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KING'S KILLER MAY BE IN KODIAK AREA

James Earl Ray, the sniper who killed Martin Luther King may be in the Kodiak area. This report is being checked out by the FBI, according to an unofficial but reliable source which monitored a radio - telephone call which originated in the Kodiak area and reported that the fugitive "or somebody that is a deadringer for him" was seen and is aboard a boat in this area.

Local Police Chief Jack Rhines is investigating the report.

Following is information released earlier by the F.B.I. regarding Ray:

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, Tenn., motel. One rifle bullet, believed fired from the window of a nearby rooming house, felled the victim.

An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000

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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, Ala., 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, Mo. He had been confined at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo., in March, 1960, with a 20-year sentence following conviction for armed robbery and operating a

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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, Mo. He was reported missing from the Missouri State Penitentiary since April 23, 1967.

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 March 10, 1928. 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.

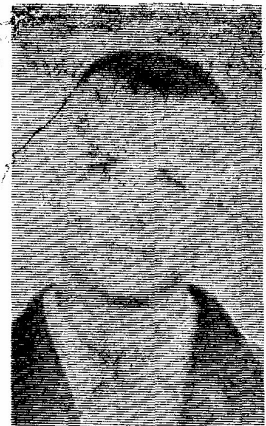
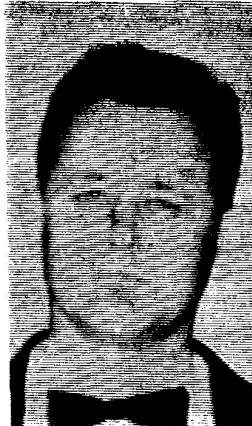
Acquaintances describe him as a "loner" and "drifter" whose language and diction reflect a "rural" quality and indicate he has had limited education.

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.

Have You Seen This Man?



KILLER SOUGHT — Above are photos taken at various times of James Ray, alias Eric Galt. The picture at lower right was the most recent photo available and shows him considerably fatter. According to information made public in the May 20 issue of NEWSWEEK magazine, he takes amphetamines off and on and his weight may fluctuate sharply as a result. According to the article he considers himself quite a romeo and goes in for mail-order romances.

REPORTED AT SAN JUAN TOO!

The FBI is checking a report by two girls that they saw a man at San Juan, Puerto Rico who looked like the accused killer of Dr. Martin Luther King. The two Hartford, Conn., girls say they saw the man who resembled James Ray, alias Eric Galt, at San Juan International Airport. A spokesman for the FBI in Hartford has said only that the story has been passed on to the proper authorities.

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Could James Earl Ray Be in Alaska?

A man answering the description of James Earl Ray, the suspected assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King, reportedly has been seen at the little fishing village of Port Williams.

The report, The Daily News learned, was given to the FBI in Anchorage Thursday by radiotelephone.

THE FBI SPOKESMAN said Friday that an agent would be sent to investigate but that bad weather had made it impossible to fly to the fishing community of 100 persons on Shuyak Island, about 50 miles north of Kodiak in the Gulf of Alaska.

Similar calls have deluged FBI bureaus throughout the country since King was slain in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4, the spokesman said, but attempts are being made to check each report.

He said reports of persons resembling Ray "haven't been a big thing" in Alaska, but could not give a precise figure on how many had been received.

THE TELEPHONE CALL reporting the sighting was "very unsatisfactory" because of poor reception, the FBI spokesman said.

"We have been trying to make contact with the caller," the FBI said. But he added that it had been impossible to fly to Port Williams because "it is socked in today."

The Daily News called Port Williams Friday and talked briefly with the man who reported the sighting to the FBI, but he declined to elaborate on where the man had been spotted or when.

"I can't tell you anything," he said. "Any information you get will have to come from the FBI."

HE SAID the weather was rainy and foggy.

According to the latest FBI description, Ray, who used the alias Eric Starvo Galt when he checked into the Memphis rooming house from which the shot that killed King was fired, is 40 years old, stands about 5-feet-10 and weighs 163-174 pounds.

He is of medium build, has brown hair, blue eyes, a medium complexion, a small scar in the center of his forehead and a small scar on the palm of his right hand.

He also has a noticeably protruding left ear and is said to be a lone wolf.



JAMES EARL RAY

King's Suspected Slayer

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: May 20, 1968

JS
FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: MURKIN
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

Each Special Agent in Charge and Legal Attache is instructed to promptly remind their established cooperative news sources, in a discreet and tactful manner, of the existence of substantial reward money for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King. This money now totals at least \$100,000. The FBI should not, however, be publicized as the source of this reminder.

While the Bureau's continuing policy is to encourage the public to furnish information to law enforcement authorities as a matter of good citizenship, without expectation of financial reward, it is fully recognized that monetary rewards are often necessary to motivate some individuals. The knowledge of the existence of the substantial rewards available in the Murkin case could possibly prove of value in the solution of this major investigation.

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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

For your information and investigative assistance, subject James Earl Ray has been known to consort with prostitutes and "street bums." A photograph of subject was obtained from a prostitute in Mexico. This photograph showing subject wearing sunglasses was previously forwarded to your office.

This should be borne in mind in your daily contact with informants, officers of vice squads and prostitutes in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

Armed and dangerous.

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TO : SAC 157-37

DATE: 5-25-68

FROM : Duane C. Luedke
Chief Clerk

SUBJECT: James Earl Ray

At 9:40 pm this date, the dispatcher from the AST called and advised as follows:

A man, who fits the description of subject left a lodge in Glenallen last night at 10:00 pm and was supposedly heading for Kenai. He is driving a pickup camper, tan in color, with Ore. license ECG 123. He was wearing a brown army jacket and is in Alaska to study earthquakes. Trooper Sordin, Glenallen, TA 23263, received this information from a woman at a lodge in Glenallen. Suspect left of his possessions at the lodge. The trooper has a sample of suspects handwriting.

The dispatcher advised that she was placing a call to Nix at Kenai and give him the above info.

