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URGENT 4-8-68 DHH

TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES (PLAINTEXT)

FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 2P

~~MURKIN.~~

THIS IS THE CASE INVOLVING THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANYONE BE TOLD THIS INVESTIGATION IS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER.

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT A RIFLE ABANDONED NEAR SCENE OF CRIME WAS PURCHASED BY INDIVIDUAL USING THE NAME HARVEY LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.

LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER IS GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, THIRTYSIX YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY - ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, BLACK OR DARK BROWN HAIR.

IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER, ALL OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK YOUR INDICES, ALL CITY DIRECTORIES, ALL TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES COVERING YOUR TERRITORIES, ALL DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS, ALL AUTOMOBILE

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*Powell advised 3:30 PM
e CO - Contact Mayor 6:30 PM
Mayer advised 6:45 PM
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**REGISTRATION RECORDS, VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS, AND
CREDIT AND CRIMINAL RECORDS ON THE SURNAMES LOWMEYER
AND LOWMYER. IN VEEV OF THE UNUSUAL NATURE OF THE NAMES,
DO NOT CONFINE YOUR CHECK TO HARVEY LOWMEYER AND LOWMYER
ONLY. ANY INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED AS BEARING THESE SURNAMES
SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY CHECKED OUT COVERING THER PERTINENT
PERIOD. YOU SHOULD ALSO APPROPRIATELY CHECK OUT ALL BOMBING
SUSPECTS IN YOUR TERRITORIES.**

HANDLE IMMEDIATELY AND GIVE TOP PRIORITY ATTENTION.

**BUFILES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE ON HARVEY
LOWMEYER OR LOWMYER.**

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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

800 March Here In Silence, Pay Tribute To Doctor King

By BOB MILLER
Times Staff Writer

Eight hundred Anchorage residents, black and white together, marched in silence Palm Sunday afternoon to pay peaceful tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King.

Silently they marched, without placards or signs. With reverence and pride, they followed children who led the way with palm fronds.

Motorists paused and small clusters of people stood alongside the streets as the marchers walked quietly to Sydney Laurence Auditorium for a memorial service in honor of the civil rights leader who died Thursday at the hands of an assassin.

The auditorium had become a hushed cathedral. When all the seats were filled, people stood quietly in the aisles and packed the lobby to hear the service.

An empty chair draped in black symbolized the slain leader. Beside the chair stood a large floral cross of white mums and palm fronds. A large portrait of Dr. King was draped with black crepe at the back of the stage.

Just before the service began, eight children, both black and white, filed slowly past the empty chair and filled it with palm fronds, ancient symbols of brotherhood.

The Rev. William Lyons opened the service with a prayer "that we might take the ideas

of this great man and seek a better world."

Later, in his eulogy, the Rev. Mr. Lyons, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, said, "Dr. King was a man of courage and in the face of adversity, he was strong."

"Though he may be dead today, the cry of nonviolence lives on and cannot be silenced."

Hube Nukes described Dr. King as "one whose faith in America was bigger than America itself."

Nukes, who helped plan the march and memorial service, said, "America this day is not mourning a body, but rather is mourning for its own conscience because America is sick and this Dr. King recognized."

Then five clergymen rose to read excerpts from a letter written by Dr. King when he was jailed in Birmingham, Ala.

Reading were the Rev. Larmon Stennis of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, the Rev. A. C. Zabriskie of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Lunney of Holy Family Cathedral, the Rev. Elmer Davis of the Conservative Baptist Church and the Rev. Paul Turley of the American Baptist Church of Anchorage. The Rev. Turley represented the American Baptist Convention of which Dr. King was a member.

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Dr. King's voice then echoed through the quiet auditorium as Dr. Edward V. Wright, chairman of the Anchorage Human Relations Commission, played a recording of his "I Have a Dream" speech that was first delivered in Washington, D.C., in 1963.

The service ended with Mrs. Frances Macon leading the crowd in singing "We Shall Overcome."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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ANCHORAGE RESIDENTS PAY TRIBUTE TO DR. KING

The memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, slain civil rights leader, was honored Sunday afternoon in a peaceful, silent march that ended in a memorial service at Sydney Laurence Auditorium. Above, the Rev. Elmer Davis reads a portion of a letter written by Dr. King as other pastors await their turn to speak. In the background, from left,

are the Rev. Larmon Stennis, the Rev. A. C. Zabriskie, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Lunney and the Rev. Paul Turley. Below, some of the marchers are shown as they walked quietly along Fourth Avenue on their way to the auditorium. Each marcher carried a palm frond but there were no signs or placards.



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Date: 4/7/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO : SAC, KNOXVILLE
FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - CR

Note "CHANGED" title. Previously carried under "ASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR."

All offices receiving copies of this Airtel note that Bureau has designated above caption as approved code word for investigation dealing with murder of Dr. KING.

Information under above caption should pertain only to investigation that may have bearing on identifying subject instant case. All other information pertaining to racial incidents, and racial activity arising out of assassination of Dr. KING should not be submitted under above caption, but should be submitted by interested offices under the appropriate caption pertaining to Racial Matters.

In addition, all offices in receipt of this information should re-canvass any Criminal Informants, Security Informants, and Racial Informants for possible knowledge concerning assassination, with specific emphasis directed toward informants in known hate groups.

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TO : SAC, ANCHORAGE(157-37)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA ROBERT M. POWELL

SUBJECT:

Reur tel call 4/8/68.

Following investigation conducted at Fairbanks, Alaska, under ^{last} names LOWMYER, LOWMEYER, LOHMEIER, LOHMEYER; on 4/8/68:

The 1966 City Directory and 1967 and 1968 telephone directories were negative.

Sgt. VIRGIL MC CONNELL, Fairbanks PD advised he could locate no record under above names.

