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CONTACTS WITH NEWS MEDIA

Immediately following receipt of instructions to do so on April 17, 1967, all measpapers and television stations in Portland, Oregon, were furnished with copies of the two photographs of "ERIC STARVO CAULT" then in the possession of the Portland Office. Additional copies of these photographs were made and were mailed to newspapers and television stations outside the city of Portland on April 18, 1968.

On May 7, 1967, the proof and mat article concerning JAMES EARL RAY was mailed to all newspapers in Oregon.

On May 8, 1967, the two new photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, taken in 1967 in Mexico and in 1958 in California were mailed to all television stations and newspapers in Oregon.

It was noted by monitoring the television and press that the television stations and all daily newspapers in Oregon received the above photographs through their wire services and used them even in advance of receipt of the material furnished by the Portland Office. It was also noted that the television stations and daily press have been giving concentrated and daily coverage to the developments in this case, including both locally written articles and editorials and syndicated material.

There are eleven television stations, twenty-one daily newspapers, and 102 weekly newspapers in Oregon, all of which were fully furnished the material as above.

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FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

In accordance with Burgau instructions, a circularization was made April 10, 1968, to all financial institutions in the State of Oregon, asking that they check their records to determine if they have ever had a checking account, savings account, or other records of HARVEY LOWMEYER (or LOWMYER), or ERIC STARVO GALT.

Response was completely negative.

Financial institutions in the State of Oregon circularized were:

| Banks | 318 |
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| Savings and Loan | n |
| Associations | 34 |
| Credit Unions | 31 |
| Total | 383 |