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Mr. CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN, 5666 Franklin Avenue, was contacted at his residence, and after being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents, he was interviewed regarding his association with the man known to him as ERIC STARVO GALT, who is also known as James Earl Ray.

Prior to the outset of the interview, a black and white Polaroid photograph, depicting a male Caucasian seated in a chair, was shown to STEIN. He was asked if he knew who that person was, or if he had ever seen the person depicted in the photograph before. STEIN, without hesitation, answered, "Yeh". He was then asked the identity of the person. STEIN replied, "That's GALT. ERIC GALT." STEIN was then asked if the photograph was a good likeness of GALT. STEIN replied that it was a very good likeness. The background of the photograph was pointed out to STEIN, and he was asked if he knew any apartment or hotel room in the Los Angeles area whose walls were covered with flowered wallpaper like that shown in the photograph. STEIN stated that he did not. He was then asked if he owned a Polaroid camera, if RITA STEIN or MARIE MARTIN owned one, or if he knew whether GALT owned one. STEIN replied he did not own a Polaroid camera, he did not believe RITA STEIN or MARIE MARTIN owned one, and he never observed one in GALT's possession

STEIN was then asked to furnish information regarding his initial meeting with GALT. In response to this request, STEIN advised that on the night of December 14, 1967, at about 8:00 or 9:00 P.M., he was sitting at home, 5660 Franklin Avenue. RITA STEIN was not there, and STEIN was alone except for RITA's two small boys. At about 8:00 or 9:00 P.M., RITA STEIN came home alone. When she came in, RITA said that she and MARIE had been asking around the Sultan Room about getting a ride to New Orleans, Louisiana. MARIE is MARIE MARTIN, cousin of CHARLES and RITA STEIN, and the Sultan Room is a hotel bar, located in the St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California. STEIN advised that at the time in question, MARTIN was employed as a cocktail waitress at the Sultan Room.

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After telling CHARLES STEIN about asking around the Sultan Room in order to secure a ride to New Orleans, RITA STEIN then stated they had met a guy at the Sultan Bar who was willing to take CHARLES to New Orleans so he could pick up two of RITA's children. RITA then told CHARLES STEIN she wanted him to meet this individual. RITA STEIN then left the apartment to return to the Sultan Room. CHARLES STEIN stated that after his sister RITA left, he got dressed and went to the Sultan Room. STEIN did not recall how he traveled to the Sultan Room that night, nor did he recall RITA's mode of transportation. He thought it possible she might have borrowed MARTIN's car.

STEIN then advised that when he arrived at the Sultan Room. he saw MARTIN and RITA standing at the far end of the bar next to a man seated at the bar. One of the girls motioned for him to come over to where they were gathered. He did so, and as soon as he had walked up to them, either MARTIN or RITA introduced him to the man, saying, "CHARLIE, this is ERIC." MARTIN then told STEIN that "This is the guy who will take you to New Orleans to pick up RITA's two children". STEIN stated the children referred to are RITA's two girls, KIM and CHERYL, and at that time RITA was planning to bring them from New Orleans to los Angeles. At this point in the interview, STEIN was asked if this was the first time he had ever met the man whom he knew as ERIC GALT. STEIN replied that this was the first time he had ever met GALT.

STEIN advised he did not recall if the arrangements for the trip to New Orleans were made at this time. He stated he does not drink alcoholic beverages, and believes he had a glass of orange juice and left. He explained he did not believe any specific arrangements were made for the trip, because when he was introduced to GALT he got strong "vibrations" from GALT that made him feel uneasy. When asked to explain "vibrations", STEIN advised GALT seemed somewhat apprehensive about meeting him and going to New Orleans with him. STEIN advised he got the definite impression at the time that both RITA and MARTIN had given GALT the idea he would make the trip to New Orleans with RITA, and then when he, STEIN, came on the "scene" GALT felt he was being set up.