Mrs. RETTA MONTGOMERY, Clerk, Interior Credit Bureau, advised her records contained one reference on a FREDERICK H. LOHMEYER, dob [redacted] Master Sgt. assigned to Iadd AFB, Alaska, RA 6559466, residence 1-B-7 Fairview Manor, Fairbanks. This was an inquiry dated 9/13/54. His wife was given as OLIVE. File contained report from Credit Bureau of Tacoma, Washington, reflecting favorable credit rating with a furniture store in 12/49. Also, there was a report from Credit Bureau, San Pedro, Calif. reflecting favorable credit rating in 1944. In addition, a favorable credit report from Long Beach, California, reflected favorable credit in 1949 with a finance co.

Mrs. SHIRLEY M. JOHNSTON, clerk, AST, advised her records reflected that on 9/13/55, FREDERICK H. LOHMEYER, 1-B-7, Fairview Manor, had a vehicle inspected.

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TO : SAC, ANCHORAGE 157-37

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA JAMES F. MAYER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ATTN: SA HEAD

The following were contacted this date with negative results:

Mrs. DORIS THOMAS, R and I and Division of DL, AST. Juneau
Sgt. JERRY BORCHER, Juneau PD
GLORIA MILLSAP, Juneau Credit Association
TERRY BRADSHAW, Ketchikan PD
GERALDINE MC MURCHIE, Ketchikan Credit Bureau
COP PAUL MULLENIX, Sitka PD

Telephone directories for Sitka and Ketchikan along with phone directory and cross reference directory for Juneau were reviewed however no HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER was listed.

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TO ALL SACS (PLAINTEXT)

FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 2P

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INVESTIGATION HAS ESTABLISHED THAT AN INDIVIDUAL USING THE NAME ERIC STARVO GALT WAS IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, REPORTEDLY DRIVING A NINETEEN SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG WITH ALABAMA LICENSE ONE DASH THREE EIGHT NINE NINE THREE. THE BUREAU IS ANXIOUS TO LOCATE THIS INDIVIDUAL FOR QUESTIONING IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER.

ALL OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF EXIT FROM THE COUNTRY SHOULD INITIATE A CHECK TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT ERIC GALT HAS DEPARTED THE COUNTRY.

ALL OFFICES ARE TO CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN YOUR TERRITORY TO INSURE THAT ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ARE COVERED BY AN ALL POINTS BULLETIN TO THE EFFECT THAT ERIC STARVO GALT IS WANTED FOR QUESTIONING BY THE FBI.

*Information furnished to
Reno & Longfellow - Clark - AST
Anchorage for inclusion in
AST Bulletin. Sent 4-11-68*

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GALT IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, HEIGHT FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS, EYES BLUE, HAIR BROWN, DATE OF BIRTH

, ACCORDING TO HIS DRIVERS LICENSE.

GALT'S CAR IS DESCRIBED AS A ¹⁹NINETEEN ⁶⁶SIXTYSIX WHITE HARD-TOP MUSTANG, ⁶⁸SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE TAG ¹ONE - ³THREE ⁸EIGHT ⁹NINE ⁹NINE ³THREE, VIN ⁶SIX ¹T ⁰ZERO ⁷SEVEN ^eC ¹ONE ⁹NINE ⁰ZERO ⁶SIX ⁴FOUR ⁷SEVEN. CAR HAD FOUR INDIVIDUAL RED PLASTIC FLOOR MATS, MUFFLER PAINTED SILVER WHEN PURCHASED BY GALT IN AUGUST SIXTYSEVEN.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD IT BE INDICATED TO ANYONE AT ANY PLACE THE NATURE OF THE CASE IN WHICH GALT IS WANTED FOR QUESTIONING BY THE FBI.

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BALL SACS (PLAINTEXT)

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

REBUTEL THIS DATE TO PLACE STOPS ON ERIC STARVO GALT
AND A NINETEEN SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG. DISREGARD
REFERENCED TELETYPE AND CANCEL ANY ALL POINTS BULLETINS
THAT MAY HAVE BEEN ISSUED.

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AST & APD
advised to disregard
stops, 4-11-68, 6:00 PM.
Pms. Flay, Panning, Clark, AST
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Date: 4/10/68

Transmit the following in _____
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To: SAC, Albany

From: ~~XXX~~ Director, FBIASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RACIAL MATTERS

Many offices are using above caption in communications to the Bureau concerning a variety of activities and racial incidents arising out of the killing of Martin Luther King, Jr. This is creating problems from administrative and filing standpoints and should be discontinued immediately. Captions descriptive of the activity involved should be used in accordance with instructions in the FBI Handbook, page 154h of Part III.

For example, in reporting information concerning disturbances that may have occurred in Albany the caption "Racial Disturbances Following Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., Albany, New York, April 9, 1968, Racial Matters" could be used.

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FBI Takes Control Of Hunt for Slayer

By The Associated Press

Federal authorities have taken complete charge of the hunt for the man who killed Dr. Martin Luther King, and they are keeping tight-lipped about the search.

MEMPHIS Police Chief J. C. MacDonald said local officials no longer have any jurisdiction over the case. The Mexican consul at Memphis, Rolando Velez, said FBI men have questioned him about a man who used a false name in obtaining a tourist card the day before King was shot.

However, in Washington, the Justice Department has denied the search has extended into Mexico.

Meanwhile, a hitch-hiker arrested and booked for vagrancy in Joplin, Mo., was questioned by the FBI in connection with King's slaying.

A Joplin detective captain said the man bears a slight resemblance to a nationally-circulated description of the man sought in last Thursday's assassination in Memphis, Tenn.

Joplin police said the man has identified himself as Lynn Cleveland, 33, a Baptist evangelist from St. Louis.

Memphis police said they do not know the man and have no "hold" order for him.

THE SEARCH for the slayer continued to spread, possibly across the nation.

Fire and Police Director Frank Holloman, who on Thursday night and Friday talked optimistically of the probability of catching the 39-year-old Negro leader's murderer, is now saying that "eventually" he will be caught.

"I am optimistic as to a successful conclusion to this investigation eventually," he told reporters.

