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Date 6-8-78
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504-344-7954
Telephone _____
M or S _____
Spouse _____
Children _____

Physical Description:

Height _____
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Ethnic Group _____

Color Eyes _____ Hair _____
Special Characteristics _____

Personal History:

- a. Present Employment: Louisiana State Police Department
Address 265 Foster Dr. Trailer # 25 Ordinance Section.
Telephone 504-389-7026
- b. Criminal Record
1. Arrests _____
 2. Convictions _____

Additional Personal Information:

- a. Relative(s): Name _____
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b. Area frequented: _____

c. Remarks: Obtained Guy Banister's files from Mary Banister

Investigator

Robert Buras
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Date

6-8-78

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OUTSIDE CONTACT REPORTDATE 6-8-78 1PM
TIME

I. Identifying Information:

Name Joseph Cambre504-344-7954
TelephoneAddress 4446 Hyacinth Ave.Baton Rouge, LaType of Contact: ☒ Telephone
☐ Person

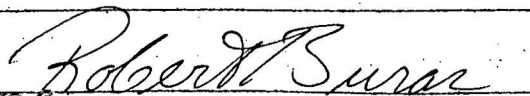
II. Summary of Contact:

Mr. Cambre stated that he helped Russell Willie obtain Guy Banister's records from Mary Banister and later he went thru these records and also remembers them being destroyed along with many other records due to orders attempting to comply with the Privacy Act. Mr. Cambre was assigned to the records section of investigation and intelligence within the State Police. He worked with the Louisiana State Sovereignty Commission during 1970-1. Mr. Cambre went through the records of Mr. Banister and noticed that many of the index cards cards referred to files that were missing. Banister's files were kept separate from the general files. Mr. Cambre stated they were in a five drawer file cabinet but the cabinet was not full. Many of the folders that were numbered were missing.

III. Recommended Follow-up (if any):

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Signature:



Page two interview of Joseph Cambre

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