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STEIN advised he recalls thinking both RITA and MARTIN were using him and GALT to do something for them. STEIN explained he could understand GALT's apprehension at the time, for GALT expected to take RITA on the trip and when he was introduced to a "big, hairy ape", GALT must have thought he was being set up for a robbery. STEIN advised he really thinks that must have been the case, because MARTIN told him later that after he, STEIN, had left the Sultan Room, GALT made a comment to the effect of, "That he would hate to have to kill someone." STEIN stated MARTIN told him of this remark after KING's assassination; if she had told him about it before, he would never have made the trip with GALT. After leaving the Sultan Room, STEIN returned home and went to bed. He could not recall if RITA returned with him, or she stayed at the Sultan Room and returned home later.

Around 9:00 or 10:00 A.M., December 15, 1967, MARIE MARTIN came to STEIN's residence on Franklin Avenue, to discuss details of the arrangements for the trip to New Orleans. GALT also showed up at his home. STEIN was unable to recall if GALT came with MARTIN or alone. The arrangements for the trip to New Orleans were explained by MARTIN to STEIN in the presence of GALT. MARTIN stated, we register for WALLACE, ERIC will pay the expenses for the STEIN again advised he does not recall if MARTIN and GALT came to his home together because he had just gotten out of bed. RITA STEIN was also present during this conversation. When asked what GALT said during the time MARTIN was telling him of the arrangements, STEIN advised that GALT just stood there with a smile on his face, not saying anything. Everyone present agreed to register to vote for GEORGE WALLACE, exgovernor of Alabama.

Thereafter, CHARLES and RITA STEIN, MARIE MARTIN, ERIC GALT, and possibly RITA's two boys, left the apartment and got into GALT's white Ford Mustang which was parked in front of the STEINs' house.

STEIN advised that GALT drove, he sat in the passenger seat in front, and RITA STEIN, MARIE MARTIN, and the two children, if they were along, sat in the back seat. GALT drove

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them directly to the voter registration office. While en route GALT explained to everyone they did not have to vote for WALLACE, but just register for the American Independent Party so WALLACE could get enough signatures to qualify for the California primary ballot. STEIN advised that GALT made a few other comments while driving to the voter registration office but he could not recall what they were. He did advise that GALT seemed to know the way to the registration office, which was on Lankershim Boulevard, across the street from the Riviera Sofa Company.

STEIN advised that upon arriving at the voter registration office, he, RITA, MARIE, and GALT entered the office. STEIN, RITA and MARIE were registered by an elderly white woman in the office. She was further described by STEIN as being about fifty to sixty years old, wearing glasses, giving the appearance of being short in stature, but of medium build, having grey, short hair, and having a pleasant personality. Also present in the office was another person whom STEIN described as a white male, forty to fifty years old, slender build, tall, slightly grey hair, possibly wearing glasses, and dressed in business attire. Upon completion of registration, all three were issued voter registration receipts. GALT did not register. While they were being registered, GALT sat nearby. GALT made a few remarks to the man present, but STEIN did not recall what they were. While in the office, GALT and STEIN both served themselves coffee from a coffee urn which was located on a table to the rear of the room in which they registered.

STEIN advised he received the definite impression that GALT seemed to be familiar with this voter registration office. When asked why he received this impression, STEIN stated that he could not pinpoint anything specifically that GALT said or did, but he recalled that GALT appeared more relaxed while at the office and seemed to know right where the coffee urn was located.

After leaving the registration office, everyone returned to STEIN's home on Franklin Avenue in GALT's car. STEIN then advised he packed his belongings to take on the trip. MARIE MARTIN had a box of clothes she wanted dropped off at the home of her mother, LORRAINE CALLAWAY, in New Orleans.

STEIN loaded his suitcase in the trunk of GALT's Mustang. He observed GALT's suitcase was also in the trunk, and he, in fact, had to move it to make room for his own. was a blue suitcase, and STEIN advised it appeared similar to the one depicted in photographs he has seen of GALT's suitcase, subsequent to the assassination of KING. STEIN advised that also located in the trunk, on the right hand side, was what appeared to be a Kodak camera box. This box was yellow and black in color, was about two and a half feet long, and a foot wide. STEIN stated he did not recall any lettering on the box, and presumed it was a Kodak camera box because of the familiar yellow and black colors used by the Kodak Company. STEIN did not recall seeing anything else in the trunk of the car. When he entered the car, he observed some papers in the glove compartment as he was putting some candy in there. He did not closely inspect these papers. In addition to loading his own suitcase into the trunk of the car, STEIN advised he loaded the box of clothing brought by MARTIN in the back seat of the Mustang. He did not observe anything else in the back or front seat area.