Asked how long "eventually" would be, the former FBI agent, who took over as the top law enforcement authority here Jan. 1, replied:



THIS AN artist's conception of the man believed to be Dr. Martin Luther King's assassin. Memphis Commercial Appeal artist Bill Herrington drew this pencil sketch based on a description given him by Charlie Q. Stephens, who lives in the building and shares the bathroom from which the fatal shot was fired.

"I DON'T MEAN in the next hour, six hours, or 12 hours. We are still working with great diligence." It was an answer in contrast to previous press briefings when he discussed details of the case with greater ease.

U.S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark has disclosed that the quarry had slipped out of the immediate area.

The investigation, he said, had spread "several hundred miles from the borders of Tennessee." He did not fail to add — as has been said over and again here — that many good clues have been gathered.

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While official disclosures are not being made, these optimistic references are to the Remington .30-06 rifle that the slayer dropped on the sidewalk, a few feet from the cheap rooming house from which he shot Dr. King, the zipper suitcase containing a number of cartridges and possibly clothes, and a pair of binoculars that the slayer bought in Memphis, according to police.

FINGERPRINTS and possibly a handprint are believed to have been found on the rifle. Other useful evidence that could identify the slayer has been found in the tawdry room he occupied several hours Thursday, it was hinted.

So far nothing has been developed to indicate that the slaying was more than a one-man operation.

The slayer, who gave the name of John Willard, was well dressed and spoke with a southern drawl — rented an \$8.50-a-week room after rejecting a more attractive room costing only \$1.50 a week more. He wanted a clear view of the Lorraine Motel in which Dr. King was staying.

At about 6 p.m. Thursday, police are convinced, he took careful aim from a paint-flaked bathroom about 12 feet from his bedroom and — using his telescopic sight — shot Dr. King on a balcony 205 feet, 3 inches distant. Between 25 and 40 policemen were in the area, Holloman disclosed to reporters providing surveillance.

Whether they were to protect Dr. King, or keep an eye on the Negro population in the area where Dr. King was housed, has not been made clear.

At least one policeman saw Dr. King struck by the bullet. How the assassin could escape with so many police officers in the area "is one of the questions that we are still trying to answer," said Holloman.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ANCHORAGE (157-37) (P)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA RICHARD W. HEAD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/4/68, Lieutenant EARL HIBPSHMAN (NA), Chief, Detective Division, Anchorage Police Department, and Sergeant T. E. ANDERSON, Supervisor, Alaska State Troopers, South-central Region, Anchorage, Alaska, were contacted and requested to alert their logical informants for any information which would indicate a civil disturbance in the Anchorage area.

On 4/8/68, the following agencies were contacted and names checks were run for the following names with negative results:

HARVEY LOWMEYER
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HARVEY LOHMEIER
HARVEY LOWEMEYER

Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Registration, 8th and E Street, Anchorage, Alaska.

Anchorage Police Department.

Alaska State Troopers, Anchorage, Alaska, who also caused a check to be made of Headquarters, Alaska State Troopers, Juneau, Alaska, which incorporates drivers license registration.

Anchorage Credit Bureau, 7th and Gambell, Anchorage, Alaska.

In addition to the above, the 1966 Polks Anchorage City Directory as well as current city telephone directories were checked with negative results concerning the above names.

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TO : SAC, ANCHORAGE (137-554)

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA JAMES H. FRAZIER

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: DANIEL L. GRIFFIN

Dates of Contact	
3/21/68; 4/5/68	
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
10 DAYS OF PROTEST	100-2445
T.H. TRUAX; FUG.; TOP, ISP	52-2482
R.B. DE FUON; FUG.; ET AL, MR-CONSP	91-400
SORDON	174-23
THE RESISTANCE REBITION; SRA, 1948	14-15
G.E. NELLIS, aka; FUG.; TOP TEN	88-2097
Purpose and results of contact	
☒ NEGATIVE On 3/21/68 informant was contacted negatively on	
☒ POSITIVE 100-2445, 52-2482, 91-400, 174-23, 14-15 (R.S. directed	
☐ STATISTIC to Case Agent)	
On 4/5/68 informant was contacted negatively on	
88-2097, 88-2031, 88-1888, 91-370 (R.S. directed to	
Case Agent)	
M.J. SANDER, aka, FUG; TOP TEN	88-2031
H.G. JOHNSON, aka, FUG; TOP TEN	88-1888
G.B. WILLIAMS, aka, FUG; MR; TOP TEN	91-370
ANDREW HAYNESWORTH, ET AL, WSTA	31-1048
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RACIAL MATTERS	157-0
☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating GOOD
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1 - 31-1048
1 - 157-0
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1 - SA CLARK
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RE: 31-1048

On 3/21/68 informant advised that he has not seen subject and victims and their whereabouts are unknown to him. He suspects they are in California, possibly in the area of Oakland, California, but he has been unable to locate their residences.

RE: 157-0

On 4/5/68 informant advised that he is in daily contact with the Negro people in Anchorage and no information or indication of racial violence that might be derived from the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING has come to his attention. He advised that he will immediately report any unrest among the Negro people

RE: 157-37

On 4/5/68 informant advised that he was unaware of any plot that resulted in the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He has no suspects but will remain alert to this matter and will report any pertinent information.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-284)

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA JAMES H. FRAZIER

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)
☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R
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SUBJECT: AN 32-C

