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FBI EL PASO

1145 AM 4-18-68 URGENT JPM

TO DIRECTOR AND SACS JACKSONVILLE, ST. LOUIS, MIAMI AND

MEMPHIS (ATTN: INSPECTOR JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN)

FROM EL PASO (157-186) "P" 3P

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*MURKIN.*

RE SUSPECT DAVID (NMI) HAWKINS.

MRS. HARLEY HERRALD, NINE SEVEN FOUR CORNELIUS STREET, EL PASO, TEXAS (PROTECT IDENTITY), ADVISED THAT AT SIX THIRTY-FIVE PM APRIL SEVENTEEN, SIXTY-EIGHT, SHE RECEIVED A PERSON TO PERSON TELEPHONE CALL FROM ONE DAVID (NMI) HAWKINS. HERRALD SAID SHE KNEW HAWKINS WHEN BOTH IN ARMY IN GERMANY FIFTY-FIVE THROUGH FIFTY-SEVEN, AND HAD BEEN CORRESPONDING WITH HIM BY MAIL SINCE THAT TIME. DURING CALL HAWKINS SAID HE WAS "ON THE RUN" AND WAS LEAVING NEW ORLEANS MORNING OF APRIL EIGHTEEN, SIXTY-EIGHT, AND WOULD ARRIVE EL PASO, TEXAS, IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS. HERRALD ASKED HAWKINS WHAT HE WAS ON THE RUN FROM AND HE REPLIED "YOU MIGHT SAY FROM THE FAMILY". WHEN ASKED IF HE WAS IN TROUBLE, HAWKINS REPLIED "I WILL TELL YOU WHEN I GET THERE". MODE OF TRANSPORTATION NOT KNOWN, BUT ASSUMED TO BE AUTOMOBILE.

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To JK 11:52 AM, Initialed by BJJ  
To SL 11:59 AM, Initialed by JJR  
To MM 12:08 PM, Initialed by HTF  
To WA 12:18 PM, Initialed by CAB

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HERRALD SAID HAWKINS IS ABOUT FORTY YEARS OF AGE AND CLOSELY FITS DESCRIPTION OF KING ASSASSIN. HAWKINS UNDERWENT PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT IN FLORIDA FOLLOWING RELEASE FROM ARMY FIFTY-SEVEN OR FIFTY-EIGHT. REASON FOR TREATMENT NOT KNOWN BY HERRALD. HERRALD SAID CIRCUMSTANCES OF CLOSE RESEMBLANCE IN DESCRIPTION, PAST PSYCHIATRIC PROBLEMS, AND FACT THAT HAWKINS SAID HE WAS ON THE RUN INDICATED THE POSSIBILITY THAT HE IS KING ASSASSIN.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SACS JACKSONVILLE  
ST. LOUIS  
MEMPHIS (ATTN. INSPECTOR  
*& Miami* JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN)

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)

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Per *[Signature]* JPM

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*Suggest direct approach to brother if feasible.*

DURING THE PERTINENT PERIODS OF THIS CASE. <sup>1</sup> JACKSONVILLE  
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**NORTHEAST THIRTYFOURTH COURT, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA.**

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re El Paso phone call this date.

At approximately 1:30 P.M. today, a Mr. MOSE MATHEWS, 1113 Cuba Street, El Paso, telephonically advised ASAC JAY COCHRAN that he had just seen a red Chevrolet Convertible, 1963 or 1964, bearing Alabama license plates #19-96, proceeding West on Interstate 10 toward New Mexico. He stated that he had followed his car for some distance in El Paso and had observed it was occupied by two men, the driver of which "strongly resembled" suspect ERIC STARVO GALT. He based this conclusion on his observation of this morning's El Paso newspaper which carried the photograph, description and press release issued by the Bureau. He was unable to get the full license number of the car. He advised should further contact be necessary he is employed at the Border Steel Rolling Mills, El Paso, and has no home phone.

MATHEWS had no further information with regard to the car or individuals riding therein.

