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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DENVER (157-203)

FROM : SA G. HOWARD CARTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/30/68

Re memo from JOHN WARDS 4/18/68, Serial 233, pursuant to call from W. H. HOWARD, Brown Palace Hotel, which advised HOWARD may have seen GALT there yesterday.

On 4/19/68, WALTER H. HOWARD, residence 2552 Meadowbrook Drive, Denver, telephone 428-6179, advised that he has been a day bartender at the Brown Palace Hotel, Ship Tavern, for 14 years, and that he works every day but Sunday and Monday from 8:00 AM 4:30 PM. He advised that approximately 3:30 PM on 4/18/68, he observed a person at the bar of the Brown Palace Hotel, who very closely resembled a photograph he had seen of ERIC STARVO GALT. HOWARD was exhibited the latests wanted flyer regarding GALT whose true name at that time had been found to be JAMES EARL RAY. HOWARD was also apprised of the known aliases of RAY. Upon exhibition of this wanted flyer, HOWARD stated he was 90 per cent sure that this is the man who appeared at his bar the day before, but that he had never seen him before yesterday.

HOWARD said he half way expected this man to return on 4/19/68 as he had remarked that he would be in that date. HOWARD stated, however, that he owed this individual no money, it being noted that this individual received correct change after having bought a drink. Consequently, HOWARD stated there was no reason for this individual to return.

Physical surveillance was maintained by SA G. HOWARD CARTER from approximately 12:00 noon, 4/19/68, until 5:00 o'clock PM, but the above described individual did not return.

HOWARD said he would call the FBI immediately in the event he encountered this fellow again.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, DENVER (157-203)

FROM : SA G. HOWARD CARTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/1/68

Re Sacramento teletype to Denver and Omaha dated 4/25/68, (Serial 305) which teletype reported interview of ROBERT DINKINS who stated he had recently observed a man who resembled name EARL RAY and whom he had known in 1954, or 1955, in the City Mission, Larimer Street, Denver, Colorado.

On 4/26/68, the following missions were contacted on Larimer Street, it being noted that there is no such mission as the City Mission at 612 Larimer Street.

The Baptist Mission, 1616 Larimer Street, at which place ROBERT G. COIL, Director, advised his establishment keeps no records and that he has never seen JAMES EARL RAY, but that his establishment is in possession of a wanted flyer regarding this man.

LEONARD GRAHM, WILL GILLIAM, both employees, and HUGH ALLDREDGE, Record Clerk, of the Denver Rescue Mission, 1818 Larimer Street. ALLREDGE advised his establishment has no record dating back to 1954 and 1955, and also no current employees who were employed back then.

The Citizen's Mission, 1617 Larimer Street, where employee LESTER WILLIAMS, Men's Counselor ROBERT SULLIVAN, Executive Director ROY MOUNDY, were interviewed and exhibited wanted flyer regarding RAY, with negative results. SULLIVAN checked his registration records of the mission which included the years 1954 and 1955 but was unable to come up with positive information on RAY.

All the above persons expressed their willingness to immediately notify the FBI in the event information becomes available regarding RAY.

TIME SPENT 1:45



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TO : SAC (157-203)

FROM : SA JERRY A. KING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/1/68

On 5/1/68, SA KING, after being advised by the Dispatcher, did proceed to the vicinity of 16th St. and Tremont. Information received by the Dispatcher indicated that a Denver Police Beat Officer had observed an individual similar to subject in the vicinity of 16th and Tremont and that this individual was walking West on 16th.

Arriving at 16th and Tremont SA KING contacted Patrolman JOSEPH DOLAN, Badge #5214 and DOLAN stated that as he was questioning some Hippies he observed an individual sitting on a bench in the Plaza at 16th and Tremont. DOLAN described this person as follows:

W/M, Over thirty, 5'10", 165 lbs, Light Red goatee, Lt blue or white dress shirt, short sleeved, blue jeans and carrying a paperback novel.

DOLAN advised that the above described person seemed to become aware of the Policeman's presence and he then "hurriedly" left the area, walking West on 16th.

After confirming the above facts with DOLAN, SA KING was joined by SAs, ENYART, ~~CHAMBERLAIN~~, VOLZ, MISCHKE, AND ADSIT. The above named Agents were in four mobile units and the entire pertinent downtown area was covered by the above Agents. Surveillance of the downtown area failed to locate UNSUB.