Dates of Contact 3/21/68; 4/5/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
10 days of Protest		100-2445
TAM. TRUAX; FUG.; TGP; ITSP		52-2482
R.B. DE PUGH; FUG.; ET AL; BR-CONSP.		91-400
SOBOM		174-23
THE RESISTANCE SEDITION; SSA, 1948		14-15
G.E. WELLS, FUG.; TOP TEN		88-2097
M.J. SANDERS, FUG.; TOP TEN		88-2031
H.C. JOHNSON, FUG.; TOP TEN		88-1888
Purpose and results of contact		
☒ NEGATIVE	G.B. WILLIAMS; FUG.; TOP TEN	91-370
☒ POSITIVE	ANDREW HAYNESWORTH, ET AL; WSTA	31-1048
☐ STATISTIC	MURKIN; RACIAL MATTERS	157-37
	RACIAL MATTERS	157-0
	PROSTITUTES IN ALASKA	31-627
On 3/21/68, Informant contacted negatively on 100-2445, 52-2482, 91-400, 174-23, 14-15 and 31-1048 and RS directed case Agent		
On 4/5/68, Informant contacted negatively on 88-2097, 88-2031, 88-1888, 91-370 and RS directed to case Agent.		
RE: 31-627: On 3/21/68, Informant advised that since last contacted, she has patronized the Red Fox Bar on Seward Highway on two occasions. There was not as much activity as on her previous visits. There were only one or two girls, who could be considered as the hustling types, but they did not operate in her presence. She heard that CLIFF JUDD, reported owner, is presently in Kentucky undergoing the cure for his narcotic addiction.		
☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage Same
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RE: 157-0

On 4/5/68, Informant advised she has frequent contact with the negro people in Anchorage. She has gathered no information or indication there is unrest in the area or there is any potential for mob violence, resulting mainly from the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. She stated she will be alert to the situation and will report any pertinent info.

RE: 157-37

On 4/5/68, Informant advised she was unaware of any plot anywhere to murder MARTIN LUTHER KING. She has no suspects, but will remain alert and will report any pertinent information.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-513)

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA JAMES H. FRAZIER

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: AN 54-C

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Dates of Contact 3/21/68; 4/5/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
TEN DAYS OF PROTEST		100-2445
T.W. TRUAX, TOP; ITSP		52-2482
R.B. DE PUGH; ET AL, BR-CONSP		91-400
SOBOM		174-23
THE RESISTANCE SEDITION; SSA, 1948		14-15
G.B. WELLS, TOP TEN		88-2097
M.J. SANDERS, TOP TEN		88-2031
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RE 157-0		
On 4/5/68, Informant advised she was unaware of any race or mob violence on part of negro people in Anchorage as result of murder of M.L. KING. She will remain alert and will report any pertinent information.		
RE 157-37		
On 4/5/68, Informant advised she was unaware of any plot to murder M.L. KING. She has no suspects. She will remain alert and will report any pertinent information.		
☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage Same

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RE: 31-1048

On 3/21/68, Informant advised she has repeatedly exhausted her sources and has been unable to come up with any information concerning the present whereabouts of the VICTIMS. She stated Subject is reported to be in California, presumably in the Oakland, Calif. area. She advised she will continue to inquire about Subject and VICTIMS and will report any info developed.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-460)

DATE: 4/15/68

FROM : SA JAMES H. FRAZIER

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: AN 63-C

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Dates of Contact 3/21/68; 4/5/68	
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On 3/21/68, Informant contacted negatively on 100-2445, 52-2482, 91-400, 174-23, 14-15 and RS directed case Agent. On 4/5/68, Informant contacted negatively on 88-2097, 88-2031, 88-1888, 91-370 and RS directed case Agent.	
RE: 157-0 Informant advised on 4/5/68 that his business brings him into daily contact with the negro business people in Anchorage. No information has come to his attention indicating any racial violence was being discussed from the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. Informant knows of no such potential, but will remain alert and will report any pertinent info.	
RE 157-37 On 4/5/68, Informant advised he was unaware of any plot for the murder of M.L.KING. He has no suspects. He will report any info developed in this matter that comes to his attention.	
☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good Coverage Same
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RE 31-1048

Informant advised he hasnot seen Subject and has no information that Subject and/or VICTIMS were currently in Anchorage.

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THE PHOTOGRAPHS FURNISHED YOUR OFFICES OF ERIC STARVO
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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT ERIC STARVO GALT IS BEING SOUGHT BY THE FBI AS A FUGITIVE ON A FEDERAL CHARGE ARISING FROM THE FATAL SHOOTING OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL 4, 1968.

DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER STATED THAT A FEDERAL COMPLAINT WAS FILED BY THE FBI IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, TODAY CHARGING GALT WITH CONSPIRING TO VIOLATE THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF DR. KING IN VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, SECTION 241, OF THE UNITED STATES CODE.

THE FBI COMPLAINT ^{CHARGES} ~~STATED~~ THAT "ON OR ABOUT MARCH 29, 1968, AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,...ERIC STARVO GALT AND AN INDIVIDUAL WHOM HE ALLEGED TO BE HIS BROTHER, ENTERED INTO A CONSPIRACY WHICH CONTINUED UNTIL ON OR ABOUT APRIL 5, 1968, TO INJURE, OPPRESS, THREATEN OR INTIMIDATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,...IN THE FREE EXERCISE OR ENJOYMENT OF A RIGHT SECURED TO HIM BY THE CONSTITUTION OR LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES, ~~THE~~ NAMELY, THE RIGHT TO FREELY TRAVEL FROM STATE TO STATE. IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS CONSPIRACY, ERIC STARVO GALT DID, ON OR ABOUT MARCH 30, 1968, PURCHASE A RIFLE AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA...."

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ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, A 30.06 RIFLE EQUIPPED WITH A TELESCOPIC SIGHT WAS FOUND NEAR A ROOMING HOUSE ON SOUTH MAIN STREET IN MEMPHIS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FATAL SHOOTING OF DR. KING OCCURRED. THE ROOMING HOUSE OVERLOOKS THE LORRAINE HOTEL AND MOTEL WHERE DR. KING WAS STAYING.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT FBI AGENTS DETERMINED THAT THE 30.06 RIFLE HAD BEEN PURCHASED FROM A GUN DEALER IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, ON MARCH 30, 1968. THE TELESCOPIC SIGHT ALSO WAS PURCHASED FROM THIS DEALER.