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FROM: ANCHORAGE (157-37)

MURKIN

INFORMATION RECEIVED PM MAY TWENTYFIVE LAST INDIVIDUAL FITTING
DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY OBSERVED AT GLENNALLEN, ALASKA
DRIVING PICKUP TRUCK WITH CAMPER, TAN IN COLOR, OREGON LICENSE
ECG ONE TWO THREE. PORTLAND DETERMINE REGISTERED OWNER INSTANT
VEHICLE AND IF INDIVIDUAL IS ESTABLISHED IN COMMUNITY IN OREGON
AS WELL AS DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING REGISTERED OWNER.
DETERMINE IF STOLEN REPORT FILED REGARDING INSTANT VEHICLE.
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RE: **MURKIN**

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WAL Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA dated 5-20-68.

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POWELL ✓ 5-20-68.

SMITH ✓

MAYER In the event of inquiries regarding the identity of the sources of the reward money offered in the Murkin case, you may confidentially advise established sources that according to a compilation set forth in the April 27th edition of the "Commercial Appeal," Memphis, Tennessee, \$25,000 each has been offered by the "Commercial Appeal" and Scripps-Howard newspapers and that in addition, businessmen and citizens in Memphis have offered several thousands more and the Memphis City Council has under-written the reward up to a total of \$100,000.

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TO: SAC, PORTLAND
FROM: SAC, ANCHORAGE (80-0)

JOHN JAMES BRINDA. POLICE COOPERATION.

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MURKIN.

ALASKA STATE TROOPERS, KENAI, IDENTIFIED SUBJECT
AS DRIVER OF VEHICLE REFERRED TO IN RERAD. CORRECT
OREGON LICENSE NO. IS ECZ ONE TWO THREE. SUBJECT
ELIMINATED ON BASIS FINGERPRINTS. ALASKA STATE TROOPERS
DESIRES ANY INFORMATION RE SUBJECT, WHO APPEARS MENTALLY
DISTURBED. HE IS WHITE MALE, SIX FEET, ONE SEVEN FIVE LBS,
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TWO THREE. OREGON MVR RECORDS SHOW THIS LICENSE ISSUED TO
SIXTY SEVEN FORD RANCHERO, VIN SEVEN K FOUR SEVEN T ONE NINE
EIGHT THREE NINE TWO, REGISTERED TO LOYD RIGGS PARMAN,
REPUTABLE FARM MACHINERY CONTRACTOR, PORTLAND, OREGON. NO
STOLEN OR WANTED.

PARMAN LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED TWENTY EIGHTH INSTANT. BEARS
NO RESEMBLANCE TO JAMES EARL RAY. RANCHERO HAS NEVER HAD ~~XXXXX~~ **CAMPER**
OR CANOPY OF ANY KIND ON IT, HAS BEEN IN CONSTANT POSSESSION
PARMAN SINCE FEBRUARY LAST, HAS BOTH PLATES PRESENTLY
INSTALLED. ANCHORAGE WITNESS APPARENTLY GOT WRONG LICENSE
NUMBER. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION PORTLAND. ANCHORAGE HANDLE
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FOR INFORMATION ALL OFFICES AND NOT TO BE DISCLOSED
TO ANYONE OUTSIDE OF OFFICE IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THROUGH
INVESTIGATION THAT SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY RESIDED IN CANADA
FROM APRIL EIGHT SIXTY-EIGHT UNTIL MAY SIX SIXTY-EIGHT UNDER
NAMES PAUL BRIDGMAN AND RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. SUBJECT
DEPARTED CANADA FOR LONDON, ENGLAND, ON MAY SIX LAST AS
SNEYD AND IS BELIEVED USING CANADIAN PASSPORT IN THAT NAME.
SUBJECT BELIEVED TO BE WEARING GLASSES.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS REVIEW OF DRIVER-S
LICENSE BUREAU RECORDS AS REQUESTED IN BUREAU RADIOGRAM
MAY TWENTY-ONE LAST MAY BE DISCONTINUED.

OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF ENTRANCE INTO U.S. SHOULD
PLACE APPROPRIATE STOPS WITH BORDER AND CUSTOM AUTHORITIES
UNDER NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. NO INDICATION WHATSOEVER

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SHOULD BE GIVEN THAT THERE IS ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN SNEYD AND KING ASSASSINATION. YOU MAY ADVISE AUTHORITIES THAT INDIVIDUAL USING NAME SNEYD IS BEING SOUGHT BY FBI FOR UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT FOR CHARGE OF ROBBERY.

FOR INFORMATION OF BORDER OFFICES THERE IS ACTUAL PERSON RESIDING IN TORONTO, CANADA, WHO IS EMPLOYED BY TORONTO POLICE DEPARTMENT NAMED RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. THIS INDIVIDUAL-S NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH USED BY SUBJECT IN OBTAINING PASSPORT. THIS IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION IN EVENT BORDER STOPS DISCLOSE THAT INDIVIDUAL NAMED SNEYD IS ENTERING YOUR TERRITORY. ^{COPIED} ~~CLERK~~ MAILED WFO.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 6/6/68

FROM : SA CLIFTON E. MOEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/24/68 the following individuals were furnished photographs and description of Subject and could furnish no information concerning the Subject:

Mrs. MARTHA ANN STOCKWELL, Secretary, Boatel Alaska, Inc., 118 East International Airport Road, which organization handles food and housing for construction and offshore oil activities throughout the State of Alaska.

Mrs. JOYCE HASSMAN, Personnel, Universal Services, Inc., feeding, housing and maintenance contractors, First Avenue and Karluk Street.

The above individuals advised that they would remain continuously alert for any indication of Subject applying for employment and would immediately notify the FBI of any individual similar in description of Subject.

On 5/8/68 the above individuals advised that they had received no information of anyone similar to description of Subject.

On 5/23/68, Mrs. ALMA DROWN, housewife, 2209 Jefferson Avenue, Anchorage, advised that she had just returned from the International Airport and while at the airport had observed an individual who somewhat resembled a photograph of Subject which she had seen in the 5/18/68 issue of the Anchorage News. Mrs. DROWN described the individual whom she had observed as follows:

Age:	34-40
Height:	5'10" - 5'11"
Weight:	At least 170 lbs.

