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Concerning the coverage of the subject's brother JERRY RAY, it should be noted that prior to his leaving Chicago for St. Louis on May 3, 1968, JERRY was in telephonic contact with the case agent daily and was physically contacted at his employment by SA [REDACTED] also on a daily basis. His employer and the Sportsman's Country Club manager completely cooperative and have promised to advise of any unusual activity on JERRY's part. In addition, the security guard service for the country club makes hourly checks during the evening to determine whether or not JERRY is at work.

The Bureau is requested to note that JERRY is employed as a maintenance man for the Sportsman's Country Club from 11:00 p.m. until he is finished the next morning, usually 8:00 a.m. He, therefore, has access to four private phones with numerous extensions and seven pay phones located on the country club premises. The pay phone in the cottage where JERRY resides is utilized by all other members of the cottage. Also note that in a letter JERRY wrote to MARJORIE FETTERS, Camden, New Jersey, JERRY indicates that a pay phone was used during contact with her. The feasibility of continuing checks on the toll calls from the above mentioned phone at the country club is being discussed with [REDACTED] who is of the opinion that due to the extensive number of calls involved, Illinois Bell Telephone may not be able to honor this request.

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Re: JERRY WILLIAM RAY, brother

Mr. RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN, Owner, Sportsman Country Club, Dundee Road, Northbrook, Illinois, advised SA [REDACTED] as follows on April 23, 1968:

JERRY RAY started with the country club on September 16, 1964, as a dishwasher and was actually sent to the club from the Bell Employment Service, Chicago, Illinois. At the time that RAY started his employment, he entered on an application that he was previously employed for the Knodel Bakery Company, St. Louis, Missouri, on the ovens and as a waiter at the Sunset Sanitarium, St. Louis, Missouri. No dates of employment were listed for either of the above two employments. The last employment entered by RAY before he came to the Sportsman Country Club was listed as a dishwasher for Keeshen's (phonetic); however, no address or city was given for this employment. RAY's home address was listed as [REDACTED] (phonetic), St. Louis, Missouri.

At the time that RAY started his employment as a dishwasher, the maintenance work was done at the club on a contract basis by the Marx Maintenance Service, Des Plaines, Illinois. At this time, an older couple was doing the maintenance work for the Marx Company and resided at the club. This arrangement was entirely for the convenience of the club which did not wish to hire maintenance people directly. Eventually, the older couple left and RAY took over the same duties and was employed again by the convenience of the club by the Marx Maintenance Service. Eventually, Mr. CHAMBERLAIN discontinued the Marx Maintenance Service and hired RAY on a direct basis and RAY is presently making approximately [REDACTED] a week with a take-home pay averaging anywhere from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] a week. RAY is very frugile and his only expense appears to be paying the upkeep of a child by a previous marriage.

Approximately two years ago, RAY married a waitress at the club, a GJIRDIS ANNA D. OLSEN, who was formerly married to a man with the last name of [REDACTED] (phonetic) and after her divorce from [REDACTED] shortly thereafter married RAY.

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CHAMBERLAIN described GJIRDIS OLSEN as a woman still in her twenties, [REDACTED] who he believes is presently residing with her parents, [REDACTED] Deerfield, Illinois. This address and the name of her parents was given to the club by OLSEN at the time she started her employment as a waitress.

[REDACTED]

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he will immediately contact RAY and talk to him concerning the necessity of RAY's complete cooperation with the FBI. The patrol service used by the Sportsman Country Club is the Glenbrook Patrol Service, Glenview, Illinois, a service operated by THOMAS BUCKLIN with telephone number Park 4-3434.

RAY, according to CHAMBERLAIN, had a brother whose first name was unknown to him who, according to RAY, was employed as a bartender approximately one year ago at the Indian Lake Country Club near Eoomingdale, Illinois. The club is owned by the Braninger Organization. This brother was also a bartender supposedly employed by the Green Bakers Country Club which is located a short distance east of the Sportsman Country Club.

[REDACTED]

RAY has no close friends at the club, associates with no one and seldom leaves the club other than on a Tuesday which is his regular day off.

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Mrs. MARGUERITE WELCH, who resides at [REDACTED] Northfield, Illinois, home phone [REDACTED] who is in charge of personnel at the Sportsman Country Club located on Dundee Road, Wheeling, Illinois, advised SA [REDACTED] as follows on April 24, 1968:

She has been acquainted with JERRY RAY, the maintenance man at the Sportsman Country Club, since approximately September, 1964, when he started employment as a dishwasher at the country club coming to the club from the Bell Employment Service, Chicago, Illinois. RAY left shortly after his employment started; however, returned within one or two months and continued his employment as a dishwasher. He eventually became night maintenance man at the club and has always in this capacity performed his work in a capable manner and was honest in every respect [REDACTED]

RAY at no time has ever visited her home at the above address and she has had no contact with RAY since he left the Sportsman Country Club on April 23, 1968, which is his day off, until the present time. RAY on his day off which falls on a Tuesday usually takes a bus to Chicago, visits a theater, sometimes staying in Chicago and returning the next day either for lunch or dinner.