THE FBI DIRECTOR SAID THAT GALT, WHO HAS USED THE NAMES OF JOHN WILLARD AND HARVEY LOWMYER IN THE PAST, IS THE OWNER OF A 1966 WHITE MUSTANG BEARING ALABAMA LICENSE PLATES WHICH WAS LOCATED ABANDONED IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ON APRIL 11, 1968. INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED THAT GALT PURCHASED THIS CAR FROM A PRIVATE CITIZEN IN BIRMINGHAM ON AUGUST 30, 1967. THE MUSTANG'S ODOMETER SHOWED THAT IT HAD BEEN DRIVEN MORE THAN 19,000 MILES BETWEEN LATE AUGUST, 1967, AND EARLY APRIL, 1968.

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ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, GALT'S TRAVELS IN THE MUSTANG INCLUDED TRIPS TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA; NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA; BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA; AND MEXICO, AS WELL AS TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, AND ATLANTA, GEORGIA. GALT WAS REPORTED TO HAVE ~~WAS~~ BEEN IN MEMPHIS ON APRIL 3 AND 4, 1968, AND TO HAVE DEPARTED FROM THERE FOR ATLANTA.

INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BY THE FBI HAS DISCLOSED THAT GALT HAS CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED AS A COOK ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER VESSELS AND AS A MERCHANT SEAMAN. HE IS SAID TO BE AN ^{AL}WEID DANCER AND TOOK DANCING LESSONS IN NEW ORLEANS IN 1964 AND 1965; IN BIRMINGHAM DURING SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, 1967; AND IN LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, FROM DECEMBER, 1967, TO FEBRUARY, 1968.

GALT LEFT LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER 15, 1967, AND DROVE HIS WHITE MUSTANG TO NEW ORELANS, WHERE HE CLAIMED HE CONTACTED EITHER AN ENGINEERING OR A CONTRACTING FIRM. HE LEFT NEW ORLEANS ON DECEMBER 19TH AND ARRIVED BACK IN LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER 21, 1967.

WHILE IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA EARLY THIS YEAR, GALT TOOK A COURSE AT A SCHOOL OF BARTENDING AND WAS GRADUATED ON MARCH 2, 1968.

THE FUGITIVE IS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE. HE IS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET 8 INCHES TO 5 FEET 11 INCHES TALL AND WEIGHS BETWEEN 160 AND 175 POUNDS. HE IS SAID TO BE A NEAT DRESSER AND HAS A MEDIUM BUILD.

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GALT HAS BROWN HAIR, WHICH HE WEARS IN A "BRUSH" CUT. HE REPORTEDLY HAS BLUE EYES; HIS NOSE IS STRAIGHT AND NARROW; HIS TEETH ARE STRAIGHT AND CLEAN; AND HE HAS GIVEN HIS DATE OF BIRTH AS

THE FUGITIVE IS SAID TO HAVE A NERVOUS HABIT OF OCCASIONALLY PULLING AT AN EAR LOBE WITH HIS HAND. HIS LEFT EAR PROTRUDES FARTHER FROM HIS HEAD THAN HIS RIGHT EAR.

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, PERSONS WHO HAVE MET GALT DESCRIBE HIM AS A "LONER" AND STATE HIS LANGUAGE AND DICTATION HAVE A "RURAL" QUALITY AND SUGGEST THAT HE PROBABLY DOES NOT HAVE A HIGH DEGREE OF EDUCATION. HE IS SAID TO DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND HAS A PREFERENCE FOR VODKA AND BEER. HE IS A FAN OF WESTERN AND COUNTRY MUSIC.

~~THE FEDERAL STATUTE UNDER WHICH GALT HAS BEEN CHARGED PROVIDES A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF TEN YEARS' IMPRISONMENT AND/OR \$5,000 FINE. BOND OF \$50,000 HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED.~~

GALT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS. ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM SHOULD BE FURNISHED IMMEDIATELY TO THE NEAREST FBI OFFICE.

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CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY ERIC STARVO GALT

FBI No. 405,942 G



Photograph taken 1968
(eyes drawn by artist)



Photograph taken 1968

Aliases: Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard

DESCRIPTION

Age:	36, born July 20, 1931 (not supported by birth records)	Eyes:	Blue or hazel
Height:	5'8" to 5'11"	Complexion:	Medium
Weight:	160 to 175 pounds	Race:	White
Build:	Medium		
Hair:	Brown, possibly cut short		
Occupation:	Has claimed employment as seaman		
Remarks:	Noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending.		

CAUTION

GALT IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Galt with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241).

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE NOTIFY ME OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.

J. Edgar Hoover
DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535
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APRIL 19, 1968

ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE FBI HAS IDENTIFIED JAMES EARL RAY, AN ESCAPEE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AS ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM A FEDERAL COMPLAINT WAS FILED LAST WEDNESDAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE FATAL SHOOTING OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER SAID THAT A SYSTEMATIC AND EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH OF LATENT FINGERPRINTS UNCOVERED IN THE DR. KING CASE AGAINST THE FINGERPRINTS OF THE OVER 53,000 PERSONS FOR WHOM "WANTED NOTICES" HAVE BEEN POSTED IN THE FILES OF THE FBI'S IDENTIFICATION DIVISION LED TO THE DETERMINATION THAT GALT AND RAY ARE IDENTICAL.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT RAY, WHO IS 40 YEARS OF AGE, WAS REPORTED MISSING FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, SINCE APRIL ²³ ~~18~~, 1967. HE HAD BEEN RECEIVED AT THAT INSTITUTION ON MARCH 17, 1960, TO SERVE A 20-YEAR SENTENCE FOLLOWING CONVICTION IN ST. LOUIS FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND FOR OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE OWNER.

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IN SEPTEMBER, 1966, WHILE SERVING THIS SENTENCE, HE WAS CONFINED FOR A TIME IN THE MAXIMUM SECURITY WARD AT THE STATE HOSPITAL AT FULTON, MISSOURI.

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, RAY HAS A KNOWN ARREST RECORD DATING BACK TO 1949. PRIOR TO THE 1960 CONVICTION FOR WHICH HE RECEIVED THE 20-YEAR TERM, RAY HAD BEEN CONVICTED FOR BURGLARY IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN 1949; ARMED ROBBERY IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, IN 1952; AND FORGING UNITED STATES POSTAL MONEY ORDERS IN MISSOURI IN 1955.