The above information was telephonically furnished your office immediately following receipt for appropriate handling.

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TO : SAC, EL PASO (157-186)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA DONN K. SICRLES

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 7:15 P.m. a phone call was received via FTS from SA BRUDER of the Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint section, who advised they have available prints on file for DAVID ERNEST HAWKINS, ASN 53004203, and they have compared HAWKINS' prints with the latents in this matter and they are not identical.

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FBI ST LOUIS

811PM URGENT 4-18-68 JHH

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) EL PASO (157-186)

MIAMI AND JACKSONVILLE

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

RE EL PASO TELETYPE THIS DATE.

RE SUSPECT DAVID (NMI) HAWKINS.

MPRC RECORD SLMO FOR DAVID ERNEST HAWKINS, BORN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], WELLBORN, FLA., BELIEVED IDENT WITH ABOVE SUSPECT,  
THIS DATE SHOWED ASN FIVE THREE ZERO ZERO FOUR TWO ZERO THREE  
SERVED U.S. ARMY JANUARY TWENTYSIX FIFTYONE TO OVERSEAS  
RETURNED EARLY RELEASE HONORABLE DISCHARGE SEPT. TWENTYSEVEN  
FIFTYSEVEN.

SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL CONVICTION JULY TWENTYFOUR, FIFTYSEVEN,  
ABSENCE W/O PROPER AUTHORITY, SENTENCED THIRTY DAYS CONFINEMENT  
HARD LABOR AND FORFEIT FIFTY DOLLARS PAY.

NO RECORDED TREATMENT FOR MENTAL OR NERVOUS DISORDER.

NO RECORD SPECIALIZED TRAINING IN DEMOLITION OR EXPLOSIVES.

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SAC advised

7:15pm ut

*J. W. Smith*

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DESCRIBED FIVE FEET TEN AND ONE HALF; ONE THREE ONE LBS;  
BROWN HAIR; HAZEL EYES; MILITARY OCCUPATION PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT  
SPECIALIST, CIVILIAN, RELIGIOUS DIRECTOR; RELIGION MAJOR, FLA.  
SOUTHERN COLLEGE, LAKELAND, FLA., FORTYTHREE TO FIFTYSEVEN;  
LSSB FOUR FOUR ONE, FORT LAUDERDALE, REGISTRATION EIGHT FOUR  
FOUR TWO NINE ONE EIGHT FIVE; EMPLOYED AS SECRETARY, GULF OIL CO.  
EVERGLADES, FLA., FORTYSEVEN TO FIFTYONE; RESIDENCE ONE ZERO  
ZERO W. OAKLAND BLVD., OAKLAND PARK, FLA., JAN. TO OCT. FIFTYONE,  
PO BOX EIGHT THREE FIVE OAKLAND PARK, FLA., SEPT. FIFTYSEVEN.  
FATHER ERNEST ADAM HAWKINS, SAME ADDRESS FIFTYFIVE, SISTER JEAN  
HAWKINS WALTON, BOX ONE ONE EIGHT, OAKLAND PARK, FIFTYONE;  
WEARS GLASSES, NEAR SIGHTED. ASSIGNED HQ, CO., SEVEN  
EIGHT ONE ONE AU, APO SEVEN FIVE SEVEN, GEEMANY, NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE.  
NO PHOTO.

ABOVE FOR ASSISTANCE OF MIAMI AND JACKSONVILLE.  
IDENT DIVISION SEPERATELY REQUESTED TO COMPARE PRINTS WITH  
LATENTS AND ADVISE EL PASO RESULTS.

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FBI JACKSVLE

9:33 PM EST URGENT 4/18/68 JLC

TO DIRECTOR, ST. LOUIS, MIAMI, MEMPHIS AND EL PASO  
FROM JACKSONVILLE (44-769) 1P

MURKIN.

RE EL PASO TEL APRIL EIGHTEEN INSTANT. RE SUSPECT DAVID NMI  
HAWKINS.