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Hair:	Brown, rather long, straight and combed straight back with no obvious part. Hair thinning on top as she could see scalp. Hair may have had a faint reddish tinge
Eyes:	Blue
Dress:	Casually dressed in dark work pants and a plaid shirt
Characteristics:	Appeared not to have shaved for three days. No other characteristics noted and did not notice a cleft in chin or whether ears protruded noticeably. Eyebrows peaked at center and had intense, blue eyes.

Mrs. DROWN stated she had observed the above described individual standing in front of a car rental counter on the main floor of the International Airport Terminal. He was not carrying anything and appeared to be waiting for someone.

On 5/23/68 a thorough search of the International Airport Terminal failed to disclose anyone matching the description of Subject or the above described individual.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MEMPHIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 6/5/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/4 - 5/31/68
TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, Jim - FUGITIVE IO #4182, WF #442-A; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA JOE C. HESTER	TYPED BY mnr
		CHARACTER OF CASE CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY	

NON-PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY

REFERENCES:

Reports of SA JOE C. HESTER dated 4/17/68 and 4/30/68 at Memphis.

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APPROVED <i>RG Jensen</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW
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Additional copies of this report have been designated for the Bureau in order that dissemination may be made to Legats, Ottawa and Mexico City.

It should be noted that during interviews with certain of the subject's associates and former prison mates, their stories have varied from time to time. Some of their stories may have varied after this report was prepared. This is recognized but could not be avoided. Any more recent information obtained from them will be set out in subsequent reports.

LEADS:

All offices will continue to conduct investigation in this matter and will set out all leads which appear to be appropriate.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA JOE C. HESTER
Date: JUNE 5, 1968

Office: MEMPHIS

Field Office File No.: 44-1987

Bureau File No.: 44-38861

Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis: JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G, escaped Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) 4/23/67, and on 7/20/67 a complaint was filed before USC W. C. SHELEY, Jefferson City, Mo., charging RAY with unlawful flight to avoid confinement in violation of Title 18, USC, Section 1073. On 4/17/68 an authorized complaint was filed against ERIC STARVO GALT for violation of Title 18, USC, Section 241, charging that he did conspire to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in the free exercise and enjoyment of his rights secured by the Constitution of the United States. Complaint was filed before USC, Birmingham, Ala., by SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE, and a warrant was issued for the arrest of GALT. Recommended bond is \$50,000. On 5/7/68 Shelby County GJ, Memphis, returned a secret indictment charging JAMES EARL RAY with murder in the first degree. Chronological listing of subject's activities from 4/67 to 4/68 set forth and reflects he resided briefly at Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada. He traveled to Birmingham, Ala., purchased a 1966 Ford Mustang, then traveled to Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, for a brief residence, and then to Los Angeles, Calif. Subject made 2 round trips by automobile from Los Angeles to New Orleans and in 3/68 established residence in Atlanta, Ga. Using the name HARVEY LOWMEYER, a Remington, Model 760, rifle was purchased 3/30/68 Birmingham, Ala. At 6:00 P.M., 4/4/68 Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was shot and killed by a single bullet fired from the bathroom of a nearby rooming house while he was standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel, Memphis. Same Remington rifle identified above recovered at scene along with other items and personal belongings of the subject. Results of Laboratory examinations of all evidence described herein. Interviews of relatives of JAMES EARL RAY, fellow prisoners, and associates set forth. Subject is described as a loner with no close associates, reportedly on amphetamine, and selling drugs at MSP while incarcerated there. Identification record and description also set forth. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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The subject, JAMES EARL RAY, was received at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), Jefferson City, Missouri, March 17, 1960, from the St. Louis City Circuit Court to serve a sentence of 20 years after conviction for robbery first degree by means of a dangerous and deadly weapon (2 counts) and for operating a motor vehicle without permission of the owner. He was given sentences of 20, 7, and 5 years, all to run concurrently.

The subject, who was MSP inmate #00416, was assigned to the Bakery Unit of the Food Service Department. Just prior to the 5:00 P.M. count on April 23, 1967, he was discovered missing and could not be found within the penitentiary. It was not until some 10 days later that prison officials determined that the subject had escaped by being concealed in a large bread box being taken by open truck from the main prison to Renz Farm, a prison farm that lies outside the prison walls and about 5 miles north of the main prison. This method of escape has not been positively verified and remains largely a matter of conjecture.

Federal assistance was requested to locate the subject, and on July 20, 1967, a complaint was filed before U. S. Commissioner W. C. SHELEY at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging the subject with Unlawful Flight to Avoid Confinement following a conviction for robbery first degree, this being in violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073.

On April 24, 1968, an amended complaint was filed by SA ROWEN B. AYERS before U. S. Commissioner SHELEY.

At about 6:00 P.M. on April 4, 1968, while standing on the second floor balcony outside Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry Street, Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was struck in the right side of the face by a single bullet. Investigation disclosed that this shot was fired from the bathroom of a rooming house located at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, which bathroom was located at the rear of the rooming house and which had a window overlooking the Lorraine Motel. It is 207 feet from the bathroom window to the spot where KING was shot.

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It was determined that on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, a man using the name JOHN WILLARD rented Room 5B at 422½ South Main Street, paying one week's rent. After hearing the rifle shot at about 6:00 P.M. on April 4, 1968, other tenants in the rooming house observed the man known as WILLARD fleeing from the rooming house carrying a large package which was subsequently abandoned by him on the sidewalk in front of 424 South Main Street. Further investigation disclosed that WILLARD fled from the scene in a white Mustang parked a few feet south of 424 South Main Street.

Found abandoned in front of 424 South Main was a 30-06 Remington, Model 760, rifle, a small plastic suitcase containing numerous toilet articles, undershorts, a T-shirt, binoculars, a newspaper, an after shave lotion bottle, 2 cans of Schlitz beer, and a brown and green bedspread in which all of these items were partially wrapped.