HE HAS SERVED TERMS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL IN 1949; IN STATE PRISONS AT JOLIET AND PONTIAC, ILLINOIS, IN 1952-4; AND IN THE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, IN 1955-58.

RAY WAS AN ENLISTED MAN IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM FEBRUARY, 1946, TO DECEMBER, 1948, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS GIVEN A GENERAL DISCHARGE DUE TO INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. WHILE IN THE ARMY, HE RECEIVED A THREE-MONTH SENTENCE AT HARD LABOR FOR BEING DRUNK AND BREAKING ARREST.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT DURING HIS CRIMINAL CAREER, RAY HAS ALSO USED THE NAMES OF JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES WALTON, W. C. HERRON AND JAMES O'CONNER. HE IS A WHITE MALE; CLAIMS TO HAVE

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BEEN BORN [REDACTED] IN ILLINOIS; IS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET 10 INCHES TALL AND WEIGHS ABOUT 163 TO 174 POUNDS. HE HAS BLUE EYES AND BROWN HAIR. THERE IS A SMALL SCAR ON THE CENTER OF HIS FOREHEAD AND A SCAR ON THE PALM OF HIS RIGHT HAND.

RAY HAS CLAIMED THAT HE ATTENDED SCHOOL THROUGH THE 10TH GRADE IN ALTON, ILLINOIS. HE HAS HAD THE REPUTATION OF BEING A "DRIFTER" SINCE LEAVING SCHOOL. HIS VOCATIONAL EXPERIENCE INCLUDES WORKING AS A BAKER, LABORER AND COLOR MATCHER.

IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ESCAPE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AN FBI COMPLAINT WAS FILED IN JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, ON JULY 20 1967, CHARGING RAY WITH UNLAWFULLY FLEEING FROM THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO AVOID CONFINEMENT. HE HAS BEEN A FEDERAL FUGITIVE SINCE THEN.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT FBI HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, D. C. OR THE NEAREST FBI OFFICE.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Anchorage, Alaska
April 19, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY, TRUE NAME,
ALSO KNOWN AS ERIC STARVO GALT,
HARVEY LOWMYER, JOHN WILLARD,
JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES WALTON,
W. C. HERRON, JAMES O'CONNER

Investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation has identified JAMES EARL RAY as being identical with the individual known as ERIC STARVO GALT, who is being sought by the FBI as a fugitive on a Federal charge arising from the fatal shooting of the Reverend Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. at Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968.

RAY is reported to have been at Memphis, Tennessee on April 3 and 4, 1968, and to have departed from there for Atlanta, Georgia.

RAY is an escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, as of April 23, 1967 with a known arrest record dating back to 1949. RAY is described as a white male, claiming to have been born [redacted] at Illinois, approximately 5'10" tall, weighs between 163 and 174 pounds, has blue eyes and brown hair and has a small scar on the center of his forehead and a scar on the palm of his right hand. He has formerly been employed as a baker, laborer, and color matcher.

RAY is said to have a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an ear lobe with his hand and his left ear protrudes further from his head than his right ear.

RAY is described as a "loner" and his language and diction have a "rural" quality, suggesting he possibly does

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not have a high degree of education. RAY is said to drink alcoholic beverages with a preference for vodka and beer and is a country and western music fan.

RAY should be considered armed and extremely dangerous.

It is requested that any information concerning RAY be immediately furnished to the FBI in Alaska at Anchorage, Fairbanks, or Juneau, Alaska offices.

Attached for your assistance is one copy of Wanted Flyer Number 442 dated April 17, 1968 containing descriptive data which has been updated as set forth above.

FBI Charges Conspiracy In King Death

MEMPHIS, April 17 (AP) — The state of Tennessee today issued a warrant charging Eric Starvo Galt with first-degree murder in the sniper assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King.

THE STATE WARRANT was issued five hours after the FBI in Washington announced that Galt, who is white, had been charged with conspiracy in King's death in Memphis April 4.

The FBI named Galt in a warrant issued in Birmingham, Ala. It charged that Galt and a man who Galt claimed was his brother conspired in the case. The man Galt said was his brother has not been identified or charged. It was the first official mention of a conspiracy in the case. There was no indication from the FBI that others also will be charged with conspiracy.

An FBI agent in Birmingham declined to comment on whether the FBI considered itself closer to an arrest than before Galt was named officially in the case. A look-out bulletin for Galt had been issued by the FBI in Florida last week, but it was withdrawn four hours later.

THE FBI issued a photograph it said was of Galt, and said he also is known as "Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard." John Willard is the name used by a man who registered April 4 in the Memphis rooming-house from which the fatal shot reportedly was fired.

The FBI warned that Galt "should be considered armed and dangerous" and that any information concerning him should be furnished immediately to the FBI. It gave no further identification of the man alleged to be Galt's brother and would not disclose in what

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connection Galt used the Lowmyer alias.

The FBI said a warrant has been issued in Birmingham on the basis of an FBI complaint that Galt and his alleged brother entered into a conspiracy which began about March 29 in Birmingham and ended about April 5.

The FBI said Galt reportedly is 36 years old, has a straight narrow nose, blue eyes and brown hair worn in a brush cut. It said he is between 5-feet-8 and 5-feet-11 and weighs between 160 and 175 pounds. He is said to have a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an ear lobe with his left hand, and that his left ear protrudes farther from his head than his right ear.

PERSONS who have met Galt, the FBI said, describe him as a loner and probably a man of limited education, whose language and diction have a rural quality. He is said to be a fan of country and western music, be an avid dancer and to drink alcoholic beverages — preferably vodka and beer.

The FBI said Galt bought a rifle and a telescopic sight in Birmingham on or about March 30, although it did not state specifically that his was the murder weapon.

