

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.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Ray's Criminal Career Began 18 Years Ago in L.A.

By JERRY COHEN
The Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES, April 20 — The criminal career of James Earl Ray, the man suspected of killing Dr. Martin Luther King, began in downtown Los Angeles early on an October evening 18 years ago.

HE TRIED to steal a typewriter from the third floor office of the Forum Cafeteria.

The assistant manager caught him in the act and scuffled with him, but Ray got away — not for long, however.

As he fled across a parking lot, an attendant heard the assistant manager's cries and grabbed Ray.

THE TWO struggled. Ray broke free, but a bank savings book and his army discharge papers fell to the pavement from his torn shirt pocket.

(That happenstance, and an extraordinary coincidence, led to the first arrest in Ray's long career of lawlessness — a span of misconduct which apparently reached a climax in Memphis April 4, when Dr. King was assassinated.)

Four days later, Oct. 11, 1949, the

parking lot attendant recognized Ray emerging from a bank.

HE ATTRACTED the attention of nearby policemen, who arrested Ray and matched him up with the bank book and army papers.

Ray was given 90 days in the county jail and placed on two years probation by Superior Judge W. Turney Fox, now retired.

Judge Fox's leniency was based on the report of Dep. County Probation Officer Herbert W. Audit and the plea of Dep. Public Defender Richard S. Buckley, who represented Ray, who was unemployed at the time and broke.

AUDIT TODAY is in the probation department's Santa Monica office, while Buckley has risen to head of the public defender's office.

Buckley, in appealing for probation when Ray appeared Dec. 30, 1949, before Judge Fox for sentencing, said:

"... I feel he not only is eligible for probation but that he is a fit subject for probation... this man is in a position to stand on his own feet, and apparently has done so for a period of time..."

"He apparently is thrifty, acquired

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some savings and also did fairly well in the Army. In view of these circumstances, I feel he is a good risk on probation . . ."

"I THINK you have a point there," Judge Fox told Buckley.

Then the judge turned to Ray and informed him that as a condition of his probation:

"I want you to stay out of drinking places and not indulge in the use of alcoholic liquor or frequent or go to places where it is the principal order of sale . . ."

AUDIT, the probation officer, had noted that Ray "spends much time on dates with girls" and admitted to "occasional excessive use of intoxicants."

His remarks, and those of the judge, have an ironic echo today, since women and liquor appear to have played major roles in the subsequent life of Ray who was only 21 at the time.

Audit also observed that Ray appeared to be of normal intelligence, was a Roman Catholic but did not attend church, attended movies two or three times a week and "likes to read magazines and common ordinary books."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

Enclosed to the Bureau are six copies and to each office one copy of the following photographs:

JAMES EARL RAY, Missouri Department of Correction #00416, dated 3/17/60 and 9/8/66

WALTER TERRY RIFE, Kansas City SO #29636
FBI #4558766

Stand up photographs of RAY on the left, Kansas City SO #29637 and RIFE, Kansas City SO 29236, taken 3/28/55.

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JAMES EARL RAY

FBI No. 405,942 G

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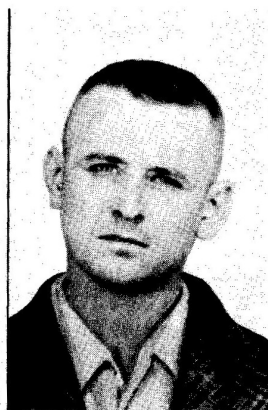
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ALIASES: Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Horton, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Connor, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim"



Photographs taken 1960

Photograph taken 1968
(eyes drawn by artist)



James Ray

DESCRIPTION

AGE: 40, born March 10, 1928, Alton, Illinois
HEIGHT: 5' 10"
WEIGHT: 163 to 174 pounds
BUILD: medium
HAIR: brown, possibly cut short
OCCUPATIONS: baker, color matcher, laborer
SCARS AND MARKS: small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand
EYES: blue
COMPLEXION: medium
RACE: white
NATIONALITY: American
REMARKS: noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending

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 the 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 conspiring to interfere with the Constitutional Right of a citizen for the crime of Robbery (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073).

**IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE.
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CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY JAMES EARL RAY

FBI No. 405,942 G



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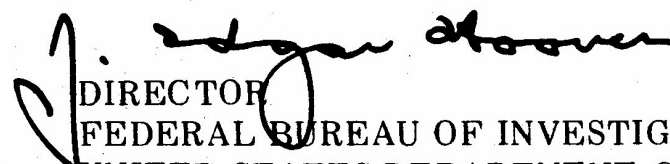
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April 19, 1968


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YOU ARE REMINDED THAT ALL LEADS IN THIS CASE MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, AND ALL LEADS MUST BE SET FORTH BY TELEPHONE OR TELETYPE. ALL BORDER OFFICES COVERING ENTRY INTO MEXICO AND CANADA AND EXIT THEREFROM SHOULD INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE STOPS ARE MAINTAINED RE SUBJECT AND ALL NAMES KNOWN TO BE USED BY HIM AT RESPECTIVE OFFICES OF U.S. IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PATROL. YOU SHOULD ALSO INSURE THAT PREVIOUS STOPS PLACED WITH ANY FACILITY SHOULD INCLUDE ALL NAMES USED BY THE SUBJECT.

DISTRIBUTE SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES OF WANTED FLYERS AND IO'S TO NARCOTIC INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES IN ORDER THAT THEIR INFORMANTS MAY BE CONTACTED. YOU SHOULD CONTACT

~~ALL~~ CRIMINAL INFORMANTS AND APPROPRIATE RACIAL AND SECURITY INFORMANTS. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY BEING ADVISED

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REMAIRTEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL ONE NINE LAST FURNISHING
BACKGROUND DATA CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN ANY
UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES, BURGLARIES OR ARMED ROBBERIES
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ONE NINE SIX SEVEN. RAY SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED SUSPECT IN
ANY FUTURE SUCH VIOLATIONS AND BUREAU ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY
OF ANY TENTATIVE IDENTIFICATION.

ANY PERTINENT LEADS DEVELOPED DURING REVIEW OF PAST
VIOLATIONS SHOULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY RUN OUT AND BUREAU ADVISED.

SUBJECT'S HANDWRITING AND HAND PRINTING NOT IDENTIFIED
IN BANK ROBBERY NOTE FILE AND HIS FINGERPRINTS ARE BEING
SEARCHED AGAINST LATENTS SUBMITTED IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERY AND
BURGLARY VIOLATIONS.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-37)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA ADRIAN B. CLARK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is to record that on this date, the writer requested that the subjects descriptive data be included in the next issue of the Alaska State Troopers Bulletin.

In the same connection, William H. Barrington, Merrill Motel was shown subjects photo and alerted to his fugitive status. He stated subject is unknown to him but he will remain alert to his possible presence in Anchorage.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	February 19, 1946		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #B-119908	October 11, 1949	suspicion of burglary	
Police Department Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #139648	October 11, 1949	suspicion 459 Penal Code (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years probation served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 December 30, 1949 Csl29438
Sheriff's Office Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	April 18, 1950	vagrancy	
Police Department Alton, Illinois	James Earl Ray #7514	July 23, 1951	no operator's license - no State License - no City License	released to pay later
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #D90696	May 6, 1952	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #131165	May 9, 1952	robbery	June 13, 1952 sentenced to penitentiary 1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Joliet, Illinois	James E. Ray #32419	June 13, 1952	robbery	1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Pontiac, Illinois	James E. Ray #19121	July 7, 1952 in transfer from Joliet	robbery	1 to 2 years March 12, 1954 discharged

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Sheriff's Office Edwardsville, Illinois	James Earl Ray #2640	August 30, 1954	burglary and larceny	
Police Department Hannibal, Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	March 23, 1955	investigation of breaking and entering Post Office	
State Highway Patrol Macon, Missouri	James Earl Ray #B-3376	March 23, 1955	cashing stolen postal money orders	released to Postal Inspector Kansas City, Missouri March 24, 1955
United States Marshal Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #12018	March 28, 1955	forgery United States Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody of Attorney General
Sheriff's Office Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #29637	March 28, 1955	Forgery - Government	July 7, 1955 3 years and 9 months
United States Penitentiary Leavenworth, Kansas	James Earl Ray #72498-L	July 7, 1955	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months May 20, 1958 conditional release March 31 1959 maximum April 5, 1958 conditional release on charge of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 10, 1959	suspicion of robbery	

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Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 16, 1959	suspicion of robbery stealing and fugitive other authorities	
State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri	Janes Earl Ray #00416	March 17, 1960	"TC" operating motor vehicle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, concurrent)
State Hospital Number 1 Fulton, Missouri	James Earl Ray #37045 C-5	September 8, 1966	Patient	

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	WANTED: James Earl Ray for escape April 23, 1967 (operating motor vehicle without permission of owner; robbery first degree "b/m of a D & DW") (will extradite) Notify Warden State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri information received May 10, 1967.			

