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Hardin - St.
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RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE DIRECTOR 5/20/68, AND
NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR 5/29/68. RE
JAMES C. HARDIN

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Date: 5/29/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO DIRECTOR (MAIL), SAC'S, JACKSON AND LOUISVILLE
FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

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RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE DIRECTOR MAY TWENTYEIGHT,
SIXTYEIGHT, AND NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MAY TWENTYNINE,
SIXTYEIGHT.

RE **JAMES EARL RAY**

FOR INFORMATION JACKSON AND LOUISVILLE, WHO HAVE NOT
PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED COPIES OF RE TELETYPES, THE FOLLOWING
BACKGROUND SET FORTH:

REFERENCED LOS ANGELES TELETYPE ADVISED ACCORDING TO
ALLAN C. THOMPSON, MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES,
HE HAD CONVERSATION WITH CAUCASIAN MALE, WHOM HE REFUSES
TO IDENTIFY, WHICH PROMPTED HIS RECOLLECTION OF CERTAIN EVENTS
AS CONCERNS JAMES EARL RAY NOT EARLIER RECALLED. THOMPSON

- ① - Bureau (44-38861)
- 1 - New Orleans
- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386)
- 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987)

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SAID THIS UNNAMED INDIVIDUAL INQUIRED ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC STARVO GALT, AND A CAUCASIAN MALE BY THE NAME OF ~~JAMES MADOLE~~ THOMPSON SAID THIS UNNAMED INDIVIDUAL APPROACHED HIM IN EFFORT TO QUOTE GET A PIECE OF THE ACTION UNQUOTE CONCERNING THE REWARD MONEY. THOMPSON SAID THAT AS RESULT THIS CONVERSATION, HE NOW RECALLS DURING PERIOD MARCH ONE LAST TO MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST HE RECEIVED CALL FOR ERIC GALT WHILE OPERATING HOTEL SWITCHBOARD. THOMPSON SAID WHEN HE ADVISED THE CALLER ERIC GALT HAD NO TELEPHONE IN HIS ROOM, THE MAN REQUESTED HIM TO LEAVE MESSAGE FOR ERIC GALT TO CALL ~~JAMES MADOLE~~ COLLECT. THIS CALLER PROVIDED THE CITY AND OPERATOR NUMBER, AS WELL AS NAME ~~JAMES MADOLE~~ THOMPSON SAID HE RELAYED THIS INFORMATION TO GALT. THOMPSON ADVISED HE WAS QUITE SURE AS TO SPELLING OF NAME.

THOMPSON ADVISED THAT SUBSEQUENT TO INITIAL TELEPHONE CALL THERE WAS ONE OTHER, POSSIBLY TWO, CALLS BY THIS SAME INDIVIDUAL. HE ADVISED THESE CALLS CAME FROM BOTH ATLANTA AND NEW ORLEANS.

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HE SAID SUBSEQUENT TO THESE TELEPHONE CALLS A PERSON WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS ~~JAMES C. HADON~~ CAME TO ST. FRANCIS HOTEL SOMETIME DURING PERIOD OF MARCH ONE TO SEVENTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT. HE ADVISED THIS INDIVIDUAL DID NOT RESIDE AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL. THOMPSON DESCRIBED THIS INDIVIDUAL AS MALE CAUCASIAN, THIRTY FIVE TO FORTY, FIVE SEVEN TO FIVE EIGHT IN HEIGHT, ONE FORTY TO ONE FIFTY POUNDS, DARK HAIR COMBED BACK, NEAT, EYES POSSIBLY DARK, SLENDER BUILD, DARK COMPLEXION, SLIGHTLY ACNE SCARRED, SPOKE WITH SLIGHT SOUTHERN ACCENT.

THOMPSON SAID THE INDIVIDUAL WHO BROUGHT ~~THE MATTER~~ TO HIS ATTENTION DOES NOT WISH TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF. HE SAID HE BELIEVES THIS INDIVIDUAL IS SUBJECT OF OUTSTANDING WARRANT FOR SOME UNKNOWN OFFENSE. THOMPSON WAS ADVISED OF IMPORTANCE OF THIS MATTER AND, FURTHER, THAT HE COULD POSSIBLY BE SUBPOENAED TO PROVIDE ABOVE INFORMATION. THOMPSON SAID HE MADE PROMISE TO THIS INDIVIDUAL WHICH HE FULLY INTENDS TO KEEP. HE STATED IT WOULD TAKE COURT ACTION TO INDUCE HIM TO IDENTIFY THIS INDIVIDUAL.