It said the 1966 white Mustang which was found abandoned in Atlanta, Ga., April 11 belonged to Galt. The car had been driven more than 19,000 miles since Galt bought it in late August of last year. The FBI said Galt's travels in the Mustang included trips to Los Angeles, New Orleans and Mexico as well as Birmingham, Memphis and Atlanta.

THE FBI investigation showed that Galt claimed to have been employed as a cook on Mississippi River vessels and as a merchant seaman. He took a course at a bar-tending school in Los Angeles early this year, graduating March 2.

Meanwhile, an Atlanta taxi driver said last night that an FBI picture he identified as a man he hauled two blocks the night after King was assassinated was different from the picture of Galt released by the FBI today.

The taxi driver said, "The one the FBI showed me was much younger. The face was much thinner. The cheeks weren't as fleshy." The driver asked that he not be identified.

LOOKING AT AN Associated Press wirephoto copy of the picture released by the FBI in Washington, he said: "That is definitely not the man

I picked up and not the one they showed me. The only time I've ever seen that was on television tonight."

In Memphis, a witness said that the FBI photograph of Galt does not resemble the man seen leaving the scene shortly after Dr. King was killed. The witness is Charles Stevens, who lives in the rooming house from which the fatal shot is believed to have been fired.

Stevens said, "Unless he was wearing a wig or had a face lift or something, it's not the man I saw." Stevens said the hair is too full and the face too young. Stevens said he got only a side view of the s

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For information of all offices, the Bureau by retel requested of the Memphis Division as follows:

"Please furnish following information on above matter compiled or estimated through 4/30/68, and thereafter submit cumulative totals through the end of each month until further notice:

- 1) Number of man hours spent on case broken down as to regular hours, overtime hours, and total man hours by following employees (separate figures for each class of employees shown):
 - A. Special Agents
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- 4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case during month for which report is submitted.

You should promptly request all Bureau offices involved in this case to furnish information requested herein to you and it should be included in your report."

Each office is requested to expeditiously furnish the Memphis Division with the above designated data within two work days after the close of each month. Secondly, each office is also requested to advise the Memphis Division even in the event each category is zero or no work is performed on this case during the month.

WANTED BY THE FBI

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY JAMES EARL RAY

FBI No. 405,942 G



Photographs taken 1960

Photograph taken 1968
(eyes drawn by artist)

Aliases: Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim,"

DESCRIPTION

Age: 40, born March 10, 1928, at Quincy or Alton, Illinois (not supported by birth records)
Height: 5' 10"
Weight: 163 to 174 pounds
Build: Medium
Hair: Brown, possibly cut short
Eyes: Blue
Complexion: Medium
Race: White
Nationality: American

Occupations: Baker, color matcher, laborer

Scars and Marks: Small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand

Remarks: Noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending.

Fingerprint Classification: 16 M 9 U OOO 12

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CRIMINAL RECORD

Ray has been convicted of burglary, robbery, forging U. S. Postal Money Orders, armed robbery, and operating motor vehicle without owner's consent.

CAUTION

RAY IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Ray as Eric Starvo Galt with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241). A Federal warrant was also issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging Ray with Interstate Flight to Avoid Confinement for the crime of Robbery (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073).

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE NOTIFY ME OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.

J. Edgar Hoover
DIRECTOR
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND ALL SACS
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760)
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JAMES EARL RAY, AKA EARL JAMES RAY, W. C. HERRON, EARL JAMES, JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES O'CONNER, JAMES WALTON, JAMES WALYON, JIM - FUGITIVE; UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST, BUFILE EIGHTYEIGHT FOUR ONE SEVEN THREE ZERO, OO KANSAS CITY, KC FILE EIGHTEIGHT NINE FOUR FOUR NINE; DETERMINED TODAY BY BUREAU TO BE IDENTICAL WITH ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM FEDERAL COMPLAINT FILED APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST IN CONNECTION WITH FATAL SHOOTING OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

JAMES EARL RAY, INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY,
JEFFERSON CITY, MO., MISSED AT PEN APRIL TWENTYTHREE SIXTYSEVEN.
INVESTIGATION INDICATED RAY CONCEALED HIMSELF IN A BREAD BOX
AND ESCAPED FROM TRUCK MAKING DELIVERY TO AN AUXILIARY FARM,
~~RECORDED IN THE~~ RAY WAS
SERVING TWENTY YEARS ON CHARGE OF ARMED ROBBERY - FIRST DEGREE

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AND FOR OPERATING A VEHICLE WITHOUT OWNER'S CONSENT. ON JULY
TWENTY SIXTYSEVEN ~~FEDERAL~~ COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY AUSA WILLIAM A.
KITCHEN, WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY, MO., FILED
BEFORE USC, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., CHARGING RAY WITH VIOLATION
TITLE EIGHTEEN, SEC. ONE ZERO SEVEN THREE, USC. WARRANT ISSUED.

INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD,
ST. LOUIS, AND KANSAS CITY OFFICES IN UNPRODUCTIVE EFFORT TO
LOCATE THIS FUGITIVE. KANSAS CITY IS INSTITUTING A FULL AND
COMPLETE REINVESTIGATION OF THIS ENTIRE CASE, AND CHICAGO,
SPRINGFIELD, AND ST. LOUIS, WHICH HAVE CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION,
ARE ALSO INSTRUCTED TO COMMENCE TODAY AN IMMEDIATE AND INTENSIVE
REINVESTIGATION IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND DATA, RELA-
TIVES, AND ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT, WHO MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO
ASSIST IN HIS LOCATION.

