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RE: POSSIBILITY SUBJECT AT BROTHER  
JERRY'S HOUSE, NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS  
APRIL, 1967

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On the evening of May 3, 1968, DAVID ALLEN, 1929 Washington Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois, phone AL 1-5761, advised SA RENE J. DUMAINE that JERRY RAY was formerly married to a friend of his wife's. He said that according to his wife, approximately one year ago in April, 1967, the subject was with JERRY RAY and his wife in Northbrook, Illinois.

Mrs. LINDA ALLEN also telephonically advised that she had attended school with Mrs. GJERDIS RAY, who is presently residing at 314 Wisconsin Avenue, Lake Forest, Illinois.

Mrs. ALLEN related that Mrs. RAY had told her that sometime in April, 1967, a brother had stayed with JERRY RAY when she and JERRY were residing at 2897 Techny Road, Northbrook, Illinois (from March to September, 1967). The brother stayed there for approximately one week and that although she, LINDA, rented a house in Northbrook, Illinois, next to RAY, she never physically observed the brother. She did remember that GJERDIS had told her that JERRY and the brother would go to Chicago on numerous occasions but would not take her with them. Mrs. ALLEN advised that one neighbor who was residing there at the time still lives there in the house to the west of where the RAYS used to live. She did not know whether or not the landlord was still in the area but that information could be obtained from the ex-landlord.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA ROBERT K. MC QUEEN and SA O. ARTHUR GRAN:

AT LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS.

ROY WILSON, Caretaker, rooming house at 314 Wisconsin, advised on May 6, 1968, that GJERDIS D. OLSEN, also known as GJERDIS RAY, occupied Apartment 72 from about November, 1967, to 3:00 p.m., Saturday, May 4, 1968, [REDACTED]

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She had a red car of her own, and had worked a short while last fall at Scottie's Restaurant, Lake Forest. Her father, a retired Navy man, supposedly worked at Great Lakes. WILSON said he never noted any menfolk visiting GJERDIS. At the time she left, she had just had a phone, number 234-9047, installed the week before.

A check of Civil Service and Navy Exchange, personnel records and of registered station wagons at Great Lakes Naval Training Center failed to identify parents of GJERDIS RAY, nee OLSEN. NICOL LAMBERT, Owner, Scottie's Restuarant, Lake Forest, was located May 7, 1968. He said GJERDIS RAY had been employed only a few days as a waitress in late 1967, at which time she was rooming at 314 Wisconsin, phone 234-9894; however, other waitresses had since reported seeing her around town occasionally.

[REDACTED] LAMBERT located 1967 withholding certificate for GJERDIS RAY, Social Security Number [REDACTED], on which was listed address of 1344 Hazel Avenue, Deerfield, Illinois, telephone 945-0356.

AT DEERFIELD, ILLINOIS.

Located at 1344 Hazel, as he came home for lunch from his two-day-a-week "manpower" job as maintenance manager at Recreation Department, United States Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, PAUL ALFRED OLSEN, Age 69, advised as follows:


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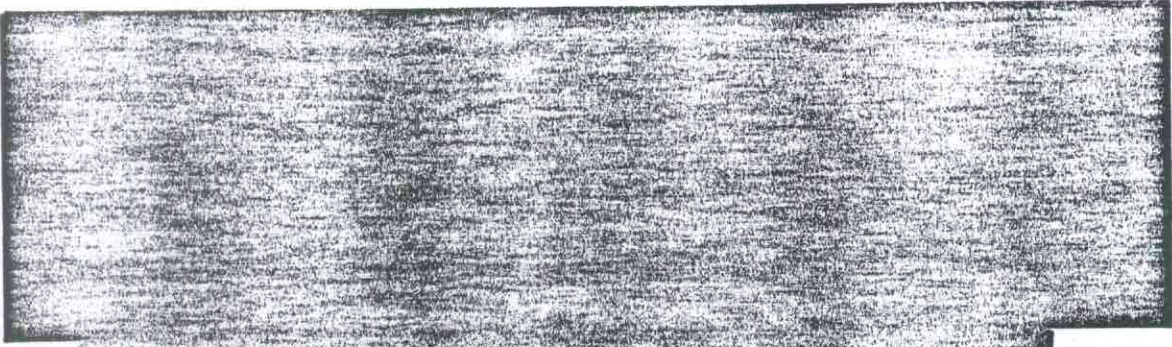
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She and JERRY separated six months ago, and she later got a divorce. She has since lived by herself and not at her "parental" home



Mr. and Mrs. OLSEN had become attached to the baby, and visited GJERDIS and the baby a few times at Northbrook, at the place on Techny Road. OLSEN saw JERRY RAY a few of those times but did not like him because once OLSEN got stuck in the snow right outside the Techny address, and JERRY would not "even bother to help push" him out. OLSEN never met any relatives of JERRY RAY and first knew that JERRY had a brother, JAMES RAY, when he read it in the newspapers a few weeks ago. GJERDIS never mentioned having met JAMES, and OLSEN was unaware of a visit by one of the RAY brothers to the Techny Road address. He recalled that shortly after they were married, JERRY RAY and GJERDIS went to Missouri to see JERRY's relatives with the intention of living there but he heard no more about this.



