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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 AMGELES (44-1574) (12P)

MURKIN

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 ... 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 SAID. "YOUR MR. THOMPSON, AREN'T YOU?" AND THEN PROCEEDED TO ASK IF THOMPSON WAS INTERESTED 16 JUN 3 1968 REWARD MONEY OFFERED IN THE DR. MARTIN KING, JR. MURDER. THOMPSON SAID HE TOLD THIS INDIVIDUAL HE WAS NOT INTERESTED. THE COURSE OF SUPSEQUENT CONVERSATION. THOMPSON SAID 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 END PAGE ONE

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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. END PAGE TWO

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THOMPSON SAID WHENEVER AND WHEREVER HE OBSERVES THE 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

AND THE VOICE OF THE PERSON WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS

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

CONVERSE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT

HE WOULD LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR GALT.

THOMPSON VIEWED THE FBI FACIAL IDENTIFICATION CATALOG IN

THOMPSON DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS CAUCASIAN MALE, BORN

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 AND HE STATES

THAT HE BELIEVES THAT HE COULD IDENTIFY A PHOTOGRAPH OF EFFORTS TO LOCATE ARE CONTINUING. Present ARE CONTINUING.

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RESULTS OF IDENTIFICATION CATALOG REGARDING 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 DESRIPTION 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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LETTER ADDRESSED TO ERIC S. GALT RECEIVED MAY TWENTY EIGHT LAST,

BY

AT

ALHAMBRA,

CALIFORNIA, OPERATOR OF CONFIDENTIAL MAIL FORWARDING SERVICE CON
TRACTED FOR DURING FEBRUARY, SIXTY EIGHT, BY JAMES EARL RAY.

LETTER READ OUOTE SHOW ME FIRST YOU MEAN BUSINESS UNQUOTE.

LETTER SIGNED

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RETURN ADDRESS POST

OFFICE BOX

BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA. (APPARENTLY

IN RESPONSE TO GALT AD IN FREE PRESS.)

HE RENTED POST OFFICE BOX ON OR ABOUT APRIL ONE LAST FOR FRIEND,

PLANNING TO OPERATE BUSINESS UTILIZING COMPUTER ANALYSIS TO

LOCATE COMPATIBLE MARRIAGE PARTNERS.

CLAIMS BUSINESS

NEVER ACTIVATED AND NO MAIL RECEIVED AT POST OFFICE BOX,

OR SENT WITH THAT RETURN ADDRESS.

ADVISED HE DOES NOT KNOW

RAY AND DOES NOT BELIEVE ANYONE CONNECTED WITH THE COMPUTER BUSINESS

HAS ANY KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING HIM. COMPUTER BUSINESS ORGANIZED BY

AND THREE OF HIS FELLOW EMPLOYEES, ALL EMPLOYED

AT

CANOGA

PARK, CALIFORNIA.

AND ASSOCIATES IN COMPUTER BUSINESS

BEING INTERVIEWED.

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