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

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

HE HAS SERVED TERMS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL IN 1949; IN STATE PRISONS AT JOLIET AND PONTIAC, ILLINOIS, IN 1952-54; AND IN THE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, IN 1955-58.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**8-A EL PASO TIMES
EL PASO, TEXAS**

Date: **4-18-68**

Edition:

Author:

Editor: **W. J. HOOTEN**

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Character:

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Classification:

Submitting Office: **EP**

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in the Mustang included trips to Los Angeles, Calif., New Orleans, La., Birmingham, Ala., and Mexico as well as to Memphis, Tenn., and Atlanta, Ga. Galt was reported to have been in Memphis on April 3 and 4, 1968 and to have depart-

ed from there for Atlanta."

The FBI said also its investigation has disclosed these facts:

—Galt has claimed to have been employed as a cook on Mississippi river vessels and as a merchant seaman.

—He is said to be an avid dancer and took dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965, in Birmingham during September and October 1967 and in Long Beach, Calif., from December 1967 to February 1968.

—Galt left Los Angeles last Dec. 15 and drove his Mustang to New Orleans where he claimed he contacted either an engineering or a contracting firm. He left there Dec. 19 and arrived in Los Angeles Dec. 21.

—While in the Los Angeles area early this year, Galt took a course at a bartending school and was graduated March 2.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, EL PASO (157-186)

DATE: 4-19-68

FROM : SA FRANCIS J. PRASEK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

This is to advise that on this date the following were furnished with photographs and wanted flyers relating to ERIC STARVO GALT and stops placed:

GERALD J. O'CONNOR, Immigration Inspector in Charge,
Santa Fe Bridge, El Paso

G. V. MC DONALD, Immigration Inspector,
Cordova Island Bridge, El Paso

G. B. BORG, Immigration Inspector,
Zaragosa Bridge, El Paso

On the afternoon of 4-19-68 press releases identifying JAMES EARL RAY as being identical with GALT were delivered to the following TV and radio stations as well as the newspaper "El Fronterizo":

"BUCK" BUCKLEY, Radio KIZZ

Radio and TV station KELP

"El Fronterizo" Newspaper

The above is being submitted for information.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

FBI EL PASO

832 PM 4/19/68 URGENT RPC

TO DIRECTOR, (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), MEMPHIS (44-1987).
FROM EL PASO (157-186) (P)

MURKIN

RE ALBANY AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR, APRIL, ELEVEN, LAST; AND EL PASO
TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, APRIL ELEVEN, LAST.

LAUNDRY MARKINGS

REFERENCED EL PASO TELETYPE SET OUT INFORMATION ELIMINATING
ODESSA LAUNDRY, ODESSA, TEXAS BECAUSE IT'S THERMO SEAL MARKING
MACHINE USED NO LETTERS AND ONLY WHITE TAGS, EXCEPT FOR ORANGE
TAGS ON RUSH ORDERS. ALSO NOT USED ON ROUGH DRY WORK, SUCH AS
SHIRTS, AND T-SHIRTS.

ELITE LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, EL PASO, TEXAS, WENT OUT OF
EXISTENCE IN NINETEEN SIXTY-THREE AND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION TO
LOCATE ITS TWO THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINES NEGATIVE.
MISS CELIA F. JIMENEZ, LAUN-DRY SUPPLY SOMpany, EL PASO, ADVISED
ON APRIL EIGHTEEN, LAST, THAT SHE RECALLED HER COMPANY SOLD ELITE
LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS ITS TWO THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINES, WHICH
USED OLD STYLE TAPE, FIVE SIXTEENTY INCHES IN ^{WIDTH} ~~WOODS~~, NOT ONE
QUARTER INCH TAPE. SHE REVIEWED COMPANY RECORDS AND VERIFIED THIS
FACT, THUS ELIMINATING MACHINES OF ELITE LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS.
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NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED TO INDICATE ANY OTHER LAUNDRIES IN
EL PASO DIVISION HAVE USED THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINES IN PAST.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

TSJ-FBI MEMPHIS

SVW-FBI WASH D C

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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

MURKIN

Re Albany airtel to Director, APRIL ELEVEN, LAST;
EL PASO TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, APRIL ELEVEN, LAST.

