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RE: INVESTIGATION REGARDING ITEMS IN JERRY RAY'S POSSESSION  
AT TIME OF ARREST, MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT, JULY 9, 1968.

The following investigation at Zion, Illinois, was conducted on July 18, 1968, by FA O. ARTHUR GRAN:

Mrs. PETER URBATES, 3803 Sheridan Road, advised that GJERDES OLSEN, previously unknown to her, had rented a cabin-apartment for one month up to July 13, 1968, when she was requested to move. Mrs. URBATES said that the reason for the request was that "men, particularly an unidentified negro, were coming to that apartment all hours of the night." GJERDES told Mrs. URBATES that she was moving to Evanston, Illinois, where she had obtained a new job. When GJERDES rented the apartment she furnished her home address as 1344 Hazel, Deerfield, Illinois, and had worked a few days at Pierce's Corner House Restaurant in Waukegan, Illinois.

According to Mrs. URBATES, GJERDES had identified herself to her as the former wife of JERRY RAY, brother of alleged assassin of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Mrs. URBATES further advised that during conversations with GJERDES, she had disclaimed any recent contact with either JERRY or JAMES EARL RAY.

The following investigation was conducted at Glenview, Illinois, by SA HARRY A. WALKER, on August 6, 1968:

GLENN TIBBS, Sunset Trailer Park, 508 5th Street, Northfield, Illinois, phone 729-3921, advised that for the past two years he had been employed by the Glenbrook Patrol Service, Glenview, Illinois, as a lieutenant, and one of his assignments had been checking the security of the Sportsman Country Club, Northbrook, Illinois. This was a roving patrol and the club was checked approximately three times during the night. During this time, TIBBS became well-acquainted with JERRY RAY and had coffee with him on a nightly basis at the country club. He further stated that after the publicity broke concerning JAMES EARL RAY being suspect in the KING murder, JERRY RAY told him that JAMES EARL RAY was his brother.

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TIBBS, who is presently employed as a guard at the Crane Company, Morton Grove, Illinois, by the Pinkerton Agency, advised that after JAMES EARL RAY was identified, JERRY RAY drove to St. Louis, Missouri, to see a brother, JOHN RAY, and a sister, name unknown, who also lived in St. Louis on either one or two occasions. He stated that JERRY RAY also flew to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on another occasion and before JERRY RAY departed the Sportsman Country Club to fly to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he expressed concern about transportation from O'Hare Field to Sportsman Country Club upon his return from Philadelphia; therefore, he (TIBBS) gave him his telephone number telling JERRY RAY that in the event that he could not obtain a ride from O'Hare Field to Sportsman Country Club upon his return from Philadelphia, to phone him and he would drive to O'Hare Field and return him to the Sportsman Country Club.

Note that JERRY visited an acquaintance in Camden, New Jersey, on June 5, 1968.

TIBBS stated that other than the fact that RAY told him that he had a brother JOHN RAY, and a sister, name unknown, in St. Louis, Missouri, he spoke little about his relatives or life before he became employed at the Sportsman Country Club; however, JERRY RAY did say that JOHN RAY asked him to go into the tavern business with him in St. Louis, Missouri, and JERRY RAY appeared to be very close to his brother JOHN RAY.