Investigation at motels in the vicinity of Memphis, Tennessee, to identify persons who might be driving a white Mustang automobile disclosed that ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, had spent the night of April 3, 1968, at the Rebel Motel, 3466 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, and was driving a Mustang with Alabama license 1-38993. Subsequent investigation at Birmingham, set out in more detail elsewhere in this report, indicated that ERIC STARVO GALT was responsible for the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and on April 17, 1968, Assistant U. S. Attorney R. MACEY TAYLOR, Birmingham, Alabama, authorized the filing of a complaint against ERIC STARVO GALT for violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241, charging that GALT did conspire to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in the free exercise and enjoyment of his rights secured by the Constitution of the United States, namely, the right to freely travel from state to state. Assistant U. S. Attorney TAYLOR recommended bond be set in the amount of \$50,000.

This complaint was filed by SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE before U. S. Commissioner MILDRED F. SPRAGUE, Birmingham, on April 17, 1968, and Mrs. SPRAGUE issued a warrant of arrest for ERIC STARVO GALT.

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On May 7, 1968, a Shelby County Grand Jury, Memphis, Tennessee, returned a secret indictment charging the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, with murder in the first degree. While this indictment has not been made public, the local press is aware of its existence and has commented on it.

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ACTIVITIES OF JAMES EARL RAY SINCE
HIS ESCAPE AND LABORATORY EXAMINATION
OF EVIDENCE ATTENDANT THERETO**

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JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G, escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), Jefferson City, Missouri.

7/18/67

A man using the name ERIC S. GALT signed a lease for an apartment in the Harkay Apartments, 2589 Notre Dame East, Montreal, Canada. The apartment was to rent for \$75 monthly, and one month's rent was to be forfeited in the event the lease was terminated prior to January 18, 1968.

GALT is not known to have made any telephone calls from the telephone in the hall, #532-0094, and interviews have been unproductive with other tenants, nearby stores, garages, parking lots, and other places where GALT might have parked his car.

An employee at the apartment house has reported that during GALT's stay he was visited on one occasion by 2 women, both described as being aged 40 to 42, one woman had black hair, the other had reddish brown hair. They reportedly stayed overnight, one left the following day, and the other stayed for a few days.

7/24/67

ERIC GALT purchased a Canadian Postal Money Order #C31,600,648, from Station "C," Montreal, Canada. This money order was in the amount of \$9 and was made payable to Futura Books, Inc., 4533 Lennox, Inglewood, California.

On July 26, 1967, a Canadian Money Order in the amount of \$9 was received at Futura Books, Inc., Inglewood, California, from ERIC GALT, 2589 Notre Dame East, Montreal, Canada, as payment for three books entitled "Sexual Anatomy," "Unusual Female Sex Practices," and "Sex Feeling in Men and Women." Futura Books is able to state that the ad answered by GALT had appeared in "Men's Real Adventure" magazine. This order was received and mailed on the same date, July 26, 1967.

7/28/67

ERIC GALT purchased a Canadian Postal Money Order #C31,600,868 at Station "C," Montreal, Canada. This money order was in the amount of \$17.50 and was made payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey.

A photostat copy of this money order was examined by the FBI Laboratory. The FBI Laboratory reported that the photostat copy of this money order lacks the quality necessary for a satisfactory comparison; however, some differences were noted between the writing appearing on the face of this item when compared with writing appearing on other specimens submitted in this case under the name of ERIC GALT.

ERIC S. GALT, 2589 Notre Dame East, Montreal, Canada, enrolled in the Locksmithing Institute, 1500 Cardinal Drive, Little Falls, New Jersey, a correspondence school whose records reflect that his first payment was received July 31, 1967, and the last payment was by money order dated March 28, 1968. During the period of his enrollment, GALT showed in addition to the Canadian address the following addresses:

1535 South Serrano
Los Angeles, California

2608 Highland Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

113 14th Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

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The enrollment form of Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, dated July 31, 1967, in the name of ERIC S. GALT; the confidential information form of the Locksmithing Institute bearing the signature ERIC S. GALT; and the white envelope postmarked Montreal P.Q., VII, 1967, bearing the return address ERIC S. GALT, 2589 Rue Notre Dame Est., Montreal, Canada, Quebec, and handprinted address "Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, USA 07424" were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory.

The FBI Laboratory reported that the signature appearing on the confidential information form was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on items submitted in this case. It was determined that the handprinting appearing on the enrollment form and white envelope was prepared by the same individual who prepared handprinting on other items submitted attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

8/9/67

ERIC GALT purchased a Canadian Postal Money Order #C35,273,307 from Station "C," Montreal, Canada. This money order was in the amount of \$1 payable to E. Z. Formula, Hollywood, California. E. Z. Formula, 6311 Yucca Street, Hollywood, California, is a subsidiary of Barnett and Herish and concerns only a magazine mail order business selling a single formula for making glass into a 2-way mirror. They maintain no receipt or record of shipment and are therefore unable to further verify receipt of an order from GALT.

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Personnel at the Harkay Apartments, Montreal, Canada, are not certain as to the date ERIC S. GALT moved from that address; however, they are in agreement that it was shortly before Labor Day of 1967. Investigation at Birmingham, Alabama, has disclosed that on August 26, 1967, ERIC S. GALT registered in a rooming house known as Economy Rooms at 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama.

8/28/67

ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, rented a safe deposit box #5517 at the Main Office, Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama. GALT surrendered this box by notification to the bank by undated, handwritten letter wherein he stated he was moving to the state of Louisiana. The record of access to the safe deposit box, contract for box, ledger card for box, and the undated, handwritten letter from GALT were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory. The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature of ERIC S. GALT appearing on these items was prepared by the same individual who prepared the writing in the same name appearing on other items attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

8/29-30/67

ERIC GALT, in answer to an ad appearing in a local newspaper, contacted Mr. WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, 701 48th Street South, Birmingham, Alabama, regarding PAISLEY's offer to sell a 1966 white Mustang. On August 30, 1967, GALT met PAISLEY at the First National Bank Building, Birmingham, where GALT paid PAISLEY \$1995 in cash. A bill of sale was prepared indicating the car was sold to ERIC GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, telephone #323-9487.