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	WANTED BY BUREAU: James Earl Ray, also known as, James McBride, James Walyon, W.C. Herron, James O'Conner, Jim, for unlawful flight to avoid custody-robbery first Fugitive Index #121426 Bureau file #88-41730 Office of Origin Kansas City information received July 27, 1967. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS Alias: James Walton WANTED BY BUREAU: Eric Starvo Galt, also known as Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, Civil Rights-Conspiracy Fugitive Index #127540 Bureau File #44-38861 Office of Origin Memphis. Information received April 19, 1968. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS			
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TO ALL SACS (PLAINTEXT)
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORY TO INSURE THAT THERE IS FREQUENT REFERENCE TO RAY AND HIS CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

SINCE YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADVISED THAT JAMES EARL RAY IS IDENTICAL WITH ERIC STARVO GALT AND YOU HAVE BEEN FURNISHED IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS ON RAY, YOU ARE TO BE CERTAIN THAT ALL APPROPRIATE STOPS HAVE BEEN RENEWED ON JAMES EARL RAY AND UNDER ALL OF HIS KNOWN ALIASES AS SET FORTH ON THE IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS. THIS IS TO INSURE THAT THE BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED IF THE SUBJECT IS ARRESTED OR COMES TO THE ATTENTION OF AUTHORITIES WITH WHOM STOPS PLACED.

OFFICES COVERING DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS FLIGHTS SHOULD HAVE RENEWED STOPS AND SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD BE DISPLAYED APPROPRIATELY.

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ALL OFFICES SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION
AT ALL "HIPPIE" ROOMING HOUSES AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS TO
OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER CONCERNING RAY.

APPROPRIATE LEGATS BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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TO SAC, ANCHORAGE

FROM SAC, SEATTLE

4/24/68

MURKIN:

ON APRIL 24, LAST, AN INDIVIDUAL, WHO IS AN EXECUTIVE OF A PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM IN SEATTLE, CAME INTO THE SEATTLE OFFICE AND REPORTED THAT ON APRIL 12, LAST, HE WAS IN THE AIRPORT AT ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AND AT THAT TIME SAW TWO MEN WITH RIFLE CASES, ONE OF WHOM RESEMBLED PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY, WHICH PHOTO HE HAS SEEN IN A PAPER.

HE REPORTED THAT THE MAN WHO RESEMBLED RAY WORE TAILORED STOCKMAN'S CLOTHING AND HAD A THIN MUSTACHE. THE MAN IN THE SEATTLE OFFICE ALSO REPORTED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WHO RESEMBLED RAY WAS APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES IN HEIGHT, AND THE SECOND MAN APPEARED TALLER AND HEAVIER.

THE PERSON FURNISHING THE INFORMATION AT SEATTLE BELIEVES THAT THESE TWO MEN CAUGHT A PLANE TO KODIAK, ALASKA AND HE PRESUMED THAT THESE TWO PERSONS WERE GOING HUNTING.

CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT ANCHORAGE AND KODIAK.

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

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CDE JC

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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Complaint Form
FD-71 (Rev. 10-26-65)

NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases <u>JAMES EARL RAY</u>		Address of subject		Character of case <u>MURKIN</u>	
Complainant <u>GENE DAGG</u>		Complainant's address and telephone number <u>3109 W 29th</u>		Complaint received ☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic Date <u>4/18/68</u> Time <u>4 40</u>	
Subject's Description	Race	Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female	Height	Hair	Build
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion
	Scars, marks or other data				
Facts of complaint Called to inquire re height of subject. Had seen photo of subject earlier on Post Office Bulletin board and shortly thereafter saw individual walking from parking lot on 5th St near bus station toward 4th St. Last saw this person about 4⁰⁰ p near Pioneer Loan Co. on 4th. Wearing med blue jacket & <u>black pants</u> resembled subject. Action: Immediate check of area described by complainant disclosed no persons meeting subject's description. One indiv. wearing blue jacket & dark pants observed but was approx 6'2" & over 200 lbs. Also noted no posters of subject yet on P.O. bulletin board.					
Action Recommended <u>None.</u> <u>Letterle</u> (Agent) 157-37-35 SEARCHED.....INDEXED..... SERIALIZED <u>6</u> FILED <u>6</u> APR 23 1968 FBI-ANCHORAGE					



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 20, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY, also known as
Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmyer,
John Willard, James McBride, James
Walton, W. C. Herron and James
O'Conner

FUGITIVE

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY

"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM

James Earl Ray, a Missouri prison escapee who has been sought under the alias Eric Starvo Galt in connection with the gunshot slaying of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has been added to the FBI's list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives."

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ordered the special addition of Ray to the "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" list, which already contains ten fugitives, to insure the widest possible dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to help effect his earliest possible location.

Ray has been the subject of a massive and intensive search since the brutal gunshot slaying of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel. One rifle bullet, believed fired from the window of a nearby rooming house, felled the victim.