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THOMPSON SAID THE INDIVIDUAL WHOM HE REFUSED TO IDENTIFY SAID HE SAT NEXT TO JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC STARVO GALT, AND [REDACTED] THOMPSON SAID THIS INDIVIDUAL MAINTAINED HE OVERHEARD GALT CALL THE OTHER [REDACTED]

NEW ORLEANS INDICES CONTAINED NO RECORD OF ANYONE BY THE NAME OF **JAMES G. HARDIE**

INDICES REVEALED REFERENCE FOR ONE [REDACTED] NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, NO FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - TWO TWO ONE, BUFILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - FOUR ZERO ONE, JACKSON FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - TWO ZERO. THIS CASE CAPTIONED DESEGREGATION OF UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI; RM, COJ, AFO, CONSPIRACY. HIS REFERENCE COULD NOT BE REVIEWED AS ENTIRE FILE SENT JACKSON IN AUGUST, SIXTYFOUR, AT TIME JACKSON OFFICE OPENED.

NEW ORLEANS INDICES ALSO CONTAIN REFERENCE ON ONE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

JACKSON SHOULD REVIEW INDICES FOR ANY INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] IN PARTICULAR, REVIEW REFERENCE CONTAINED IN YOUR FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - TWO ZERO, RE [REDACTED] FOR POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE, THE NEW ORLEANS REFERENCE FOR [REDACTED] IS ONE FIVE SEVEN - TWO TWO ONE - TWO ZERO THREE SIX, PAGE EIGHTYFOUR.

LOUISVILLE SHOULD REVIEW INDICES FOR ANY INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] AND, IN PARTICULAR, REVIEW THE REFERENCE ON [REDACTED]

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MENTIONED ABOVE, WHICH IS CONTAINED IN THE SCOT FILE. FOR
POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE OF LOUISVILLE, THE NEW ORLEANS REFERENCE
IS ONE ZERO ZERO - SEVEN FIVE NINE - ONE D NINE.

JACKSON AND LOUISVILLE SHOULD ADVISE BUREAU AND APPROPRIATE
OFFICES OF RESULTS OF THIS INVESTIGATION.

ATLANTA, LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Mr. Trotter	
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Miss Gandy	

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616 PM URGENT 5-29-68 DND

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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REVIEW OF MEMPHIS FILES IDENTIFIES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AS HAVING USED ALIAS [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] INDICES OF MEMPHIS DIVISION CONTAIN REFERENCES
 TO [REDACTED] NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, IN CONNECTION WITH CASE
 ENTITLED DES^EEGREGATION, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI, RM, BUFILE ONE
 FIVE SEVEN - FOUR ZERO ONE, MEMPHIS FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - ONE FOUR
 SEVEN, WHICH FILE TRANSFERRED IN ENTIRETY TO JACKSON OFFICE UPON
 OPENING THAT FIELD DIVISION. JACKSON DIVISION HAS BEEN REQUESTED
 TO REVIEW ALL INFO CONTAINED IN THE FILE TO IDENTIFY [REDACTED]

THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO FURNISH
 LATEST ARREST RECORD OF [REDACTED] AND PROVIDE MOST RECENT
 PHOTO FOR VIEWING BY MANAGER AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES.

RE BANK LOCK BOXES:

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 FACT RAY IS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IN POSSESSION OF [REDACTED]
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135 AM URGENT 5/30/68 DPK/VLB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), ATLANTA (44-2386),
SAN DIEGO (44-387), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), SPRINGFIELD (44-56),
LAS VEGAS, LOUISVILLE, NEW ORLEANS (157-10653), JACKSON
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (12P)

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RE [REDACTED]

AN AGGRESSIVE, PENETRATING, LENGTHY INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED
THIS DATE WITH ALLAN O. THOMPSON, MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL.
THOMPSON ADVISED HE KNOWS THE INDIVIDUAL, WHOM HE PREVIOUSLY
REFUSED TO IDENTIFY, BY THE NAME OF [REDACTED]... HE ADVISED HE WAS
APPROACHED BY THIS INDIVIDUAL AT THE RABBIT'S FOOT BAR A FEW DAYS
AGO BUT COULD NOT RECALL SPECIFIC DATE. HE SAID THIS INDIVIDUAL
SAID, "YOUR MR. THOMPSON, AREN'T YOU?" AND THEN
PROCEEDED TO ASK IF THOMPSON WAS INTERESTED IN SPLITTING THE
REWARD MONEY OFFERED IN THE DR. MARTIN KING, JR. MURDER.
THOMPSON SAID HE TOLD THIS INDIVIDUAL HE WAS NOT INTERESTED. DURING
THE COURSE OF SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, THOMPSON SAID [REDACTED]
TOLD HIM HE HAD OBSERVED JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC GALT, AND
ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL SITTING TOGETHER, ENGAGED IN CONVERSATION AT
A LOCAL BAR, THE NAME OF WHICH WAS NOT MENTIONED. THOMPSON

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SAID THAT ██████ TOLD HIM RAY CALLED THIS INDIVIDUAL ██████ THOMPSON SAID THE NAME ██████ PROMPTED HIS RECOLLECTION OF EVENTS AS SET OUT IN LA TEL OF FIVE TWENTY EIGHT SIXTY EIGHT, THAT IS, RAY BEING CALLED TWICE, POSSIBLE THREE TIMES, BY ██████ ██████ FROM NEW ORLEANS AND ATLANTA.