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9/6/67

Records of the Drivers License Division, Department of Public Safety, State of Alabama, Montgomery, revealed that Alabama driver's license [REDACTED] was issued to ERIC STARVO GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature of ERIC STARVO GALT appearing on his application for Alabama driver's license was prepared by the same individual who prepared other signatures in the same name attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

9/12/67

ERIC GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, enrolled for 5 weekly classes in dance instruction at Continental Dance Club Studios, also known as the Friendship Club, Birmingham, Alabama. GALT attended classes on 4 consecutive Tuesday evenings but did not appear for the fifth class.

9/26/67

In September 1967 the Order Department - Modern Photo Book Store, Division of American Photographic Book Publishing Company, Inc., 166 Fifth Avenue, New York City, New York, received a coupon clipped from "Modern Photography Magazine," which coupon requested that Book #633 be sent to ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham. Book #633 referred to above is "Focal Encyclopedia of Photography." This department also received a letter dated September 26, 1967, signed ERIC S. GALT, with the same Birmingham, Alabama, address wherein GALT refers to his order for Book #633 and requested that the book not be sent as he was moving shortly and would send a corrected address later. Officials of the Modern Photo Book Store advised that they have received no further communications from GALT subsequent to the letter dated September 26, 1967.

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The FBI Laboratory reported that the handwriting appearing on this coupon and letter was identical with the handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G. The FBI Identification Division advised that one latent fingerprint of value was developed on the coupon and that this latent fingerprint is identical with the left thumb print of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G.

9/28/67

ERIC S. GALT purchased Bank Draft #04012FPS from the Exchange Security Bank, 5 Points South Branch Office, Birmingham, Alabama, dated September 28, 1967, payable to Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, Illinois, in the amount of \$337.24.

10/2/67

ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, was issued 1968 Alabama license 1-38993 for a 1966 Ford Mustang, VIN 6T07C190647.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature of ERIC S. GALT on the application for the Alabama license was prepared by the same individual who prepared other items under the same name attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

10/3/67

The Superior Bulk Film Company, 442-450 North Wells, Chicago, Illinois, received an order from ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, for one Kodak Super 8 camera, Model M8; one Kodak Dual Projector, Model M95Z; one HPI Combination Splicer; and one 20 foot remote control cable for a total price of \$337.24. A bank draft was received with the order, and on October 3, 1967, a package was mailed to him via parcel post under invoice #179530. Since the Kodak Model M8 camera was not in stock, a Crestline Super 8 camera was substituted.

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The FBI Laboratory concluded that the handprinting appearing on this Superior Bulk Film Company order blank was prepared by the same individual who prepared other items submitted under the same name and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

10/5/67

ERIC S. GALT sent a typewritten note dated October 5, 1967, to Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, acknowledging receipt of items ordered from them and by which he returned the Crestline Super 8 camera. He indicated the camera ordered by him was a four speed camera while the substituted one was a one film speed camera. GALT indicated he was leaving for Mexico on October 7, 1967, but would later send his Mexican address to that company.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on this letter dated October 5, 1967, was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other items submitted in this case and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

10/18/67

Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, Illinois, mailed to ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, via parcel post a Kodak Super 8, Model D38, camera, under invoice #179530.

10/19/67

On this date ERIC GALT registered in Room 212 of the Hotel Rio, Morelos 86, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.

The Document Section of the FBI Laboratory examined 2 photostat copies of the registration card of the Hotel Rio in the name of ERIC S. GALT and concluded that the questioned writings appearing on the registration card were prepared by the writer of other specimens received in this matter which have been attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

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10/22/67

A typewritten letter dated October 22, 1967, signed ERIC S. GALT was addressed to Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, Illinois, indicating that he could not wait for the originally ordered Kodak camera and requesting that his refund be mailed to the Hotel Rio, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on the typewritten letter dated October 22, 1967, was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on items previously submitted in this case and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

11/6/67

ERIC GALT checked out of the Hotel Rio, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.

11/7-13/67

ERIC GALT during this period of time was registered in Room 417 of the Hotel Tropicano, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.

During most of the period that he was in Puerto Vallarta, GALT associated with a prostitute, IRMA MORALES, true name MANUELA AGUIRRE MEDRANO. She was located and interviewed, and she furnished a photograph of GALT taken in Puerto Vallarta about November 3, 1967. She claims not to have seen GALT nor to have heard from him since November 9, 1967.

11/19/67

On this date ERIC GALT rented Apartment #6 at 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California.

11/20/67

By typewritten letter dated November 20, 1967, signed ERIC S. GALT, the Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, Illinois, was requested to forward GALT's refund for the camera which he did not receive to 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California. GALT indicated in his letter that he would be at the Los Angeles address for 5 months.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on the typewritten letter dated November 20, 1967, was prepared by the writer of the signature in this name appearing on items submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

By letter dated November 30, 1967, mailed to GALT's Los Angeles address, Superior Bulk Film Company advised GALT that his refund check #32338 in the amount of \$142.89 had been remailed to GALT's Mexican address. The canceled refund check had not, as of March 29, 1968, been received by the company.

11/27 - 12/14/67

On this date Dr. MARK O. FREEMAN, Clinical Psychologist, 227 South Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills, California, received a telephone call from JAMES E. RAY, who said he wanted to overcome his shyness, gain social confidence, and to learn self-hypnosis in order that he could relax, sleep, and learn to remember things better. An appointment was made for him that same afternoon at the doctor's office, 9952 Santa Monica Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California. He gave his name as JAMES E. RAY and gave his address as 1535 North Serrano, telephone #469-8096. He furnished his date of birth as [REDACTED] RAY had appointments with Dr. FREEMAN on November 27, November 30, December 4, December 6, December 11, and December 14, 1967. RAY canceled an appointment for December 18, 1967, stating he had received information from his brother that the brother had found a job for him as a merchant seaman at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dr. FREEMAN said that RAY paid in cash \$25 per visit. Dr. FREEMAN found that RAY was shy, introverted, and withdrawn but not psychotic or plagued with any deep-seated neuroses.

