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IV. INVESTIGATION OF THE OFFENSE: The kidnaping and murder of Emmett Till has been the subject of numerous books, academic studies, documentary films and news stories. During the course of this investigation some authors and producers of these works provided copies of transcripts and raw film footage of interviews they had conducted during the course of their work. Throughout this report the statements made during these interviews are provided in the interest of corroboration, or lack thereof, to contemporary interviews conducted during the course of the investigation. The circumstances surrounding these interviews cannot be determined or evaluated. The circumstances surrounding third party witness interviews – how the witnesses were prepared, and, what, if any, inducement or influence was involved – is not known.

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