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An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom wanted notices have been posted in the FBI's Identification Division, succeeded in determining that Galt and Ray are identical.

A Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a United States citizen. Ray is also sought for unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement after conviction for armed robbery, based on a Federal warrant issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri. He had been confined at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, in March, 1960, with a 20-year sentence following conviction for armed robbery and operating a motor vehicle without permission of the owner. In September, 1966, while serving the sentence, he was confined for a time in the maximum security ward at the State Hospital, Fulton, Missouri. He was reported missing from the Missouri State Penitentiary since April 23, 1967.

Ray, who has an arrest record dating back to 1949 and has been convicted of burglary, armed robbery and forging United States Postal Money Orders, has also been confined in the Los Angeles County Jail, the Joliet and Pontiac, Illinois, State Prisons and the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

He served in the Army between February, 1946, and December, 1948, received a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and breaking arrest and was given a General Discharge due to ineptness and lack of adaptability for military service.

Ray is a 40-year-old white male, reportedly born in Illinois on [REDACTED] He is approximately 5'10" inches tall, weighs from 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and brown hair which he has worn cut short. He has a small scar on the center of his forehead and a scar on the palm of his right hand. He has been described as having a straight, narrow nose and straight and even teeth and to have a nervous habit of occasionally tugging at an ear lobe. His left ear protrudes noticeably.

Acquaintances describe him as a "loner" and "drifter" whose language and diction reflect a "rural" quality and indicate he has had limited education.

He is reportedly a fan of western and country music, drinks vodka and beer, dresses neatly and claims past employment as a merchant seaman and cook on Mississippi River vessels. He is known to have worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

He is known as an avid dancer who has taken dancing lessons. He also completed a course at a school of bartending in the Los Angeles area early in 1968.

Ray should be considered armed and extremely dangerous. Anyone with information concerning this fugitive is requested to immediately contact the nearest office of the FBI, the telephone number of which may be found on the first page of local telephone directories.

Post Office Box 560
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
April 25, 1968

Mrs. Bertha Ricker
Department of Revenue
State of Alaska
Post Office Box 960
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Mrs. Ricker:

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, Also Known
As Eric Starvo Galt,
W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer,
James McBride, James O'Connor,
James Walton, James Walyon,
John Willard, "Jim"

Enclosed herewith is Identification Order Number
4182 on referenced individual who is wanted by the FBI.

It would be appreciated if you would place a
stop in your records so that this office might be
promptly advised of any future automobile registration
filed by Subject. Should you detect any possible
pertinent registration, it would be appreciated if
you would telephone this office at 272-6414.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated,
and you will be immediately advised when this stop can
be removed.

Very truly yours,


JAMES F. MARTIN
Special Agent in Charge

2 - Addressee

Enclosure 1

1 - Anchorage (157-37)

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TO ALL SACS PLAINTEXT
FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 1P

MURKIN.

THE MAIN FILE ON KING HAS BEEN REVIEWED AT THE BUREAU
AND LEADS ARE BEING SENT OUT CONCERNING PERSONS INVOLVED IN
PRIOR THREATS AGAINST KING. THESE LEADS AS WELL AS LEADS
CONCERNING ANY OTHER SUSPECTS DEVELOPED FROM ANY SOURCE
MUST BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE AND THOROUGH HANDLING ON A TOP PRIORITY
BASIS. PROCESS HAS BEEN OBTAINED AGAINST JAMES EARL RAY AND
EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING TO LOCATE RAY AND TO
ESTABLISH MOTIVE OF CRIME. YOU HAVE BEEN AND WILL BE
FURNISHED INFORMATION RELATING TO OTHER POSSIBLE CONSPIRATORS.
THESE MUST ALL BE THOROUGHLY RESOLVED NO MATTER HOW REMOTE.
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ABE JAC

ACK JAC

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Anchorage

FROM : SA RICHARD W. HEAD (157-37)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/26/68

On 4/18/68 the following agencies were contacted concerning ERICK STAVO GALT aka HARVEY LOWMYER, JOHN WILLARD, described as white male, 5'8" to 11", 160 to 175 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, date of birth [redacted] and they advised that they could locate no record identifiable with the above individuals.

Mr. W. P. THOMAS, Manager, Credit Bureau,
Anchorage, Alaska.

Lieutenant JAMES ALDRICH, Record Section,
Anchorage Police Department.

Mrs. MAURINE LAIRD, Clerk, Department of Revenue,
State of Alaska, 8th and E Street, Anchorage, Alaska.