12/5/67-2/12/68

ERIC GALT, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, executed an enrollment agreement and contract for dancing instruction with the owner of the National Dance Studio, 2026 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach, California.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on an interview card #66429 dated December 5, 1967, of the National Dance Studio was prepared by the writer of this signature appearing on other items previously submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT. The Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on the National Dance Studio enrollment agreement and contract dated December 14, 1967, was too distorted for any determination to be made.

Investigation revealed that GALT first appeared at the office of the National Dance Studio on December 5, 1967, at which time he took two lessons and made payments of \$29. GALT appeared at the studio again on December 7, 1967, and took two lessons, again on December 12, 1967, and took two lessons, and on December 14, 1967, and took one lesson.

On December 14, 1967, GALT agreed to take a course of dancing of a total of 50 hours in lessons for a total amount of \$499. The course consisted of 25 private hour lessons and 25 party or group technique hour lessons. According to this agreement, GALT was to pay \$100 on account on December 14, 1967, and was to pay \$149 on December 18, 1967, and \$50 per week thereafter until the contract was paid in full. According to the records,

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GALT did make a payment of \$100 on December 14, 1967, and on December 21, 1967, he made a payment of \$364.

According to these records, GALT took dancing lessons at the National Dance Studio on the following dates subsequent to December 14, 1967:

12/21/67
12/25/67
12/26/67
12/27/67
12/28/67
1/2/68
1/3/68
1/9/68
1/11/68
1/15/68
1/16/68
1/18/68
1/22/68
1/23/68
1/25/68
1/29/68
1/30/68
1/31/68
2/1/68
2/5/68
2/6/68
2/8/68
2/12/68

12/15/67

Under ticket #31053 GALT left laundry at the Avalon Cleaners and Laundry, Inc., 5662 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, which laundry was marked "20R-3" by a Thermo Seal marking machine. IT IS NOTED THAT BED LINEN FOUND IN THE WHITE MUSTANG ABANDONED APRIL 5, 1968, AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA, BORE THE LAUNDRY MARK 20R-3.

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12/15/67

ERIC GALT and CHARLES J. STEIN, 5666 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, California, a new acquaintance, departed Los Angeles in GALT's 1966 white Mustang en route to New Orleans, Louisiana, to bring back 2 children belonging to CHARLES STEIN's sister, RITA STEIN. GALT's association with CHARLES J. and RITA STEIN is being set forth in a separate section of this report.

12/17 - 19/67

On December 17, 1967, ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, registered in Room 126, Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, and checked out of the motel before checkout time of 1:00 P.M. on December 19, 1967. At time of registration GALT indicated on the registration card that he was driving a Mustang with Alabama license 1-38993.

The FBI Laboratory determined that the Provincial Motel registration card was prepared by the writer of the registration card which was subsequently located at the Rebel Motel in Memphis, Tennessee, under the name of ERIC S. GALT.

12/19/67

ERIC GALT, CHARLES J. STEIN, and RITA STEIN's 2 daughters, [REDACTED], departed New Orleans, Louisiana, in GALT's 1966 white Mustang to return to Los Angeles, California.

12/22/67

ERIC GALT picked up laundry which had been left on December 15, 1967, at Avalon Cleaners and Laundry, Inc., 5662 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles.

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12/28/67

By letter dated December 28, 1967, ERIC S. GALT, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, advised Mr. JOHN ACORD, Chairman, American - Southern Africa Council, 800 Fourth Street, S.W., Washington, D. C., that he was considering immigrating to Rhodesia and desired answers to certain questions. GALT indicated that:

"(1): The U. S. government will not issue a passport for travel to Rhodesia.

"(2): Would their be any way to enter Rhodesia legally (from the Rhodesian government point of view)

"I would appreciate any information you could give me on the above subject or any other information on Rhodesia."

Mr. ACORD replied to GALT's letter with a form letter enclosing literature on Rhodesia.

The FBI Laboratory determined that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on the typewritten letter dated December 28, 1967, was prepared by the writer of signatures in this name appearing on other items submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

1/8/68

ERIC S. GALT purchased a Bank of America Money Order #0799 18037 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$15 and was made payable to Locksmithing Institute.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on specimens previously submitted.

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1/19 - 3/2/68

ERIC S. GALT, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, made application to attend the International School of Bartending, 2125 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on GALT's application to attend the International School of Bartending and his signature on the installment note dated January 19, 1968, were prepared by the writer of this signature appearing on other items previously submitted.

GALT attended class Monday through Friday from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

1/20/68

JEROME WALLIS VERNON operated the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, from about January 16, 1968, to March 23, 1968. He said that a man named ERIC GALT was a regular customer who came in each Saturday afternoon with a bundle of laundry which usually consisted of underwear, T-shirts, and dress shirts. He believes he first saw GALT on Saturday, January 20, 1968, and he recalled seeing him for the last time on about March 16, 1968. VERNON was shown the laundry marks on the T-shirt and undershorts abandoned by the killer in front of 424 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968. VERNON identified the laundry marking on the undershorts and T-shirt as being similar to the mark used at his laundry. Found in the records of the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company was laundry list #3065 in the name of E. GALT with Thermo Seal sticker 02B-6.

IT IS NOTED THAT UNDERSHORTS AND T-SHIRT ABANDONED BY THE KILLER AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL 4, 1968, CONTAINED A THERMO SEAL LAUNDRY MARK 02B-6.

The Los Angeles Division forwarded to the FBI Laboratory a piece of paper and a cloth square, each containing 12 samples of laundry marking printed by a Thermo Seal marking machine manufactured by the Textile Marking Company, Syracuse, New York, and obtained from the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaners, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

The FBI Laboratory advised that these 12 laundry tapes are similar to the laundry tapes in color, construction, and composition to the laundry tapes appearing on the undershorts and T-shirt abandoned at 424 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, by the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Five of these tapes have the same length (1 1/16") as those appearing on the undershorts and T-shirt. The other 9 are longer, either 1 3/32" or 1 1/8" in length.