RAY has spoken of a brother who she believes is from the St. Louis, Missouri area; however, he never provided any additional information concerning this brother other than the fact that he was a bartender. RAY also had a child during his marriage to GJIRDIS RAY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. RAY also has an ex-wife, possibly in Nashville, Tennessee, and had a son and a daughter by this marriage who should be in the vicinity of from eight to ten years old. Approximately three years ago at Christmas during his employ-

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ment at the club, RAY flew to Tennessee to visit these two children; however, she knows nothing further concerning these children or their mother or where the family is presently residing in Tennessee.

RAY has no close friends at the club; however, in the past has filled in for other employees of the club in addition to his own duties when the employees wanted time off and needed someone to work in their place. He at no time spoke of other members of his family other than to say that he had a brother that was a bartender in the St. Louis area and she had no idea that RAY was incarcerated in the past. Her records revealed that RAY worked steadily during the night at the Sportsman Country Club from Wednesday evening, April 3, 1968, through Monday, April 8, 1968, without having any time off.

She is of the opinion that RAY is not cooperating with the FBI in every respect, does not feel that some of the questions asked of him are important enough for him to give any thought in answering; however, it could be that [REDACTED] he is not capable of answering the questions asked of him. However, she is going to talk to RAY telling him that she "thinks" that this is an extremely important part of his life to cooperate with the FBI in every respect.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/29/68

At the outset of the interview, JERRY WILLIAM RAY was advised of the provisions of Section 1001, Title 18, United States Code. He was advised that he did not have to talk to the interviewing Agents but that they wished to stress to him the importance of his cooperation and truthfulness in the matter of the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.

It was pointed out to JERRY that he had lied to the Agents in the previous interviews in that the FBI had located his brother, JOHN, and that it would have been impossible for JERRY not to have known his whereabouts. He then stated that he had lied but only in an effort to protect his brother JOHN's investment in a bar in St. Louis. JOHN had put up \$2500 to purchase the bar and JERRY was of the opinion that if FBI Agents harassed JOHN, he would lock up the bar, take a loss and leave. The bar, known as "The Grapevine", is located in St. Louis, Missouri, and is licensed in the name of CAROL PEPPER, their sister. He said that he has no information nor does he believe that JAMES RAY has been in contact with JOHN since his escape from prison in April, 1967. JERRY went on to say that he doubted very much that JAMES RAY was aware of the present whereabouts of JOHN since JOHN was classified as a "drifter". It was pointed out to JERRY that JOHN had been a visitor to the Missouri Prison on the day before JAMES RAY's escape. In answer to a direct question, JERRY then admitted that it would be possible for JAMES RAY to know the location of his brother's tavern. He said that he doubted if JAMES RAY knew his, JERRY's, present employment at the Sportsman's Club, Northbrook, Illinois, but that he might be aware of it since he had written a letter to the Parole Board in which he might have mentioned his present employment saying that he possibly could obtain employment for his brother, JAMES RAY, either at the country club or in the immediate neighborhood. He denied that he had ever furnished JAMES RAY with his present employment. He said that to his positive knowledge, the only way that JAMES could get in touch with

On 4/24/68 at Chicago, Illinois File# CG 44-1114
 by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Date dictated 4/26/68

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On April 22, 1968, SAs [redacted] and [redacted] observed a 1960 De Soto, white over green, bearing Missouri license plates [redacted], parked in front of the employee's cottage at the Sportsman's Country Club, Northbrook, Illinois. This car is known to be operated by JERRY WILLIAM RAY.

On April 25, 1968, the Latent Fingerprint Section, Identification Division, FBI Laboratory, advised that the remaining unidentified latent prints in this case are not identical with finger or palm prints of JERRY WILLIAM RAY, FBI Number [redacted].

On May 1, 1968, JERRY RAY was advised by SA [redacted] that information had come to the FBI's attention that a local newspaper reporter had been able to determine JERRY's employment based upon the information that JERRY had furnished to "Life" magazine. JERRY advised that he had no desire to furnish information to any newspaper and if contacted would not give them an interview. JERRY was informed that the FBI was under no circumstances instructing him not to cooperate with the news media and that any decision in that regard would be entirely his own.

On the evening of May 2, 1968, Mrs. MARGUERITE WELCH, Manager, Sportsman's Country Club, telephonically contacted SA [redacted] at which time she advised that there were numerous people from the various news media present at the club attempting to locate and interview JERRY RAY, which apparently was based upon the news stories which appeared in the Chicago "Sun-Times" Mrs. WELCH advised that she was going to see that JERRY was placed in a motel that evening and would release to the newspapers that he had quit his employment and present whereabouts unknown.

On the morning of May 3, 1968, JERRY RAY telephonically contacted SA [redacted] and advised that he was leaving for St. Louis, Missouri, at about 1:15 PM, that date, driving his 1960 Desoto. He indicated that he would probably stay overnight with his brother JOHN and then stay with his father JERRY RAYNES on the farm at Center, Missouri. He expects to stay there three or four days and will call the country club on May 7, 1968, to see if the news media interest has abated. If so, he will return to Chicago and continue his employment in the club.

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