Corporal ARTHUR ENGLISH, Alaska State Troopers,
Southcentral Region, Anchorage, Alaska, who also conducted
a check of records at headquarters, Alaska State Troopers,
Juneau, Alaska, which encompasses drivers licenses records,

On 4/19/68 a suitable number of Wanted Flyer
Number 442 concerning GALT which was updated with a memorandum
attached identifying JAMES EARL RAY as being identical to
GALT, aka, was distributed to DENIS WOLSTEMHOLME, Director,
INS, Anchorage, Alaska, who advised that all ports of entry
in the State of Alaska would immediately receive this
information as well as all foreign flag airlines at International
Airport, Anchorage, Alaska, and International Airport,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

In addition to the above DONALD WATSON, Customs
Port Investigator, U. S. Customs Service, Anchorage, Alaska,
was also furnished a quantity of the above Wanted Flyer and
memorandum to be utilized by his office. (It is noted the
above U. S. Customs Office handle narcotic investigations
in the Anchorage Division).

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On 4/22/68 the above agencies were immediately upon receipt furnished copy of Wanted Flyer 442-A.

In addition to the above agencies, the Anchorage Police Department, Fairbanks, Police Department and the Alaska State Troopers were furnished sufficient quantities of the above Wanted Flyer on the dates they were received for all offices to be immediately apprised of the fugitive status of the subject.

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To: SAC, Anchorage

**FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION
FUGITIVE PUBLICITY**

Enclosed is material on JAMES EARL RAY,
I.O. #4182, who was added to the list of "Ten Most Wanted
Fugitives," Saturday, p.m., April 20, 1968.

You should furnish this material to your
established outlets in accordance with previous arrangements.

In the event the fugitive is captured or process
dismissed, it will be your responsibility to notify the recipients
of the material to preclude publicizing the individual after he
has been removed from a fugitive status.

Proposed transmittal form card:

Attached is material on JAMES EARL RAY
who was added to the FBI's list of "Ten Most
Wanted Fugitives," Saturday, p.m., April 20, 1968.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

April 20, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY

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Described as a "loner and "drifter," with a "rural" quality in his speech, Ray has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher. He has taken dancing lessons and completed a course at a school of bartending.

Consider Ray armed and extremely dangerous. Report any information concerning him to the nearest FBI office.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Post Office Box 560
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
April 26, 1968

Dear Sir:

Attached is material on JAMES EARL RAY who
was added to the FBI's list of "Ten Most Wanted
Fugitives," Saturday, p.m., April 20, 1968.

Very truly yours,

James F. Martin
JAMES F. MARTIN
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosures

- 1 - Juneau, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Valdez & Sitka PD's, AST Juneau
- 1 - Each News Outlet listed top of 80-59
- 1 - 80-6
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Date: 4/25/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND
ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Atlanta airtel to Director, 4/22/68.

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*Review of ITSMV cases AN Div.
4-29-68 indicates no articles in
reference category - Ruff*

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W. J. Ruff

Approved: _____ Sent: _____ M Per: _____
Special Agent in Charge

AT 44-2386

For information those offices not receiving reairtel, it was pointed out therein that Subject JAMES EARL RAY, aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by Atlanta to date has not established mode of transportation RAY may have used after 4/5/68. Receiving Offices were requested in reairtel to check cars recovered their division that were stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and where the transporter of same was not identified or otherwise accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

Investigation reflects Subject RAY can be placed in the Atlanta, Georgia, area 3/24/68.

In view of the above, all Continental Offices are requested to review car recoveries within their respective territories of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68, and where the transporter of same is not otherwise eliminated or accounted for, consider Subject RAY as suspect. Where there is any remote indication that Subject RAY may have been person transporting such a car, exhaustive and intensive investigation should thereafter be conducted.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ANCHORAGE (157-37)

DATE: 4/27/68

FROM : SPC, LARRY DEAN TERBUSH

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

At 9:30pm this date the writer was telephonically contacted by SUSAN VOKE, 1010 Beech Lane, Anchorage, telephone 277-3203, who furnished the following information:

While at State Car Wash, 1515 East 5th at approximately 3:00pm this date she observed an individual who resembled the picture of JAMES EARL RAY which appeared in Anchorage Daily News. VOKE described individual as

height: 6 foot
weight: 180 approximately
hair: dark, graying at temples
clothing: blue jeans, hat

Voke noted subject was deeply tanned and he was employed at the car wash. VOKE advised she frequents the car wash but was the first time she had seen this individual.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :SAC, Anchorage (157-37)

DATE: 4-28-68

FROM :SA Richard W. Head

SUBJECT:MURKIN

Re memo of SPC, LARRY DEAN TERBUSH, 4-27-68.