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(1) El Paso (157-186)

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Special Agent in Charge

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NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED TO INDICATE ANY OTHER
LAUNDRIES IN EL PASO DIVISION HAVE USED THERMO SEAL MARKING
MACHINES IN PAST. *Armed & Dangerous*
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000)
SUBJECT: [Illegible]
[Illegible text follows, consisting of several paragraphs of typed information.]

FBI EL PASO

FBI DALLAS

1042PM 4/19/68 THIS IS RELAY MSG FROM DIRECTOR TO ALL SACS VIA
DALLAS

PM IMMEDIATE 4-19-68 LLD

TO ALL SACSEXCEPT KANSAS CITY, ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN

MESSAGE RELAY PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 5P

✓ MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

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✓ JAMES EARL RAY, AKA. EARL JAMES RAY, W. C. HERRON, EARL JAMES,

JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES O'CONNER, JAMES WALTON, JAMES WALYON, JIM

31-0-161, 62-622-1872 62-385, 100-3755-10
- FUGITIVE; UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST, BUFILE 88-41730. OO: KANSAS

CITY, KC FILE 88-9449; DETERMINED TODAY BY BUREAU TO BE IDENTICAL
WITH ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM FEDERAL COMPLAINT FILED APRIL
SEVENTEEN LAST IN CONNECTION WITH FATAL SHOOTING OF DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR.

JAMES EARL RAY, INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON
CITY, MO., ESCAPED PEN APRIL TWO THREE, SIXTY-SEVEN. INVESTIGATION
INDICATED RAY CONCEALED HIMSELF IN A BREAD BOX AND ESCAPED FROM
TRUCK MAKING DELIVERY TO AN AUXILIARY FARM. RAY WAS SERVING TWENTY
YEARS ON CHARGE OF ARMED ROBBERY - FIRST DEGREE AND FOR OPERATING A
VEHICLE WITHOUT OWNER'S CONSENT. ON JULY TWENTY, SIXTY-SEVEN,

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FEDERAL COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY AUSA WILLIAM A. KITCHEN, WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY, MO., FILED BEFORE USC, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., CHARGING RAY WITH VIOLATION TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION ONE ZERO SEVEN THREE, USC. WARRANT ISSUED.

INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS, AND KANSAS CITY OFFICES IN UNPRODUCTIVE EFFORT TO LOCATE THIS FUGITIVE. KANSAS CITY IS INSTITUTING A FULL AND COMPLETE REINVESTIGATION IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND DATA, RELATIVES, AND ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT, WHO MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO ASSIST IN HIS LOCATION.

IN THIS CONNECTION, JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ON MARCH SEVEN, FIFTY-FIVE, BURGLARIZED THE U. S. POST OFFICE AT KELLERVILLE, ILL., AND STOLE SIXTY-SIX BLANK U. S. POSTAL MONEY ORDERS WHICH THEY PASSED DURING MARCH, FIFTY-FIVE, IN NUMEROUS STATES, WITH THE RESULT THAT BOTH WERE SENTENCED IN U.S.D.C., KANSAS CITY, MO., ON JULY ONE, FIFTY-FIVE, TO USP, LEAVENWORTH, END PAGE TWO

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

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

FOLLOWING IS DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY AS FURNISHED BY FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION UNDER FBI NO. THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE A: WHITE MALE, DOB [REDACTED], AT DECATUR, QUINCY OR ALTON, ILL.; APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET TEN; ONE SEVEN FOUR LBS., IN SEPTEMBER SIXTY-SIX; RUDDY COMPLEXION; BLUE EYES; BROWN HAIR; MEDIUM BUILD; OCCUPATIONS LABORER AND BAKER; SCARS AND MARKS--SMALL SCAR ON CENTER OF FOREHEAD AND SCAR IN PALM OF RIGHT HAND. ADDRESSES--ST. LOUIS, MO., MARCH SIXTY, TWO ZERO ONE FIVE PARK, ST. LOUIS, MO., OCTOBER FIFTY-NINE; QUINCY, ILL., JULY FIFTY-FIVE, MARCH FIFTY-FIVE, AND APRIL FIFTY; HOTEL QUINCY, QUINCY, END PAGE THREE