THOMPSON SAID THAT HE HAS SEEN ██████ ON AN INFREQUENT BASIS VICINITY OF THE HOLLYWOOD AND WESTERN AREA, LOS ANGELES, DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS. HE ADVISED HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ASSOCIATES OF ██████, HIS RESIDENCE, PAST OR PRIOR, HIS AUTOMOBILE, OR HIS EMPLOYMENT, IF ANY. THOMPSON SAID AT SOME TIME AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, HE BELIEVES HE EXPELLED ██████ AND ANOTHER CAUCASIAN MALE FROM THE PARKING LOT OF THE ST. FRANCIS WHERE THEY WERE SLEEPING IN AN AUTOMOBILE. THOMPSON SAID IT WAS ON THIS OCCASION THAT HE LEARNED OF THIS INDIVIDUALS NAME IN THAT THE PERSON WITH WHOM HE WAS SLEEPING CALLED HIM ██████ THOMPSON ADVISED HE BELIEVED THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS THE SUBJECT OF A WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST BECAUSE WHEN THOMPSON TOLD HIM TO CONTACT THE FBI, ██████ TOLD HIM THAT HE COULDN'T. HE DESCRIBED ██████ AS CAUCASIAN MALE, THIRTY SEVEN - FORTY TWO, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR WORN SHORT AS IN CREW CUT, HABITUALLY WEARS SPORT SHIRT WITH CHEAP SLACKS.

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THOMPSON SAID WHENEVER AND WHEREVER HE OBSERVES [REDACTED] HE WILL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE FBI.

THOMPSON REITERATED THE INFORMATION AS SET OUT IN LA TELETYPE. HE ADDED ONLY THAT HE BELIEVES THE VOICE OF THE PERSON CALLING ON THE TELEPHONE WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS [REDACTED] AND THE VOICE OF THE PERSON WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS [REDACTED] AT THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL AFTER THE TELEPHONE CALLS, TO BE IDENTICAL. HE SAID THAT ON ONE OCCASION HE HEARD THE OPERATOR AND A PERSON WHOM SHE CALLED [REDACTED] CONVERSE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HE WOULD LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR GALT.

THOMPSON VIEWED THE FBI FACIAL IDENTIFICATION CATALOG IN ^{an} EFFORT TO OBTAIN AN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF [REDACTED]

THOMPSON DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS CAUCASIAN MALE, BORN [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED] FIVE FOOT ELEVEN INCHES, ONE SIXTY POUNDS, BROWN GREYING HAIR, PARTIALLY BALD, HAZEL EYES, USMC NINETEEN FORTY TWO - NINETEEN FORTY SIX.

THOMPSON CLAIMS HE HAS FURNISHED ALL INFORMATION IN THIS MATTER CONCERNING BOTH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] HE STATES THAT HE BELIEVES THAT HE COULD IDENTIFY A PHOTOGRAPH OF [REDACTED] [REDACTED] EFFORTS TO LOCATE [REDACTED] ARE CONTINUING. — *press this file*

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RESULTS OF IDENTIFICATION CATALOG REGARDING [REDACTED]
ARE AS FOLLOWS.

- A. K A FOUR - TWELVE
- B. K B ONE - ONE
- C. K C ONE - FIVE
- D. K D ONE - TWO
- E. K E THREE - FOURTEEN
- F. K F ONE - ONE
- G. K G ONE - SEVEN
- H. K H TWO - ONE
- J. K J FIVE - THREE
- K. K K FOUR - SEVEN
- L. ZERO
- M. ZERO
- N. O N ONE - TEN

GENERAL DESCRIPTION IS SEX- MALE, AGE THIRTY FIVE- FORTY
RACE CAUCASIAN, COMPLEXION- COARSE SKIN, DARK, HEIGHT FIVE FT.
SEVEN INCHES - FIVE FT. EIGHT INCHES, WEIGHT ONE FORTY - ONE FIFTY,
SLENDER BUILD, COLOR OF EYES DARK, COLOR OF HAIR DARK.

FURNISH RESULT TO LOS ANGELS AND INTERESTED OFFICES.

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