Officer Dolan also described suspect as noticeably bow-legged to BWA.

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Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) ☒ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
 John Edgar Hoover, 57-203-244
 Director

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1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))

U. S. Secret Service

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MARTIN LUTHER KING - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

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On April 29, 1968 and April 30, 1968, Chew was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI. He was asked if he recalled he made a telephone call to the office of Martin Luther King in Atlanta, Georgia on December 13, 1965. He reflected for a few moments and then said he was not about to lie about the situation, especially to the FBI. He said that he has no love for Martin Luther King and is glad he is dead. He stated King was not the non-violent civil rights leader he claimed to be. Wherever he went, violence followed and he was responsible for 37 deaths in the United States. He added that, as a personal matter, King was directly responsible for the destruction of the business career of one of his sons, Bill Chew of Saint Augustine, Florida. He estimated his son's financial loss at \$400,000.00.

Chew stated that his son was head of a hotel and motel association in Saint Augustine, Florida a few years ago when King and his followers came down to Florida and started efforts to integrate the industry. His son was also operating a motel in Saint Augustine at the time. Bill Chew was taken into Federal Court by these people for refusing to integrate his establishment and as the result of an unfavorable court decision, he ended up resigning his position with the association and selling his motel at a

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Chew placed King in the same category as Stokely Carmichael and H. Rap Brown and stated frankly that he hoped the same fate befalls the latter two. He made the statement that he is not against the Negro race; that he was born in Georgia, brought up with Negroes and hunted and fished with them. He made it clear that he is against some individual Negroes like Carmichael and Brown, who advocate violence and have no regard for property rights, but is not against all Negroes.

Having made these points, he returned to the original question and stated that he had no recollection of the telephone call and admitted that the reason could be that he could have been drinking at the time the call was made. He volunteered that at that time in his life he was a "bad drinker". He emphasized that he had no doubt that he made the call, if interviewing Agents said he did, but that he could not recall it. He stated that he was certain, whether or not he had been drinking, that he would not have made a threat over the telephone since he knows such a threat could lead to trouble for him. He said if he had had any intention of doing anything concerning King, he would not have used the telephone, he would have taken direct action.

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Holt is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	55
Born	[redacted] at Bert City, Georgia
Height	5'9"
Weight	135 pounds
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Blue
Build	Stocky
Scars and Marks	None visible, face heavily lined
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SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau teletypes 4/24/66 and 4/29/66 and Denver airtels to the Bureau, 2/25/66 and 3/3/66.

Re Persons involved in prior threats against KING.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and 8 copies and for Atlanta, Memphis and Savannah, 2 copies each of a LHM concerning ROLY CHEN. One copy of this LHM has been furnished to the Selective Service, Denver, Colorado. It is noted that past LHMs concerning CHEN have been furnished Secret Service as CHEN has been classified as an individual who has evidenced emotional instability. Last LHM prepared 3/3/68.

Memphis and Savannah also being furnished two copies each of LHM's in this matter dated 12/14/65 at Atlanta, 12/14/65 at Atlanta, 12/20/65 at Denver and 3/3/66 at Denver; 2 copies each of Denver Airtel to the Bureau and Atlanta, dated 2/25/66 and for Savannah 2 copies of teletype from the Bureau to Denver, dated 4/20/66 and one mug shot of CHW obtained from the Denver PD 4/20/66.

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The source mentioned in the LHM is DN 288-C-TE.

Bureau permission is requested to check toll call records Denver, Colorado for any calls made by HOLT CHEW during this pertinent period. This can be accomplished through established source without chance of embarrassment to the Bureau.

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SAVANNAH DIVISION

AT SYLVANIA, GEORGIA:

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AT AUGUSTA, GEORGIA:

Verify purposes of visit of HOLT CHEW to Georgia.

DENVER DIVISION

AT DENVER, COLORADO:

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) & SAC'S DENVER, LOS ANGELES & MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM EL PASO (157-186) "P"

MURKIN.

RE J. R. KELLER, REPORTED ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT RAY AT LEAVEN-
WORTH.