After loading up his belongings, STEIN advised that he and GALT entered the car, GALT drove, and they traveled to GALT's apartment at 1535 North Serrano Street in Hollywood. GALT told STEIN he wanted to pick up his mail there before leaving. When they arrived at the Serrano apartment, GALT got out of the car and went inside the building. STEIN remained in the car. GALT was not gone long, and returned carrying at least two letters which he placed in an inside breast pocket of his suit coat. Both letters were in white envelopes, but one envelope was a long, business-type envelope. STEIN advised he did not know if there were more than two letters, nor was he able to observe any addresses on the envelopes.

STEIN advised they left the Serrano apartment at about 12:00 noon, on December 15, 1967, and began the trip to New Orleans, Louisiana from there. They did not stop for gasoline prior to leaving the Los Angeles area. As STEIN recalled, the gas gauge of the Mustang showed a full tank of gas when they left the city. STEIN stated they stopped for gas for the first time at an unknown location in what he thought was the State of Arizona. He did recall that it was dark when they stopped. When they stopped, GALT got out of the car,

but STEIN remained in it. While at the gas station a woman asked STEIN where he was going and he told her New Orleans. This woman then said they had better spend the night because the sheriff had told her the roads ahead were in bad condition due to a heavy snowfall.

STEIN stated he did not tell GALT about the woman's remarks because he wanted to be sure GALT would continue the trip. They drove through the entire night, and took turns driving while the other slept. At this point, STEIN was asked why he and GALT did not spend the night in a motel at any place during the trip. In reply, STEIN advised he did not really want to spend the night anyplace because GALT was already paying for everything and he did not want to impose on him anymore. Further, STEIN advised that at one point during the trip, GALT asked him if he wanted to stop at a motel and he, STEIN, told him no, that they could take turns driving and drive straight through to New Orleans. GALT agreed with this. He also advised the matter was not brought up again, and they also drove straight through on the return trip to Los Angeles; but he personally would preferred to have stopped at a motel on the return trip.

At this time in the interview, STEIN mentioned that during the trip to New Orleans, GALT told him the name and address of the person with whom he had business with in New Orleans. STEIN stated that at the beginning of the trip to New Orleans, he was under the impression GALT was making the trip as a favor to RITA STEIN and MARIE MARTIN. On what he believes was the morning of the first full day on the road, STEIN advised, he told GALT he was really grateful to him for doing such a kind thing. When he told GALT this, GALT answered him by stating that he was not doing anyone a favor because he had business to conduct in New Orleans. GALT mentioned the name and address of the person he was going to see. STEIN advised he did not recall either the name or address of this person; however, he did state that the name was an Italian-sounding name, was a well-known name in New Orleans, and the street name gave him a mental picture of the Chalmette - Industrial Canal area of New Orleans.

Sometime early the next morning, December 16, 1967, STEIN recalled being in New Mexico. He had observed snow on the ground all through Arizona and New Mexico. He recalls specifically traveling through Las Cruces, New Mexico and El Paso, Texas. He believed it was in, or near, El Paso, Texas, where GALT purchased a used tire for the Mustang at a tire store which had a large pile of used tires piled near the front of the store. The tire cost four dollars. STEIN advised that GAIT purchased the tire because the tire on the right front side of the Mustang was a larger size than the other tires. He stated that at the time he thought it peculiar for a man, who had as much money as GALT appeared to have, should have such bad tires on his car. GALT did not have the tire put on his car at the same place he purchased it. He continued to drive down the road for about two hours and then pulled into a service station to have the tire changed. Later in the evening of this same day, December 16, GALT made a telephone call from a public coin box phone booth. STEIN recalled that he was sleeping; but then woke up, saw they had stopped and observed GALT standing in the phone box talking on the phone. GALT talked for quite some time. STEIN was of the opinion this call was made somewhere in the vicinity of Houston, Texas. He also stated it was dark at the time as he can recall the light in the phone booth shining down on GALT while he made the call. STEIN advised he did not recall the general surroundings of the area in which the phone booth was located; or, whether it was in a gas station, a shopping center, or standing by itself. He did think, however, that if he saw the phone booth again he would probably recall it. STEIN was questioned further regarding this phone call and, in response to questions, advised this phone call was the only one he actually observed being made by GALT. However, at several other stops they made. GALT was out of his sight for short periods of time and during these times GALT could have made other phone calls. STEIN advised that when GALT returned to the car after making the phone call, he, GALT, appeared to be tense and somewhat deep in thought. This condition lasted about twenty minutes or a half hour. When asked if he recalled traveling through Houston, Texas, STEIN stated he did not recall passing through there but commented he was sleeping off and on during this time.