She said GJERDIS, who was born April 12, 1948, married JERRY RAY in Chicago in about January, 1967, and they first lived at Arlington Heights before moving to 2897 Techny Road, Northbrook. Before GJERDIS and JERRY were separated in the fall of 1967, Mrs. OLSEN visited them about three times, but at no time saw any of JERRY's relatives. When the papers related, much to her surprise, a few weeks ago that JAMES RAY and JERRY RAY were brothers, she recalled the following

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two incidents, the dates of which she could not precisely place:

The first was GJERDIS' relating to her about the trip she and JERRY took to St. Louis where JERRY visited a brother and his father who lived near there. GJERDIS told of "waiting in a theater" for JERRY while he went with his brother on some sort of mission. This trip was shortly after the marriage, probably in the early spring of 1967, which Mrs. OLSEN related to a time when GJERDIS had just quit working for Culligan's in Arlington or Northbrook.

The other incident concerned a phone call GJERDIS made to Mrs. OLSEN from Northbrook, in which she said that "something funny" was going on because she, GJERDIS, had discovered some strange clothes left in the garage by JERRY's brother from St. Louis; further, that this brother had taken JERRY's car and left. GJERDIS told Mrs. OLSEN that she "just don't understand" and that she had not really seen the brother.

When the publicity about JAMES EARL RAY came out, Mrs. OLSEN and GJERDIS tried to set the time of the foregoing car incident and figured that it must have been April, 1967, because "he (JAMES RAY) didn't escape until late in April" and they chose to assume that it was brother JAMES who was there at the time.

Mrs. OLSEN concluded that she is certain that GJERDIS has never in her life seen JAMES EARL RAY from what she has told and indicated to her (Mrs. OLSEN).



It is noted that Mrs. OLSEN as well as her husband pledged complete cooperation and said they would immediately contact the FBI should they hear or learn any information re subject.

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GJERDIS DOROTHEA ANNA OLSEN (she has again assumed her maiden name), date of birth April 12, 1948, at St. Paul, Minnesota, who would frequently go off on unexplained tangents in response to questions, was interviewed outside her place of employment, Kopper Kettle, Routes 41 and 22, Highland Park. She said she had been "expecting" agents, that she really had no "good" information, but that she would cooperate in any way. She advised as follows:

Since May 4, 1968, she has been residing at Randel's Motel, Apartment 12, Des Plaines, but intends to move in the near future to Waukegan. She drives a 1962 Plymouth with 1968 Illinois license HK 6917. She married WILLIAM STREET, Mundelein, Illinois, August 31, 1966, and gave birth to his baby October 13, 1966. She divorced him in Chicago in about January, 1967, after having met JERRY RAY who was working at Sportsmans. In about Christmas, 1966, she and JERRY went to St. Louis and visited his father and his sister, MELBA, and her husband. There was another man there, probably a brother, but she never heard his name. She first knew of a brother, JOHN, when in early 1967, at the Techny Road address, she happened to see a clipping in which it was mentioned that JOHN RAY was in some kind of trouble. She never talked to JERRY about this, however, and she never knew there was a JAMES RAY until after it "came out in the papers." She has seen numerous pictures of JAMES RAY since and "is quite sure" she has never seen him before. As to her waiting in a theater in St. Louis, she responded only that she did go to a movie one time rather than go with JERRY on some sort of errand.

After the publicity about JAMES, she and her mother recalled the incident wherein a brother from St. Louis, name unknown to her, came and left some clothes and his car. This brother was about 45, had dark hair like JERRY, but was not JAMES. She and her mother figured it was about April, 1967, when this occurred. The brother came driving a 1961 red Plymouth tudor, with white top, and he traded cars with JERRY, taking JERRY's 1963 or 1964 Rambler, which JERRY had bought from the second chef at Sportsmans. This was a cream-colored four door. The brother left in this car, saying he

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was going to Los Angeles. She did not see him again. JERRY was to have been sent the title for the 1961 Plymouth but later he took this car back to St. Louis and left it and got the car which he is now driving.

GJERDIS, who had to return to work at her boss' request, concluded that she would be available at any time for further interview, but she was very certain "I have never seen JAMES." She said JERRY has been ruined by the publicity and she would like to "find him" to talk to him and "settle him down."