DAVID HAWKINS RESIDED IN TRAILER WELLBORN, FLA. PAST SIX  
YEARS, DEPARTING APRIL SEVENTEEN, LAST, AFTER FIGHT WITH BROTHER.  
HAWKINS WAS TEACHING SCHOOL LIVE OAK, FLA. ON PERTINENT DATES.

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+ SAC Advised  
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FBI MIAMI

1022PM EST 4-18-68 U R G E N T RGT  
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), EL PASO (157-186), ST. LOUIS (44-775)  
BIRMINGHAM (44-4174), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND JACKSONVILLE  
(44-769)  
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

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MURKIN.

RE SUSPECT DAVID (MMI) HAWKINS

RE EL PASO TEL TO DIRECTOR, ST. LOUIS, JACKSONVILLE,  
AND MIAMI THIS DATE.

RE JAX TEL TO DIRECTOR, ST. LOUIS, MIAMI, MEMPHIS,  
AND EL PASO THIS DATE.

ENA HAWKINS, ONE ZERO NINE EIGHT N.E. THIRTYFOURTH COURT,  
FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA., MOTHER OF DAVID HAWKINS, ADVISES DAVID  
BORN [REDACTED], SWANEE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND  
HAS BEEN RESIDING WITH BROTHER BERNARD HAWKINS, BOX EIGHTEEN,  
WELBORN, FLORIDA PAST FOUR YEARS.

STATES DAVID ENTERED U.S. ARMY DURING KOREAN WAR AND  
SERVED APPROXIMATELY TEN YEARS, RECEIVING HONORABLE DISCHARGE.

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STATES NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY MENTAL OR PHYSICAL DISORDER BUT ADVISES EXTREMELY NERVOUS AND HAS TENDENCY TO AVOID CROWDS. DID NOT KNOW HIS ARMY SERIAL NUMBER. PHOTOGRAPHS OF DAVID HAWKINS DISPLAYED BY MOTHER DID NOT RESEMBLE SUSPECT GALT, HOWEVER, PHOTOGRAPHS APPEARED TO BE SEVERAL YEARS OLD. PHOTOGRAPHS OF GALT DISPLAYED TO HER AND SHE STATE NOT IDENTICAL WITH HER SON. DESCRIBED SON AS FIVE FT. NINE INCHES OR TEN INCHES, WEIGHING ONE HUNDRED THIRTYFIVE LBS., SANDY HAIR AND SHARP THIN FEATURES. HAS NOT SEEN SINCE DECEMBER NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

SUBJECT GALT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI WASH DC

902PM URGENT 4/18/68 GJM

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN.

CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORIES TO INSURE THAT THERE IS FREQUENT REFERENCE TO PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT AND HIS CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE. IF NOT ALREADY DONE, PHOTOGRAPHS SHOULD BE SHOWN OR DISTRIBUTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCIES IN YOUR AREAS TO INSURE THE BROADEST POSSIBLE PUBLICATION OF SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH AND BACKGROUND.

OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF ENTRY OR EXIT FROM COUNTRY INSURE THAT SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH AND BACKGROUND HAVE BEEN WIDELY DISTRIBUTED AND/OR APPROPRIATELY DISPLAYED AND THAT STOPS ARE BEING MAINTAINED.

OFFICES COVERING DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS FLIGHTS SHOULD ALSO RENEW STOPS AND DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT APPROPRIATELY. SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA WALLACE A. CROSSMON

SUBJECT: MURKIN Re DAVID HAWKINS - SUSPECT

On 4/17/68, Mrs. HARLEY HERRALD (BETTE HERRALD), 974 Cornelius Street, El Paso, Texas, advised that at 6:35 p.m. on 4/17/68, she received a person-to-person telephone call from one DAVID HAWKINS. Mrs. HERRALD advised that she knew HAWKINS when they were both in the Army in Frankfurt, Germany, 1955 through 1957, and that she had been corresponding with him by mail periodically since that time. When the call came to the HERRALD residence, the operator asked for Mrs. HERRALD and then told the caller that "That will be 25¢ more." The conversation went as follows:

HAWKINS: "BETTY?"