At about 12:00 noon, December 17, they arrived in Kenner, Louisiana, and stopped along Airline Highway where STEIN took over driving the Mustang because he was familiar with the area. STEIN drove directly to LORRAINE CALLAWAY'S house located on Bartholemew Street in New Orleans. STEIN got out of the car and delivered the box of clothing for MARIE MARTIN. GALT remained in the car. CALLAWAY was sitting on the front porch and STEIN talked to her for a few minutes. She did not know he was coming to New Orleans and did not recognize him at first because he was wearing a beard. STEIN did not mention GALT's name to CALLAWAY during their conversation. Then STEIN returned to the car and drove to his cousin's house which is located near CALLAWAY's home. STEIN did not recall the exact location of this house, nor did he know her name, other than to call her "T.T.". His purpose in going there was to borrow her car while he was in New Orleans but she was using it. During this stop, GALT remained in the car. STEIN then drove with GALT to his mother's home, located at 1907 Royal Street. His mother's name is CLOVINA ALONZO. He had to park about one half block from her house. GALT remained in the car and his mother did not see him. He asked GALT if he wanted to come in and meet his mother, but GALT told him no, that he wanted to get to a motel so he could clean up and change his clothes. STEIN advised he recalls thinking at the time he did not know why GALT was in such a hurry to get cleaned up because his suit looked very presentable even though he had slept in it for three days.

After unloading his belongings, STEIN then drove GALT to the Provincial Motel, located a short distance from his mother's house. GALT got out of the car and went inside and registered at the motel. While registering, GALT gave his name loud enough to the desk clerk, that STEIN, outside the motel, could hear him say, "ERIC GALT".

After he had registered, GALT got back into the Mustang and drove STEIN back to his mother's house. GALT dropped STEIN off and started on his way back to the Provincial Motel. He went just a short distance, when he returned, and asked STEIN for further directions as to how to return to the motel. STEIN gave him further directions, and GALT drove off again.

Later that same day, around 2:00 or 3:00 P.M., STEIN went for a walk with his son, CHARLES STEIN, JR., and a friend of his son's, by the name of SAL, last name unknown. They walked through the French Market area of the French Quarter, down Canal Street, and then over to the new Trade Mart Building located on Canal Street near the Customs Building which STEIN stated he had never seen before.

STEIN then advised that later during the evening of December 17, he was at the home of his sister, MARIE LEE. GALT commented he had seen STEIN and the two boys earlier that day near the Trade Mart Building. GALT stated he was having a beer at a bar in the area at the time he observed STEIN and the two boys. STEIN advised that GALT visited him at his sister's home where STEIN ended up staying while in New Orleans. STEIN advised he could not recall exactly how GALT knew how to get to his sister's home, but it was possible he gave GALT his sister's telephone number so GALT would have someplace to get in touch with him. STEIN stated that probably GALT contacted him at his sister's that night and he gave GALT the directions to her house. stated he recalled going out and waiting in the front of his sister's house for GALT to arrive. . This was at about 8:00 P.M. GALT came into the house and STEIN introduced GALT to his They talked a short while, but GALT did not have much to say; however, by the remarks GALT made STEIN formed the impression GALT was familiar with the New Orleans area. During this visit, GALT stated he had seen the persons he had business with in New Orleans sometime prior to his arrival at MARIE LEE's house. STEIN advised that GALT asked if STEIN was ready to go back to Los Angeles yet. STEIN stated that when the trip to New Orleans was discussed with him originally, it was planned to return from New Orleans on Wednesday (March 20, STEIN stated he was surprised GALT wanted to return 1967). so quickly, and suggested to GALT they stay overnight anyway. He told GALT they should check the weather before leaving, because he did not want to drive back through any snow storm. STEIN told GALT this because STEIN wanted to remain in New Orleans for a while to visit friends and rest up. GALT was agreeable to remaining in New Orleans until they checked further into the weather conditions. GALT then left the LEE home by himself.