IN THIS CONNECTION, JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE
ON MARCH SEVEN FIFTYFIVE BURGLARIZED THE US POST OFFICE AT
KELLERVILLE, ILL., AND STOLE SIXTYSIX BLANK US POSTAL MONEY
ORDERS WHICH THEY PASSED DURING MARCH FIFTYFIVE IN NUMEROUS
STATES, WITH THE RESULT THAT BOTH WERE SENTENCED IN USDC,
KANSAS CITY, MO., ON JULY ONE FIFTYFIVE TO USP, LEAVENWORTH,

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KANSAS. SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A LONER AND RIFE APPARENTLY IS ONE OF HIS FEW CLOSE ASSOCIATES, SUGGESTING POSSIBILITY THEY COULD HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATES IN MURDER OF DR. KING, AND INVESTIGATION ALSO INSTITUTED IN KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO SPRINGFIELD MARCH ELEVEN LAST TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFO RE RIFE AND TO LOCATE HIM FOR INTERVIEW. THIS INVESTIGATION SHOULD ALSO BE RE-COVERED AND EXPEDITED TODAY, IT BEING NOTED RIFE AND RAY HAVE BACKGROUND HISTORY IN THE QUINCY, ILL., AREA.

~~REDACTED~~ PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ARE BEING FORWARDED AMSD TO BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES.

FOLLOWING IS DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY AS FURNISHED BY FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION UNDER FBI NO. THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE A: WHITE MALE, DOB

AT DECATUR, QUINCY, OR ALTON, ILL.; APPROX. FIVE FOOT TEN; ONE SEVENTYFOUR LBS IN SEPTEMBER SIXTYSIX, RUDDY COMPLEXION, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, MEDIUM BUILD; OCCUPATIONS LABORER AND BAKER; SCARS AND MARKS--SMALL SCAR ON CENTER OF FOREHEAD AND SCAR IN PALM OF RIGHT HAND. ADDRESSES--ST. LOUIS, MO., MARCH SIXTY; TWO ZERO ONE FIVE PARK, ST. LOUIS, MO., OCTOBER FIFTYNINE; QUINCY, ILL., JULY FIFTYFIVE, MARCH FIFTYFIVE, AND APRIL FIFTY;

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HOTEL QUINCY, QUINCY, ILL, MARCH FIFTYFIVE; VICTOR HOTEL, QUINCY, ILL., MARCH FIFTYFIVE, AUGUST FIFTYFOUR; ONE FOUR TWO NINE CHERY, HANNIBAL, MO., MARCH FIFTYFIVE; EIGHT FIVE THREE WEST FULLERTON, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY FIFTYTWO; EIGHT ZERO FIVE ALBY STREET, ALTON, ILL., JULY FIFTYONE. FPC--SIXTEEN, M OVER M, NINE OVER FOUR, U OVER W, 000 OVER IOI, TWELVE, REF NINE OVER TWELVE. NCIC FPC--ONE SIX ONE THREE ONE ONE ZERO ZERO ONE TWO ONE TWO TWO ONE TWO TW I ONE SEVEN. MILITARY RECORD--JAMES EARL RAY, SN ONE SIX ONE SIX THREE ONE TWO NINE, ENLISTED US ARMY FEBRUARY NINETEEN FORTYSIX AT EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL., AND SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY UNTIL DECEMBER TWENTYTHREE FORTYEIGHT, AT WHICH TIME GIVEN GENERAL DISCHARGE AS PRIVATE FIRST CLASS AT CAMP KILMER, N.J., BY REASON OF INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. RECORDS ALSO INDICATE RAY TRIED AND CONVICTED BY SPECIAL COURT-MARTIAL FOR DRUNK IN QUARTERS AND BREAKING APREST FOR WHICH SENTENCED TO BE CONFINED AT HARD LABOR FOR THREE MONTHS AND FORFEIT FORTYFIVE DOLLARS MONTHLY FOR FOUR MONTHS. RECORDS ALSO INDICATE HE RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR GONORRHEA AND SYPHILIS WHILE A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY.

FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI NO.

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FOUR FIVE FIVE EIGHT SEVEN SIX SIX, AS OBTAINED FROM FILES OF
USP, LEAVENWORTH: WHITE MALE, AGE FORTYFOUR, DOB [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], FIVE FOOT NINE AND ONE HALF, ONE SIXTYONE LBS., BROWN
HAIR, EYES BLUE GRAY.

KANSAS CITY IS SETTING OUT ALL PERTINENT LEADS TODAY BY
TELETYPE AND TELEPHONE FOLLOWED UP BY TELETYPE CONFIRMATION.
ALL LEADS MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTYFOUR HOURS WITH BUREAU,
KANSAS CITY, AND MEMPHIS BEING KEPT ADVISED BY APPROPRIATE
COMMUNICATION OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

SUGGEST BUREAU MAKE IMMEDIATE COMPARISON OF ANY LATENT
FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED DURING KING INVESTIGATION WITH THOSE
OF WALTER TERRY RIFE TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL.

AM COPIES SENT ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU, AND SAN JUAN.

SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH DEADLY
WEAPON, HAS BEEN CONFINED IN STATE HOSPITAL, FULTON, MO., IN
SIXTYSIX, AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Anchorage, Alaska
April 19, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY, TRUE NAME,
ALSO KNOWN AS ERIC STARVO GALT,
HARVEY LOWMYER, JOHN WILLARD,
JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES WALTON,
W. C. HERRON, JAMES O'CONNER

Investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation has identified JAMES EARL RAY as being identical with the individual known as ERIC STARVO GALT, who is being sought by the FBI as a fugitive on a Federal charge arising from the fatal shooting of the Reverend Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. at Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968.

RAY is reported to have been at Memphis, Tennessee on April 3 and 4, 1968, and to have departed from there for Atlanta, Georgia.

RAY is an escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, as of April 23, 1967 with a known arrest record dating back to 1949. RAY is described as a white male, claiming to have been born [redacted] at Illinois, approximately 5'10" tall, weighs between 163 and 174 pounds, has blue eyes and brown hair and has a small scar on the center of his forehead and a scar on the palm of his right hand. He has formerly been employed as a baker, laborer, and color matcher.

RAY is said to have a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an ear lobe with his hand and his left ear protrudes further from his head than his right ear.

RAY is described as a "loner" and his language and diction have a "rural" quality, suggesting he possibly does

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