On 4-28-68, JAMES TERRIN, Manager, State Car Wash, 1515 E. 5th Ave., Anchorage advised that RICHARD EUGENE BARLOW, closely resembles the photos of JAMES EARL RAY, taken in 1960, however, does not resemble the photo of RAY taken in 1968.

TERRIN made available BARLOW's W-2 form which indicates he has been employed since 8-14-67, is assigned Social Security # [redacted] and listed his address as P.O. Box 404, Ft. Richardson, Alaska.

TERRIN advised that to the best of his knowledge BARLOW is a soldier in the U.S. Army.

No further action recommended re this matter.

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April 29, 1968

Agent-In-Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Anchorage Branch
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I am presently a permanent resident of Anchorage and employed at the Armed Forces Examining and Entrance Station, 429 D Street, Anchorage. I retired from the U.S. Army at Fort Richardson in August 1966. In view of the facts and circumstances surrounding the assassination of Dr Martin Luther King, I wish to relate a conversation which transpired at the Fort Richardson Communications Center.

On two occasions, October 1965 and in either July or August 1966, I went to the Fort Richardson Communications Center for the purpose of having photographs made of myself for ID cards. On one of these occasions while my photographs were being processed the photographer and I conversed on matters in general; the conversation later focused on future plans after either retirement or discharge from the service. At this juncture, he mentioned that if he had nothing better to do after leaving the service he could "at least" or "always" return home and "kill niggers," that there "is a price on King's head;" I believe the amount mentioned by him was \$3,000. The conversation terminated shortly afterwards.

The foregoing is all that transpired, and I have not since seen the individual again. He may have returned home as a result of having been discharged or retired from the military service. Doctor Martin Luther King was probably the center of many a southerner's conversation, and the information volunteered herein may have little or no relevance to the Bureau's present investigation; however, because of the global aspect of the investigation and the necessity for citizen respond, I felt it imperative that I proffer the information for evaluation by the Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

Howard E. Wright
Howard E. Wright

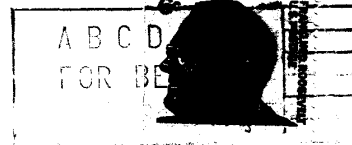
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Heal *VBH*

ACK Promptly
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1116 Westbury Drive
Anchorage, Alaska 99503



Agent-In-Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Anchorage Branch
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Anchorage (157-37)

DATE: 4-30-68

FROM : SA Richard W. Head

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re let of Mr. HOWARD E. WRIGHT, 4-29-68 (Serial 46)

On 4-30-68 Mr. Wright was contacted at his place of employment, Armed Forces Examining and Entrance Station, 429 D Street, Anchorage where he is employed as a Transportation Clerk.

Mr. Wright's letter was discussed with him and on questioning he was unable to add any additional details which would aid in identifying the individual mentioned in the letter.

In view of the extreme non-specific nature of the information alleging a serviceman had a hatred for negroes, etc., it is felt that additional investigation of this matter would be unproductive.



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TO ALL SACS (PLAINTEXT)
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN.

ALL
~~ARM~~ OFFICES HAVING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THEIR
TERRITORIES WHICH MAINTAIN UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS
IN CONNECTION WITH MATTERS UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION SHOULD
IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THESE AGENCIES AND REQUEST THAT THE
FINGERPRINTS OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY AS SET FORTH ON THE
IO BE COMPARED WITH LATENTS OBTAINED SINCE HIS ESCAPE
FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY ON FOUR TWENTY-THREE
SIXTY-SEVEN.

THIS IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLY ESTABLISHING
RAY'S PAST WHEREABOUTS AND SOURCE OF FUNDS. LEGATS OTTAWA AND
MEXICO CITY REQUESTED TO DO LIKEWISE. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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*Anchorage PD +
Fairbanks PD
maintains no such file
Rt
Juneau PD + ASI
has no such file
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*Dedick PD
maintains no
such file. JH*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC ANCHORAGE (157-37)

FROM : SA ROBERT V. WALKER

SUBJECT: MURKIN
RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: 4/29/68

The following were contacted on 4/24/68 by the writer. They were shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and they were alerted to be on the lookout for anyone resembling him. They agreed to immediately contact the FBI should any individual who resembles RAY comes to their attention:

HALVOR ANDERSON, Salvation Army, 826 C St.

HAROLD E. DURHAM, Executive Director, YMCA, 6th and F

Mrs. OPAL SMITH, Roberts Rooms, 8th and C St.

ED KOONCE, maintenance manager, Linda Arms
Apts., Government Hill.