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he did all he could to avoid seeing GALT because he wanted to visit further with his relatives. On the evening of December 19, GALT arrived at the home of MARIE LEE to pick up STEIN and return to Los Angeles. To the best of his recollection, STEIN advised that he and GALT, his sister MARIE LEE, a friend of his by the name of CHARLES CHARVELLO (Phonetic), and his mother, Mrs. CLOVINA ALONZO, were also present. CHARVELLO (Phonetic) helped STEIN load his present. CHARVELLO (Phonetic) helped STEIN load his belongings into GALT's car. STEIN advised that he then got into CHARVELLO's Yellow Cab, and he and CHARVELLO (Phonetic) drove to his mother's house to pick up RITA STEIN's two daughters, KIM and CHERYL. GALT followed them in his white Ford Mustang. Thereafter, STEIN, GALT and the two children departed New Orleans en route to Los Angeles, California. They left New Orleans from Mrs. ALONZO's home.

STEIN advised that on the return trip they drove straight through, stopping for gas and food only, which consisted mostly of hamburgers. They arrived back in Los Angeles on December 21, 1967, sometime during the morning. GALT dropped STEIN and the two children off at 5666 Franklin Avenue.

STEIN advised that at one time during the trip to and from New Orleans, GALT told STEIN that he had sold his interest in a bar in Mexico to his Mexican partner not further identified.

passing through what he recalled was the State of Arizona, GALT was driving and STEIN was asleep in the front passenger's seat. STEIN stated he awoke to find the car in a skid. The force of the skid kept STEIN from raising his head. The car spun around several times and finally ended up off the road. STEIN advised this occurred during the snow storm sometime STEIN advised this occurred during the snow storm sometime after the first gasoline stop. Prior to dropping off to sleep, before the skid occurred, STEIN stated he had asked GALT if he wanted him to drive, but GALT told him no, that he was used to driving in snowy weather. STEIN stated he recalled to driving in snowy weather. STEIN stated he should not "hit" into a spin because of the ice on the road, he should not "hit" the brakes because that would only make the spin worse. After

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they had spun off the road, STEIN asked GALT if he had "hit" the brakes, and at first GALT denied doing so. However, he later admitted "hitting" the brakes and laughed about the incident. STEIN advised that they pulled out of the spin when the front bumper got caught on a strand of wire fence. STEIN feels that if this had not occurred, they would have turned over.

Regarding the trip to New Orleans, STEIN further advised that at the beginning be forgot GALT's name. He was embarrassed about this, so the next morning following the day they left Los Angeles, he came right out and asked GALT what his name was. STEIN advised that GALT repeated to him about three or four times, "ERIC GALT".

When STEIN was asked if he ever observed the Alabama license plates on GALT's white Mustang, STEIN stated he first observed GALT's white Mustang parked in front of the St. Francis Hotel, on Hollywood Boulevard on the evening of December 14, 1967, when he went there to meet GALT at the Sultan Room. STEIN stated he did not recall the license number, but did recall noting that the name "Alabama", or an abbreviation thereof, was written on the license plate. In addition to the plates on the car, STEIN stated he observed two license plates lying on the rear panel, below the rear window, inside the car. These plates had black numbers on a white background; however, he did not observe from what state they were issued because only a portion of one plate was visible. These plates were not there when GALT arrived at 5666 Franklin Avenue, the following morning to take STEIN and the others to the WALLACE voter registration office, nor did STEIN ever see them again.