Mrs. HERRALD recognized the voice and said, "Hi."

DAVE HAWKINS said, "We only have three minutes and I'm on my way."

Mrs. HERRALD said, "Where?" He replied, "There."

He went on to explain that he was in New Orleans and that he was coming to El Paso. Since HAWKINS sounded as though he was out of breath, Mrs. HERRALD asked why, and he answered that he was "on the run". Mrs. HERRALD asked him from what, and HAWKINS replied, "From the family." Mrs. HERRALD then asked him if he was in trouble and he said that he would tell her when he got to El Paso. He said he was leaving for El Paso on the morning of 4/18/68, and gave the impression that he was driving, but he did not actually say this. He estimated it would take him 24 hours to get to El Paso.

Mrs. HERRALD said that the conversation terminated at that point, and she did not know whether HAWKINS was travelling alone or not.

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She said that this was very strange, and particularly since she knew that after HAWKINS got out of the Army in late 1957 or early 1958, he was undergoing psychiatric treatment, but that she did not know the reason for this treatment.

Mrs. HERRALD furnished the following background information which was to the best of her recollection, since she had not seen HAWKINS since about 1957.

HAWKINS was a Sergeant First Class in the Regular Army, and during 1955 through 1957, was stationed at Headquarters Company, 7811th Army Service Unit, APO 757, New York. He was stationed during this time at Frankfurt, Germant, in the Adjutant Generals Corps. It is believed that he served in Korea prior to his tour of duty in Frankfurt, and that he was released from the Army in late 1957 or early 1958.

After his release from the Army, and until the present time, he lived with a brother and sister-in-law at RFD #1, Box 18, Wellborn, Florida. His brother's name is BERNARD HAWKINS, and is a member of the Suwannee County Livestock Promotion Project sponsored by the Suwannee County Livestock Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 662, Live Oak, Florida. It is believed the brother owns a beef farm in Florida.

1957-1958  
HAWKINS lived with his brother, with the exception of the period during which he was under psychoanalysis, during which time he lived at 1098 NE 34th Court, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Mrs. HERRALD furnished three photographs of HAWKINS which were taken at a party in Germany about 12 years ago. Also depicted in these photographs is a girl named DORIS, with whom HAWKINS was very fascinated while they were in Germany. This girl is now Mrs. DORIS ANDERSON, P. O. Box 895, Balboa, California. It is not known whether or not she is divorced from her husband, but it is believed HAWKINS is very entranced by her.

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Mrs. HERRALD made available a letter that HAWKINS wrote to her which was postmarked 2/10/68 at Wellborn, Florida. This letter reflected that a Judge in Florida had awarded HAWKINS the custody of a boy named JOHNNY, whose mother and father were in the process of getting a divorce. Mrs. HERRALD noted that this boy is about 12 years old and it is possible that he may be travelling with HAWKINS. A xerox copy of this letter is attached.

Mrs. HERRALD advised that she would like to have the original letter and photographs returned to her.

Mrs. HERRALD said that HAWKINS is described as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	40
Height	5' 9" - 5' 10"
Hair	Sandy brown
Build	Slight
Weight	140 - 160
Features	Long, pointed nose Possible wearing glasses

Mrs. HERRALD said that this description is as she knew him (except for the age) 12 years ago in Germany. She recalled that in one of the letters she had received from HAWKINS in Florida, he mentioned to her that his hair had gotten so light from the sun in Florida that he had bleached it, but then may have let it go back to its natural color.

Mrs. HERRALD said that since the description fit the description given of the murderer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., so closely, since HAWKINS said that he was on the run, and since he had undergone psychiatric treatment in the past, she felt that the possibility existed that he could be the assassin.

Mrs. HERRALD stated her husband works at Southwestern Portland Cement Company from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and can be contacted at 544-1750, extension 70.

She stated she works at the New York Life Insurance Company, University Towers, 1900 North Oregon Street from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and can be contacted at work at 533-6894.