RE PHOENIX TEL, APRIL TWENTY-NINE, LAST, WHICH STATES:
FCI, FLORENCE, ARIZONA, PHASED OUT JUNE, NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN
RECORDS SENT TO FCI, BOX ONE THOUSAND, LA TUNA, ANTHONY, NEW MEXICO -
TEXAS.

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PRISON NO. SEVEN TWO SIX ONE FOUR DASH L, AS HE WAS REPORTEDLY
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INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED TO LOCATE KELLER AT PRESENT TIME.
NO RECORD OF KELLER EXISTS AT FCI, FLORENCE, ARIZONA.

W. R. BEASLEY, SUPERVISOR, LA TUNA, FCI, ANTHONY, TEXAS, ADVIS-
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WHICH ONE WAS IDENTICAL WITH J. R. KELLER WITH ABOVE-MENTIONED

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BEASLEY SAID JOHN R. KELLER, FLORENCE NO. SEVEN FIVE SEVEN FOUR, RELEASED FROM FLORENCE ABOUT NINETEEN SIXTY-TWO AND HIS RECORD SENT TO FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER, DENVER, COLORADO, IN AGENCY CONTAINER NO. TWELVE.

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DENVER AND LOS ANGELES: REVIEW ABOVE-MENTIONED RECORDS IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY THE KELLER WITH LEAVENWORTH PRISON NO. SEVEN TWO SIX ONE FOUR DASH L, AND SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, AND PHOENIX.

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AIR MAIL COPIES SENT BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, AND PHOENIX.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

BID.

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1022 PM URGENT 5-1-68 CBB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), DENVER, LOS ANGELES, SACRAMENTO, SAN DIEGO,
SAN FRANCISCO
FROM DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN. 00: MEMPHIS.

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO
NEW ORLEANS. RE DALLAS TEL APRIL THIRTY LAST.

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

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WILLIAM CROCK
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There are no known hippie joints in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

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Time spent was 45 minutes (VOT) (this time given Mr. Adair on 5-1-68)



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Marked Map Linked To Murder of King

By JACK NELSON

(C) 1968, Denver Post-Los Angeles Times
WASHINGTON — A map of Atlanta with the areas of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s residence and church circled has been linked to the suspected assassin, James Earl Ray, by the FBI, it was learned Tuesday.

The Los Angeles Times learned from an unimpeachable source that the map is part of the FBI's evidence against Ray.

The map tends to support a theory by some investigators that Ray stalked King for some time before fatally shooting him on April 4 as the civil rights leader stood on a balcony outside his Memphis hotel room.

The areas circled included the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Negro business area on the eastern edge of downtown Atlanta and the area of King's residence several miles southwest of downtown Atlanta. King and his father, the Rev. Martin Luther King Sr., served as co-pastors of the church.

Ray has been the object of a nationwide manhunt since April

17 when the FBI charged him — in a complaint listing him under the alias of Eric Starvo Galt — with conspiring to violate King's civil rights. Memphis police quickly followed up with a murder charge.

Two days after filing the complaint, the FBI announced that fingerprints uncovered in its investigation revealed that Galt actually was Ray, a 40-year-old escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary.

How the FBI obtained the Atlanta map with its markings isn't known. It apparently was either left by Ray as he fled the murder scene or was found in a car he abandoned in Atlanta.

Suspect Hunted In Australia

CANBERRA, Australia—

(AP)— Australian police are making a nationwide search for James Earl Ray, wanted in the United States on a charge of killing the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Police officials said the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation cabled that it had information indicating Ray, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, might have fled to Australia.

Australian police have also begun an intensive examination of all entry documents filed at points of entry since King's assassination, but officers say nothing positive has turned up yet.

In Washington, the FBI had no comment.

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Australian Police Search for Ray

CANBERRA, Australia, May 14 (AP)—Australian police are making a nationwide search for James Earl Ray, wanted in the United States on a charge of killing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Police officials said the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation cabled that it had information indicating Ray, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, might have fled to Australia. Australian police have also begun an intensive examination of all points of entry since King's assassination, but officers say nothing positive has turned up. The Australian embassy in Washington said it was making a routine check to determine whether an application for an entry permit to Australia had been filed by Ray. An embassy official said it acted at the request of the FBI.

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