At this point in the interview, STEIN was asked if he ever saw GALT again subsequent to the time they had returned to Los Angeles from New Orleans. He advised he did observe GALT on a couple of occasions at the Sultan Room of the St. Francis Hotel. On one of these occasions, GALT mentioned to him that he had "just finished bartending school". STEIN advised that sometime after this, either RITA STEIN or MARIE MARTIN mentioned to him that GALT was going to New Orleans

again. STEIN said he thought GALT liked hamburgers because that was all he ate on the trip to New Orleans. STEIN was not familiar with where GALT ate his meals while in Los Angeles.

GALT's white Ford Mustang was ever at 3340 Floyd Terrace, Hollywood, or had GALT ever visited that address while STEIN resided there. STEIN advised that the first time he ever saw GALT was on the night of December 14, 1967; that he never laid eyes on GALT prior to that time and GALT never visited him at 3340 Floyd Terrace. STEIN did advise that for a part him at 3340 Floyd Terrace. STEIN did advise that for a part of the time he resided at that address he was employed as a salesman for Burbank Ford Company, Burbank, California, at which time he was given the use of a canary yellow Ford which time he was given the use of a canary yellow Ford which time he was given the use of a canary yellow Ford and personal use and was often parked at 3340 Floyd Terrace.

At this point STEIN was advised that the interviewing agents had information which indicated that a white Ford Mustang, bearing Alabama license plates, was observed at 3340 Floyd Terrace around Thanksgiving Day, 1967, and again around mid-December, 1967. In reply, STEIN advised again around mid-December, under the stand whoever gave this that this information was incorrect and whoever gave this information to the agents must have confused the white Mustang with his yellow Mustang.

STEIN was then advised that the agents had information which indicated that he was possibly engaged in the sale of some type of drugs. STEIN admitted to having been arrested in the past for narcotics violations but stated that arrested in the past for narcotics violations but stated that he had never been convicted on any of the charges and denied he had never been convicted on any of the charges and denied being involved at the present time in any illegal drug activity or having been so involved while he resided at 3340 Floyd Terrace.

STEIN was then asked if he had ever furnished any drugs to GALT, or had ever observed GALT use any drugs while on the trip to New Orleans. STEIN advised that he had never furnished GALT with any drugs, nor did he ever observe him furnished GALT with any drugs, nor did he ever observe him taking any drugs at any time. STEIN was then asked if the trip

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he made with GALT to New Orleans had not been, in fact, a trip made by the two of them to procure drugs. STEIN emphatically denied this and further denied in engaging in any type of drug activity with GALT. STEIN then advised that he had no information in his possession which would indicate to him that GALT was involved in any illegal drug activity. STEIN then stated he would never even have "talked to the cops" about this matter in the first place if he were involved in any illegal activity with GALT. STEIN advised that due to his past experiences he knows a "dopehead" when he sees one, and that in his opinion, GALT was not a user of "hard drugs", such as heroin or morphine. STEIN did state, however, that GALT could have been a "pillhead", but he, STEIN, never personally observed him taking any pills. STEIN advised that on one occasion on the trip to New Orleans GALT's eyes looked a little droopy, but he, STEIN, attributed this to lack of sleep rather than use of drugs.

STEIN advised that the agents were in possession of information which indicated there was an unusually heavy amount of traffic into 3340 Floyd Terrace during the time he resided there. STEIN attributed the heavy traffic to the fact he had many relatives who visited him at that address. He also said that he had many "hippie" friends who also visited him at that address with whom he held philosophical discussions.

STEIN was then asked what his purpose had been in digging holes in the backyard of the residence located at 3340 Floyd Terrace. He stated that he had been attempting to rid the area of gophers. STEIN was then asked about two young men who were reportedly lying in a stupor in the backyard of the Floyd Terrace address looking up into the sky while he stood over them. STEIN advised that these two men were "looking for flying saucers", and that, he, was helping them as he believed in the existence of flying saucers.