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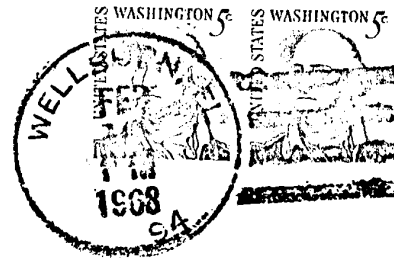
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Mrs. HERRALD advised that if HAWKINS contacts her again before she is again contacted by the FBI, that she will immediately and discreetly get in contact with the FBI.

SECRET



D. Hawkins  
RFD 1, Box 18  
Wellborn, Fla.  
32094



Mrs. Bette Herrald  
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Sunday Afternoon

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Dear Bette,

I guess I should throw in my hat first to see if I am still acceptable around your neck of the woods. I have had good intentions but you know me... always putting things off until all of a sudden six or seven months have passed and I am in the doghouse again.

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You will have to excuse the stationary as it is the only thing I can find around to use. I have let my correspondence go for the past year as you well know and suddenly I had the urge to write....so decided I had better get busy before it passes.

I think of you and Whitey often even though I haven't written. I received a card from her Christmas.. it really sent me for a spin..I quote....."Probably my turn to write--I had a baby rather than join the Navy! Love my new role, just don't know why I waited so long--Teaching P.E. again. How's by you? Will be in Texas this summer!" signed Dody and Adrianna Anderson. That was quite a note..Since she is still using Anderson I take it for granted she hasn't re-married. Her address is: Mrs. Doris Anderson, P. O. Box 895, Balboa, California. I'm planning on enclosing your address in my letter to her.

Now for a few paragraphs about ole D-ve and what's been happening in his life..My brother and I still have the farm, in fact have just bought a few more acres which I didn't want as I would like for him to buy me out but that is out of the question so looks as though I am here for good. Don't get me wrong, I like the farm and farm life but would like to be able to leave for at least a couple of months...the longest I have been away from this place during the past two years was for a total of two weeks and then I was staying with my sister-in-laws father until we could get a nurse to stay with him. I have a trailer now so that at least I have a place I can call my own.. I don't think I could have stayed if I had to continue living in the same house with my brother and his family. They kept saying they were going to build but didn't so I decided to give them the house and instead of building a new one I bought a trailer and I really like it...

I think I told you in one of my letters that I was working in 4-H. I really enjoy it, do believe working with the 4-H'ers helps me say young (well, at

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least in spirit). I have an active group and they keep me busy so I don't have alot of time to sit back and feel sorry for myself.

Since April of last year I have had a sixteen year old boy in my custody. It has really made me realize what I have missed by not having Jimmy with me as Jimmy and Johnny are the same age. Johnny's Mother and Father were in the process of getting a divorce (their farm joins ours). The Judge asked Johnny which one he wanted to live with and his answer was neither so then he asked Johnny where and what did he want to do. Johnny told the Judge he wanted to live with me. The Judge called me in and asked me if it was alright with me. I at first couldn't understand why the Judge would even consider such a request but then find out that neither parent wanted Johnny. That really floored me. Well, anyway the Judge awarded me custody of Johnny and I have enjoyed every moment of it...

By the way, I finally finished my education or at least for the present...I got my Sc.D (in horticulture) yep I really switched my field, was my first love anyway. I don't know if it was worth it or not but at least I finally completed a goal I set during my youth.

I haven't heard from any of the ole gang in quite awhile. So far as I know Tuck (Tom) is still in North Carolina, married, family and quite happy. He called me in September and invited me up but I couldn't make it as I had to get Johnny ready for school so took a raincheck instead. Carol stopped writing about a year ago.

Well, Bette I finally have a letter, even though it is short, finished and will be in the mail in the morning. Take care and my best to Mary Margaret.

As ever,

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P.S. I'm still heading west the first chance I get. I promised Johnny a trip when he graduates so maybe we will go out that way.

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*as usual I didn't follow through -*

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

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

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

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