The FBI Laboratory advised that no significant differences were noted between the laundry tapes appearing on the undershorts and T-shirt when compared with some of the laundry tape specimens submitted by Los Angeles indicating that they may have originated from the same machine.

1/21/68

On January 21, 1968, ERIC GALT rented Room 403 of the St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, for a monthly rental rate of \$85. GALT remained a tenant there until March 17, 1968.

1/22/68

ERIC S. GALT, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, sent a typewritten letter dated January 21, 1968, to DALE LEROY DYKEMA, 3325 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, receiver for the apartment building located at 1535 North Serrano, advising DYKEMA that GALT had moved from the Serrano address.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on this letter dated January 21, 1968, was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name on other items submitted.

1/29/68

ERIC GALT purchased a Bank of America Money Order #0799 18288 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$4.25 and was made payable to Free Press, Newspaper.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC GALT signature appearing on this Bank of America Money Order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted.

The following advertisement ran in the February 2 - 8, 1968, issue of the "Free Press":

"Single male Cauc. 36 yrs, 5-11, 170 lbs Digs Fr. Cult. desire's discreet meeting with passionate married female for mutual enjoyment, and/or female for swing session apt. furn. will ex. photo. Write Eric S. 406 So. 2nd St., Alhambra, 91802."

It is noted that 406 South Second Street, Alhambra, California, is the address of a mail forwarding service which was subscribed to from February 1, 1968, to March 1, 1968, at a cost of \$3 by ERIC GALT, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles.

1/29/68

ERIC GALT purchased a Bank of America Money Order #0799 18289 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$3 and was made payable to Mr. HEDGPETH.

C. M. HEDGPETH is the operator of a mail forwarding service. GALT engaged this mail forwarding service for the purpose of

forwarding all mail to him in care of the St. Francis Hotel under the names ERIC S. GALT, ERIC S. or ESG. In connection with this service GALT executed a Post Office form #1583 dated February 1, 1968, authorizing the mail forwarding service to forward mail to GALT. GALT also directed a typewritten letter to this service signed ERIC S. GALT and received by HEDGPETH on January 30, 1968.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC GALT signature appearing on the above described Bank of America Money Order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted.

The Laboratory concluded that the signatures ERIC S. GALT appearing on the Post Office form #1583 and the typewritten letter received by the mail forwarding service were prepared by the writer of the GALT signatures on other specimens submitted.

1/31/68

ERIC S. GALT purchased a Bank of America Money Order #0799 17281 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$7.50 and was made payable to the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted.

2/13/68

A 1966 white Mustang bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-38993 which was later determined to be registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, Birmingham, Alabama, was serviced at the H. Beckman Chevron Service Station, 1506 North Normandie Avenue, Los Angeles, California. The mileage at the time of this service charge was noted to be 34,185 miles.

It was also ascertained that this vehicle was serviced at the Cort Fox Ford Company, 4531 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, with mileage noted to be 34,291 miles; however, no date of servicing was noted.

2/17/68

Mrs. PATRICIA ANDERSON, 2800 Glenview Avenue, Los Angeles, California, received a letter dated February 17, 1968, from ERIC S. GALT. This letter was addressed to her under her maiden name, PATRICIA SCHUBERT, and is as follows:

"2-17-68

"DEAR MISS:

"I AM ANSWERING YOUR LISTING IN THE LOCAL SWINGER SINCE I THINK I SHARE MOST OF YOUR INTERESTS, WITH EMPHASIS ON FRENCH CULT. AND SWING SESSIONS. I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM MEXICO AFTER FIVE YRS. AND THE FEW FEMALES I HAVE MET DON'T GO FOR THE SWING PARTIES AND IT TAKES TWO TO SWING. THE SAME ROUTINE GETS BORING, DON'T YOU THINK. WILL CLOSE UNTIL I HERE FROM YOU.

"SINCERELY
"ERIC S. GALT
"5533-HOLLYWOOD BLVD.
"HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.
"90028.
"PH. 464-1131."

"The Local Swinger" is a correspondence club operating from P. O. Box 3802, Downey, California. "The Local Swinger" placed an advertisement in the Los Angeles "Free Press" offering to send a list of local swingers to anyone who paid the price of \$1. In addition, it was understood that for each letter sent to "The Local Swinger" the sender would have to pay \$1. During February 1968 ERIC S. GALT sent \$1 and a request for a list of swingers and thereafter sent 5 letters to 5 individuals.

PATRICIA ANDERSON, nee SCHUBERT, is the only one of these thus far identified. She has made available a photograph which GALT enclosed in his letter to her. PATRICIA ANDERSON has never subscribed to "The Local Swinger" nor has she ever written to pen pal clubs or subscribed to the Los Angeles "Free Press." She has never met GALT and has had no further correspondence from him.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on the type-written letter dated February 17, 1968, was prepared by the individual who prepared this signature in this name appearing on numerous other items submitted.

2/26/68

ERIC S. GALT purchased Bank of America Money Order #0799 19430 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$6.44 and was made payable to Futura Books.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

2/26/68

ERIC S. GALT purchased Bank of America Money Order #0799 19701 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order is in the amount of \$7.50 and was made payable to Locksmithing Institute.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

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ERIC S. GALT purchased Bank of America Money Order #0799 19704 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$5.25 and was made payable to "Locksmith Ledger."

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

2/26/68

ERIC S. GALT purchased Bank of America Money Order #0799 19702 from Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$6.44 and was made payable to Tiffany Enterprises.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on this money order is too distorted for an identification with these previous signatures but similarities were noted.

2/26/68

ERIC S. GALT purchased Bank of America Money Order #0799 19703 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$9.98 and was made payable to Tiffany Enterprises.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signature in this name appearing on other specimens submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

2/26/68

By letter postmarked February 26, 1968, addressed to Tiffany Enterprises, 8512 Whitworth Drive, Los Angeles, California, ERIC S. GALT, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California, ordered one pair of Japanese handcuffs.