STEIN was then asked about the large number of automobiles that were being worked on at the Floyd Terrace address during the time he resided there. STEIN advised that

during a short period of time, while he resided at that address, he operated an automobile repair and reconditioning business and would do the work in the garage at 3340 Floyd Terrace.

STEIN was then asked about his statement made during a previous interview during which Agent GARDNER was present, to the effect that he and LOUIS LOMAX, the newspaper reporter, had talked to some people who knew GALT while he was in Los Angeles and these people had furnished information regarding GALT. STEIN had refused to identify these persons because they were involved in "other things" that would come to light if they furnished the information they had regarding GALT. In reply, STEIN advised that this was true and there were still people who were involved in certain illegal activities that had nothing to do with the assassination in any manner who did not wish to come to the attention of the law enforcement authorities. When questioned further regarding these persons, STEIN declined to identify them. STEIN did advise, however, that he had helped LOMAX identify DARRELL DENNIS who now resides in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who allegedly dated GALT on one occasion while he resided in Los Angeles.

STEIN advised at this point that he is completely disillusioned with LOUIS LOMAX because he feels LOMAX "used" him solely for publicity purposes and really was not interested in solving the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. STEIN advised LOMAX initially had promised him that he would split the reward money if STEIN assisted him in solving the case. LOMAX was supposed to pay all the expenses of the trip but that LOMAX had, in fact, failed to reimburse him for about thirty-five dollars which STEIN expended on the trip with LOMAX to locate the phone booth from which GALT had made a call. STEIN stated that LOMAX has publicly identified him as the "key to the case", and as such has placed him, STEIN, on the spot. STEIN stated that since he has been so identified he is worried that "whoever took the shot at KING, may also take a shot at me"

When asked if he, in fact, had located the phone booth from which GALT had made the phone call while he was accompanied by LOMAX, STEIN advised that he had not. He stated that LOMAX made the trip in reverse from the way he and

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GALT had made if and for this reason, he, STEIN, had been unable to locate the phone booth used by GALT. STEIN was of the opinion that if allowed to make the trip in the sequence he had made it with GALT he feels certain he could locate the phone booth from which GALT made the call.

The following background and descriptive data was obtained during the course of the above interview:

> Name Race Sex Nationality Birth Data Height Weight · Hair Eyes Complexion Characteristics Marital Status Relatives

CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN, also known as Charles Stein, Charlie Stein Caucasian Male American May 11, 1929, New Orleans, Louisiana 61 235 pounds Black, balding at top Brown Ruddy Wears full beard and mustache Divorced CHARLES STEIN Father: Address Unknown

Mother: CLOVINA ALONZO 1907 Royal Street New Orleans, Louisiana Step-

father: WILLIE ALONZO 1907 Royal Street

New Orleans, Louisiana

Brothers: None

Sisters: MARIE LEE

Address Unknown

New Orleans, Louisiana

RITA STEIN 5660 Franklin Avenue Los Angeles, California

Children CHARLES J. STEIN, JR.,

age 16

New Orleans, Louisiana

MERCEDES MEDINA Ex-wives: Kenner, Louisiana

> GLORIA HALL Last known to reside in State of Mississippi.

MARIE CATALANA New Orleans, Louisiana (mother of CHARLES STEIN, JR.)

Residence

5660 Franklin Avenue Los Angeles, California December 1967 to present

Prior Residence

3340 Floyd Terrace

Hollywood, California December 1966 to December 1967 1964 to 1965 resided at following locations, exact dates and addresses

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Cahuenga Boulevard, near Highland

Avenue

Hollycrest and Barham Boulevard

Fountain Avenue Mansfield Avenue 1300 block of Citrus

Flores Street (upon arrival in Los Angeles in 1964)

Occupation Employment

Salesman Unemployed for past 5 to 6 months, currently receiving unemployment

benefits.

Last Employment

Brand Ford Motor Company,

Prior Employments

Burbank, California Over past two years has worked at following car agencies in Los Angeles

area: Burbank Ford Company

Harrison Motor Company Felix Chevrolet Company

Admits prior arrests for possession narcotics, but advises never convicted on any charge.