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The following information was taken from index cards shown to me by Renfro Hayes:

The ambulance crew for Firestation # 3 that picked up Dr. King after he had been shot were:

B. N. Thornton, M. H. Harwood, driver; and J. W. Walton, who rode in the front seat next to the driver.

The following people were Memphis Department of Public Works employees who made measurements and drawings of the scene and have no connection with the case other than being draftsman. Arthur C. Holbrook, Chief, Charles Brooks, Jr. (now in the U.S. Army) Billy Fite, Aaron Russell and R. V. Wenzler, Thomas Boillot, 2085 Linden Avenue.

Renfro Hays states that it would not be necessary to interview these witnesses in view of the fact that the only connection they had in the case was to prepare drawings. Hays talked to all of the City Engineers above and found that they had the following information. They were instructed by the Attorney General's office to measure from a point fourteen inches above the window sill in the bathroom to a point fifty-nine inches above the floor, two feet north of the right angle in the balcony of the room in which King was occupying. This distance is two hundred two feet plus. The point of origin is sixteen feet six inches above the point of impact, which is an angle decline of four degrees plus minutes.

Francisco's autopsy report shows that the angle of the entrance of the bullet is 45 degrees from head on and 30 degrees downward from the horizontal. Frank Brewer, 422 1/2 South Main, Memphis, no longer at that address, but frequents the same area, would testify that Bessie Brewer his wife, told him numerous times that she could not identify the person who rented the room on the afternoon of April 4, 1968. Would also testify that the shot came from the lot rather than the bathroom window.

Elizabeth Copeland, female colored, worked across the street from the rooming house at 421 S. Main. Renfro has not talked to her, but his information is that she could not testify as to anything around 6:00 P.M. as all employees were away from the windows.

*Felma white
works Seabrook*

V. V. Dollahite, 330 Dawn Drive, Frayser was a driver for Red Line Trucking Company made a delivery to the storage warehouse for furniture at 421 Main, but was gone prior to 6:00.

*Deputy
Sheriff
(Dog Squad)*

James Doyle, Fire Department, Station No. 1, the main station next to the courthouse or on Front Street whichever is the head. Doyle was Deputy Chief, the only purpose he could be used for would be to explain why Floyd Newsom was transferred away from Fire Station No. 2.

Charlie Hartzell, 3355 Poplar Avenue, his home address is 2591 Princeton in Memphis, was the exmanager of the Continental Dance club at 525 Common Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. He left there on August 1, 1965. He kept enrollment records with him when he left. Having checked his records, he knows that James Earl Ray was never enrolled under any name at his dance studio in New Orleans. The owner of this studio later opened a studio in Birmingham under the same name where Ray did in fact take lessons. The owner (name unknown) called the F.B.I. in Birmingham after seeing the sketch which he improved. Hartzell gave copies of his records to the F.B.I. in April 1968. Hartzell does not recall Eric Galt or anyone like him. Hays did talk to Hartzell and this is first hand information.