It is noted that Tiffany Enterprises is a mail order business but that they do not stock these Japanese handcuffs, so it was necessary for them to have the order filled by the International Police Equipment Company, 806 South Robertson Avenue, Los Angeles. These handcuffs were shipped to GALT on March 16, 1968.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on the typewritten letter dated February 26, 1968, was prepared by the writer of the "GALT" signatures on other specimens previously submitted.

3/2/68

On this date GALT was graduated from the International School of Bartending, 2125 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, and a photograph made that date has been discovered. Approximately a week after GALT's graduation he was telephonically contacted by the director of this school, who indicated he had employment for GALT as a bartender. GALT declined stating that he was leaving town within 2 weeks to visit his brother and did not wish to take employment. GALT indicated he would later return to Los Angeles.

3/8/68

ERIC S. GALT, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, purchased a U. S. Postal Money Order #1,916,211,078 at Los Angeles, California. This postal money order was in the amount of \$15 and was made payable to the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey.

The FBI Laboratory advised that on the basis of the available writings attributed to the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, it was concluded that the questioned handprinting and handwriting appearing on U. S. Postal Money Order #1,916,211,078 were prepared by this individual.

3/17/68

A change of address order listed for ERIC S. GALT with the St. Francis Hotel dated March 17, 1968, advised that his old address of 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, had been changed to General Delivery, Main Post Office, Atlanta, Georgia. This change of address was indicated to be temporary until April 25, 1968.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on the Post Office change of address order submitted by the Los Angeles Division was prepared by the writer of the signature in this name appearing on other specimens previously submitted in this matter.

3/21/68

As well as can be established, it was on or about this date that the subject left at 4019 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, a box of clothing belonging to MARIAN de GRASSE. It is noted that MARIAN de GRASSE is the daughter of MARIE MARTIN, one of the subject's associates in Los Angeles. Additional information concerning MARIE MARTIN is set out elsewhere in this report. It is also noted that 4019 Royal Street, New Orleans, is the residence of THERESA STONE and that THERESA STONE is the cousin of CHARLES STEIN and MARIE MARTIN.

3/24/68

On this date the subject as ERIC S. GALT rented Room 2 in a rooming house at 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, which rooming house is operated by JIMMY DELTON GARNER.

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3/28/68

ERIC S. GALT, 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, purchased a U. S. Postal Money Order #5,615,057,923 at Atlanta, Georgia. This postal money order was in the amount of \$7.50 and was made payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that on the basis of the available writings attributed to the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, it was concluded that the questioned handprinting and handwriting appearing on U. S. Postal Money Order #5,615,057,923 was prepared by this individual.

3/29/68

On this date an individual who gave his name as HARVEY LOWMEYER, 1907 South 11th Street, Birmingham, Alabama, went to the Aeromarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, Alabama, where he purchased a Remington, Model 700, caliber .243, rifle with a 2x-7x Redfield telescopic sight mounted thereon. He also bought a box of 20 rounds of .243 Norma ammunition. He left the store carrying this rifle in a cardboard box in which had originally come a rifle from the Browning Manufacturing Company. He was given the Browning box because the rifle with the mounted sight would not fit in the Remington box in which the rifle had originally been shipped. LOWMEYER paid cash.

3/30/68

The man calling himself LOWMEYER telephoned first and later that day returned with the newly purchased .243 rifle to Aeromarine Supply Company and explained that following a conversation with his brother he had decided to exchange this rifle for a Remington, Model 760, 30-06 caliber. This exchange was accomplished on the afternoon of March 30, 1968, with LOWMEYER leaving the store with a Remington, Game Master rifle, Model 760, SN 461476, on which was mounted the Redfield telescopic sight,

3/31/68

JIMMY DELTON GARNER, operator of a rooming house located at 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, admits being drunk during a large portion of the time around March 24 - 31, 1968, but states that on March 31, 1968, GALT paid for an additional week's rent. GARNER does not recall seeing GALT after March 31, 1968.

GARNER advised that when ERIC S. GALT paid his rent for the second week commencing March 31, 1968, he had GALT write his name on an envelope. According to GARNER who made this envelope available, GALT hand-printed his signature on the envelope. The reason GARNER requested that GALT sign his name was the fact that GARNER intended to then transfer this name to his official records when he returned to his own room,

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the hand-printed name of ERIC S. GALT that appears on the envelope furnished by JIMMY DELTON GARNER, manager of the rooming house located at 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, was prepared by the person who prepared the hand-printing on material previously submitted in this matter and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

As a result of a lawful search of Room 2 of this rooming house conducted on April 15, 1968, numerous items of a possible evidentiary value were obtained, including a map of Mexico.

The FBI Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, reported that 2 latent fingerprints were developed on this map and that these latents were identified with fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G.

4/1/68

On this date an individual using the name ERIC GALT left both laundry and dry cleaning at the Piedmont Laundry pick up station, 1168 Peachtree, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

4/3/68

ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, registered at the Rebel Motor Hotel, 3466 Lamar Avenue, on April 3, 1968, was assigned Room 34, and departed the hotel prior to the checkout time of 1:00 P.M. on April 4, 1968. At the time of registration GALT indicated on the registration card that he was driving a Mustang bearing Alabama license 1-38993.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature of ERIC S. GALT appearing on the hotel registration card was prepared by the same individual who prepared other specimens submitted under the same name.

4/4/68

Between 3:00 P.M. and 3:30 P.M. on this date a man using the name JOHN WILLARD rented sleeping room 5B at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, at the rate of \$8.50 per week. He paid one week's rent in advance. He was not required to execute a registration card or to otherwise provide any information concerning himself or his automobile.

At about 4:00 P.M. on April 4, 1968, an unknown individual purchased from York Arms Company, 162 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, a pair of Bushnell 7 x 35 binoculars. The salesman did not record the serial number of the binoculars; however, he wrote the price of the binoculars \$39.95 and the amount of the tax \$1.60 on the side of the cardboard box in which the binoculars came and added them for a total of \$41.55. He placed the sales slip, the binoculars, box, and the leather type carrying case in a gray paper bag which bears on its side the name York Arms. This witness subsequently identified photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as