER WAS SLIP USED IN MOTELS TO RECORD MESSAGES FOR GUEST WHEN AWAY FROM ROOM.

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STEIN ALLEGEDLY CAME INTO POSSESSION OF PAPER WHEN RAY, DURING TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS FROM LOS ANGELES IN DECEMBER ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, GAVE STEIN PHONE NUMBER IN NEW ORLEANS WHERE HE COULD BE CONTACTED RE RETURN TO LOS ANGELES.

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RAY WROTE THE PHONE NUMBER FOUR EIGHT TWO DASH FIVE SEVEN FIVE ONE AND GAVE IT TO STEIN. ON THE REVERSE SIDE WAS A HANDWRITTEN MESSAGE "CALL GREYHOUND BUS STATION". LARSEN STATED HE IMITATED THE HANDWRITING AND COMPARED IT TO COPY OF RAY'S HANDWRITING HE LOCATED AT THE INTERNATIONAL DANCE SCHOOL, LONG BEACH. FROM OBSERVATION, LARSEN BELIEVES HANDWRITING TO BE IDENTICAL TO RAY'S. STEIN ADVISED LARSEN HE DID NOT WANT TO GIVE PAPER TO AUTHORITIES SINCE HE DID NOT WANT TO GET INVOLVED AND IF LARSEN DID NOT BUY IT HE WOULD DESTROY IT.

LARSEN STATED HE MADE CALL TO FOUR EIGHT TWO DASH FIVE SEVEN FIVE ONE WHICH WAS THE NUMBER OF THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE BARRACKS IN NEW ORLEANS. HE STATED HE DID NOT FEEL RAY WOULD BE ASSOCIATING WITH ANYONE AT THE STATE POLICE BARRACKS AND WANTED NO MORE OF IT.

COHEN IS PRESENTLY IN NEW ORLEANS TO COVER THE CLAY SHAW TRIAL. COHEN DETERMINED THAT THERE IS A STATE TROOPER RAUL V. ESQUIBEL ASSIGNED TO THIS BARRACKS.

LARSEN STATED HE RECALLS IN READING WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE'S ACCOUNT OF RAY'S LIFE IN "LOOK MAGAZINE", THAT RAY
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HAD MADE A RENDEZVOUS WITH A RAUL AT A GREYHOUND BUS STATION
AND THOUGHT THE FOREGOING MAYBE OF SIGNIFICANCE.

LOS ANGELES WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATED CHARLES STEIN TO
DETERMINE IF HE STILL HAS PAPER IN HIS POSSESSION.

NEW ORLEANS SHOULD DETERMINE CORRECT SUBSCRIBER TO
PHONE NUMBER AND IDENTIFY RAUL V. ESQUIBEL. NEW ORLEANS
SHOULD COMPARE THIS PHONE NUMBER WITH PHONE NUMBER OF MOTEL
WHERE RAY STAYED IN NEW ORLEANS IN DECEMBER ONE NINE SIX SEVEN,
TO DETERMINE IF NUMBERS HAVE ANY SIMILARITY.

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