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RE: ALLEGED BANK ACCOUNT OF JAMES EARL RAY AND  
ALLEGED PURCHASE OF TRAVELERS' CHECKS AT MANU-  
FACTURERS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF ST. LOUIS,  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, IN 1959

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Manufacturers Bank and Trust Company of St. Louis, 1731 South Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri, who was contacted at the bank by SAA [REDACTED] on May 17, 1968, caused a search to be made of central files of this bank for any record of a checking, savings, or loan account, as well as any safe deposit box, in the names of JAMES EARL RAY and JAMES L. OWENS and all of their known aliases. In the course of this investigation only one account believed pertinent to this investigation was located. This account was in the name of JAMES CARL O'CONNOR, last known address 1727 South 11th Street, St. Louis, Missouri. Prior investigation has disclosed that the name of JAMES O'CONNOR has been used as an alias by JAMES EARL RAY and the address of 1727 South 11th Street, St. Louis, Missouri, was a prior residence address of RAY's father, JERRY RAYNES, also known as JERRY RAYNS, and RAY's sister, Mrs. ALBERT (CAROL) PEPPER, who was then known as CAROL RYAN. Detailed information concerning this account is set forth elsewhere in this report.

The Bureau advised on May 27, 1968, that no latent fingerprint impressions were found on the signature card of JAMES CARL O'CONNOR in connection with the above account (said card being designated Q 354 for identification purposes), and that because of the presence of some characteristics which would not be explained on the basis of the available known writings of subject, it could not be determined whether the "JAMES CARL O'CONNOR" signature on the card was prepared by the subject; however, significant similarities were noted between this questioned signature and the available known handwriting of RAY.

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Records of the Manufacturers Bank and Trust Company of St. Louis, 1731 South Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri, telephone MA 1-1230, disclosed the following information:

A checking account, known as a personal check plan, was opened by an individual using the name JAMES CARL O'CONNOR at this bank March 9, 1959, with an initial deposit of \$159. This account was closed July 20, 1959, by a withdrawal of \$4.

When the account was initially opened O'CONNOR used the residence address 1820 South 12th Street, St. Louis, Missouri, but subsequently his address was changed to 1818 South 12th Street, St. Louis, and then it was again changed to 1727 South 11th Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

This account showed the following additional deposits on the dates indicated:

| <u>Date</u>    | <u>Amount of Deposit</u> |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| March 10, 1959 | \$ 40                    |
| March 13, 1959 | 40                       |
| March 18, 1959 | 30                       |
| March 20, 1959 | 40                       |
| March 26, 1959 | 370                      |
| April 14, 1959 | 100                      |
| May 14, 1959   | 150                      |
| June 2, 1959   | 42                       |
| June 9, 1959   | 30                       |
| June 10, 1959  | 10                       |
| June 17, 1959  | 10.                      |

The account showed withdrawals or charges ranging in amount between \$4 and \$600. Microfilm records disclosed photographs of the face side only of the following-described checks drawn against this account:

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| <u>Date</u>    | <u>Payee</u>           | <u>Amount</u> |
|----------------|------------------------|---------------|
| March 25, 1959 | Y. P. WEBBE            | \$ 50         |
| March 26, 1959 | "                      | 600           |
| April 10, 1959 | CAROL RYAN             | 6             |
| April 26, 1959 | "                      | 6             |
| May 1, 1959    | Standard Auto Parts    | 20            |
| May 4, 1959    | JAMES CARL O'CONNOR    | 40            |
| May 9, 1959    | CAROL RYAN             | 6             |
| May 12, 1959   | JAMES CARL O'CONNOR    | 30            |
| May 21, 1959   | "                      | 50            |
| June 19, 1959  | "                      | 100           |
| June 23, 1959  | "                      | 36            |
| June 27, 1959  | Carson-Union-May-Stern | 4             |
| June 30, 1959  | JAMES CARL O'CONNOR    | 30            |
| July 12, 1959  | CAROL RYAN             | 4             |

Only one check item was not located on microfilm records, this being a \$30 withdrawal on June 2, 1959.

These records may be obtained on issuance of a subpoena duces tecum which should be directed to Mr. HARLEY E. SCHWERING, Senior Vice President of the Bank.