No positive information was developed.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC ANCHORAGE (157-37)

FROM : SA DOYCE E. COCHRAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: 4/29/68

On 4/24/68, SA DOYCE E. COCHRAN contacted the following individuals and distributed Wanted Flyers to each of them:

RICHARD LOWE, Manager, Captain Cook Hotel

PAUL NILSEN, Resident Manager, Anchorage-Westward Hotel

ROBERT LARSON, Desk Clerk, Anchorage-Westward Hotel

Mr. LOWE, Mr. NILSEN, and Mr. LARSON all advised they would be particularly alert for anyone registering at these hotels who appear similar to Subject RAY.

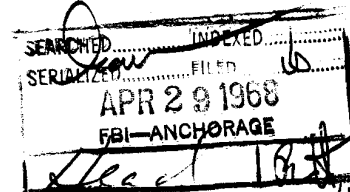
BRUCE KENDALL, Roosevelt Hotel, and ROBERT E. MC FARLAND, Secretary, Laborer's Local Union, Anchorage, were furnished copies of the IO's for Subject RAY and both advised they would be particularly alert for any information concerning this individual.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Anchorage

DATE: April 29, 1968

JRM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #4182; W. F. #442-A
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM
NEWSPAPER MAT

Being forwarded under separate cover is a supply of newspaper mats and proofs for expeditious distribution to all cooperative daily and weekly newspapers in your territory. Additional publications such as shoppers' guides should not be overlooked in obtaining the greatest possible publicity regarding this fugitive.

In most cases, these mats and proofs may be distributed by mail but when circumstances warrant they may be personally delivered by Special Agents. A form letter over the signature of the Special Agent in Charge may be utilized in distributing this material by mail and this letter should point out that the FBI is requesting the aid of the Nation's press in bringing about the prompt apprehension of this badly sought fugitive.

Prompt distribution should be made and additional supplies, if needed, are available at the Bureau. The following number of mats and proofs are being forwarded to your office under separate cover: 6.

As an additional means of securing widespread publicity concerning Ray, offices covering the place of publication of magazines which have previously cooperated in publicizing FBI fugitives should request the assistance of such publications in carrying an article on captioned fugitive. The Bureau press release, copies of which are available in each office, along with a glossy photograph of this fugitive can be furnished. The earliest possible utilization of this material should be encouraged and special attention should be given to publications aimed at minority groups.



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JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Conner.

James Earl Ray, a Missouri prison escapee, sought under the alias Eric Starvo Galt in connection with the gunshot slaying of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is one of the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives." FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ordered the special addition of Ray to the "Top Ten" list to insure widespread dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to speed his location.

Ray has been intensively sought since the murder of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel. An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom wanted notices were posted, determined that Galt and Ray are identical.

A Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, under the alias of Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen. Ray, who escaped on April 23, 1967, from the Missouri State Penitentiary, is also sought for unlawful flight to avoid confinement for robbery. His long criminal record also includes convictions for burglary and forging U.S. Postal Money Orders.

A white American, born in Alton, Illinois, on March 10, 1928, Ray is 5'10" tall, weighs 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and short brown hair. He has a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe and his left ear protrudes noticeably. Known as a "loner" and "drifter," Ray has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher. He has taken dancing lessons and completed a course at a school of bartending.

Consider Ray armed and extremely dangerous. Report any information concerning him to the nearest FBI office.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ANCHORAGE (137-584)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA JAMES H. FRAZIER

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: LARRY B. CHAMBERLAIN

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W.R. and GLADYS HERESTOFF; AFA		93-214
MURKIN		157-37
J. DEVANEY; FUDS		42-1677
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H. C. JOHNSON; TOP TEN		88-1888
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PROSTITUTES IN ALASKA		31-627
REMARKS: It is noted 30 days has elapsed since informant was last contacted and this was due to the fact there were no road trips into informant's territory since he was last contacted.		
☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating VERY GOOD	Coverage SAME
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RE: 93-213

Informant advised that Subject is a crew member aboard the crab fishing vessel "Northern Queen." He is not aware of any assets of Subject.

RE: 93-214

Informant advised that WILLIAM and GLADYS BERESTOFF resided in Kodiak. WILLIAM BERESTOFF is unemployed and GLADYS BERESTOFF works at the Kodiak Commercial Company.

Informant advised that for approximately three years until 1967 both of them operated and owned the crab fishing vessel "Dorothea Louise." They lost this vessel which was seized and sold by the U. S. Government.

Informant advised that WILLIAM BERESTOFF can be located in the area of the small boat harbor in Kodiak.

Informant advised he was unaware of any assets of either WILLIAM or GLADYS BERESTOFF.

RE: 157-37

Informant was alerted to the fugitive status of JAMES EARL RAY who was unknown to him by name, description and photograph.

RE: 157-0

Informant advised he was unaware of any potential for a race riot or mob violence in Kodiak. Informant stated he would be alert to the emotions of minority groups and will report any pertinent information.

RE: 42-1677

Informant advised he was not acquainted with Subject, however, he was acquainted with MAX DEVANEY and his wife who operated fishing vessels out of Kodiak and Homer, Alaska.

AM 137-584

Informant advised he has not seen the DEVANEY's in recent months and their present whereabouts are unknown. Informant stated he will be alert to Subject whose fugitive status was made known to informant, and he advised that he would report any pertinent information concerning the Subject.

RE: 31-627

Informant advised there is a Negro male, age approximately 40, who is currently living in the T. T. JACKSON Trailer Court in Kodiak. Informant advised that just recently WILLIE JOHNSON returned to Kodiak in the company of a Negro female, age approximately 30, who goes by the name of DION MUNNS. MUNNS is driving a 1968 gold Buick automobile around the town. The registered owner of this vehicle is unknown.

Informant advised that WILLIE JOHNSON is a hustler and he suspects that MUNNS may be a prostitute although he has no information indicating this at this time. Informant stated he will be alert to her activities and will report any pertinent information indicating she is prostituting herself.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ANCHORAGE (137-563)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA JAMES H. FRAZIER

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: VIRGIL ARON STRAUT

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AN 137-563

RE: 93-213

Informant advised he has just recently met NIELS P. MARTIN who is a crew member aboard the crab fishing vessel "Northern Queen." He was unaware of any assets of MARTIN.

RE: 93-214

Informant advised he is acquainted with WILLIAM BERESTOFF and his wife GLADYS. Both of them formerly owned the crab fishing vessel "Dorotha Louise" until they lost it in 1967. He stated that WILLIAM BERESTOFF is currently unemployed to his knowledge in Kodiak and that BERESTOFF's wife GLADYS, who divorced WILLIAM BERESTOFF in 1967, is presently employed at the Kodiak Commercial Company in Kodiak.

Informant advised he did not believe that WILLIAM BERESTOFF had any assets at this time. He stated that he was unaware of any assets for GLADYS BERESTOFF unless she acquired some as a result of the divorce in 1967.

RE: 42-1677

Informant advised Subject was unknown by name, description and photograph. He advised he is acquainted with MAX DEVANEY who has been a commercial fisherman in and out of Kodiak for the past several years. DEVANEY was currently believed fishing in the Homer, Alaska, area.

Informant was alerted to Subject's fugitive status.

RE: 157-0

Informant stated that he was unaware of any potential race riots or mob violence in the Kodiak area.

AN 137-563

Informant stated he will be alert to the particular feelings and emotions of the minority groups in Kodiak and will report any pertinent information.

RE: 157-37

Informant was alerted to the fugitive status of Subject JAMES EARL RAY who was unknown to the informant by name, description and photograph. Informant advised he will report any pertinent information.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC , ANCHORAGE (137-583)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA JAMES H. FRAZIER

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: VICTOR P. MARCONI

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AM 137-583

RE: 157-0

Informant was unaware at this time of any race riot or mob violence potential in Kodiak on the part of any group. Informant will be alert to this matter and will report any pertinent information.

RE: 42-1677

Informant advised that he was aware Subject was the son of MAX DEVAHEY, a commercial fisherman who operates out of Kodiak and Homer, Alaska. Informant was alerted to Subject's fugitive status and advised he has neither seen nor heard from or of the Subject in the past year. Informant will be alert to Subject and will report any pertinent information to the FBI.

RE: 157-37

Informant was alerted to the fugitive status of JAMES EARL RAY who was unknown to him by name, description and photograph. Informant advised he will be alert to Subject and will immediately report any information concerning him that comes to his attention.

RE: 93-213

Informant stated that Subject is employed as a crew member aboard the motor vessel "Northern Queen." This boat is currently in port at Kodiak. He was unaware of any assets of Subject.

RE: 93-214

Informant advised he was acquainted with WILLIAM and GLADYS HERESTOFF from 1964 to 1967. They owned and operated the crab fishing vessel "Dorothea Louise" in 1967; and, following their divorce, the vessel was seized and sold by the U. S. Government.

AN 137-583

Informant stated that WILLIAM BERESTOFF is currently unemployed but still resides in Kodiak. He stated GLADYS BERESTOFF works at the Kodiak Commercial Company in Kodiak.

Informant believes that WILLIAM BERESTOFF is penniless at this time and he is unaware of any assets of GLADYS BERESTOFF unless she obtained some as a result of her divorce in 1967 from WILLIAM BERESTOFF.