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ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE; VICTOR HOTEL, QUINCY, ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE;
EIGHT FIVE THREE WEST FULLERTON, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY FIFTY-TWO; EIGHT
ZERO FIVE ALBY STREET, ALTON, ILL., JULY FIFTY-ONE. FPC--SIXTEEN,
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OVER TWELVE. NCIC FPC--ONE SIX ONE THREE ONE ONE ZERO ZERO ONE TWO
ONE TWO I I ONE TWO I I ONE SEVEN. MILITARY RECORD--JAMES EARL RAY,
SN ONE SIX ONE SIX THREE ONE TWO NINE, ENLISTED U. S. ARMY FEBRUARY
FORTY-SIX, AT EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL., AND SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY UNTIL
DECEMBER TWENTY-THREE, FORTY-EIGHT, AT WHICH TIME GIVEN GENERAL
DISCHARGE AS PRIVATE FIRST CLASS AT CAMP KILMER, N. J., BY REASON
OF INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARYSERVICE. RECORDS
ALSO INDICATE HE RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR GONORRHEA AND SYPHILIS WHILE
A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY.

FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI NO.
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FOUR FIVE FIVE EIGHT SEVEN SIX SIX, AS OBTAINED FROM FILES OF USP,
LEAVENWORTH: WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY-FOUR, DOB [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], FIVE FEET NINE AND ONE HALF, ONE SIX ONE LBS., BROWN
HAIR, EYES BLUE GRAY.

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

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

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN.
LEGAT MEXICO CITY AND OTTAWA ADVISED.

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

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TO DALLAS AND EL PASO

FROM SACRAMENTO (100-427)

MURKIN.

RE ERIC STARVO GALT.

MRS. JOHN TESOVNICK, LOCAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, NINE ONE THREE DEVORE, BAKERSFIELD, CALIF., TODAY ADVISED THAT SHE HAD PHONE CONVERSATION WITH HER MOTHER, RUTH ROEBUCK, WHO RESIDES OLTON, TEXAS, TEL. NO. TWO EIGHT FIVE - TWO FOUR ZERO NINE, AND MRS. ROEBUCK SAID SHE SAW MAN BELIEVED TO BE GALT AT EL PASO, TEXAS AIRPORT APPROXIMATELY TEN AM APRIL FOURTEEN LAST. MRS. ROEBUCK HAD LEFT BAKERSFIELD THAT DATE AND CHANGED PLANES AT EL PASO BEFORE PROCEEDING TO ODESSA, TEXAS TO ATTEND FUNERAL.

DALLAS AND EL PASO HANDLE.

AM COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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*SAC Farwell
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TO EL PASO

FROM DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN

RE ERIC STARVO GALT. RE SACRAMENTO TEL APRIL NINETEEN LAST.
RUTH ROEBUCK, OLTON, TEXAS, ADVISED TODAY SHE WAS IN EL PASO
APRIL FOURTEEN LAST, AT CONTINENTAL AIRLINES DESK AT ABOUT TEN
THIRTY AM, WHEN SHE OBSERVED A PERSON SHE BELIEVED RESEMBLED COM-
POSITE DRAWING OF SUBJ OF THIS CASE WHICH HAD APPEARED IN LOCAL
NEWSPAPER. THE PERSON SHE SAW WAS AT THE TIME TALKING WITH ELDERLY
WOMAN. MRS. ROEBUCK STATED SHE SAW A PHOTO OF ERIC STARVO GALT IN
NEWSPAPER ON APRIL NINETEEN LAST AND THE PERSON SHE SAW DOES
NOT RESEMBLE THIS MAN

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Date 4/19/68

RE:

MURKIN

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☐ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks:

Enclosed are copies of 1960 photograph of subject
James Earl Ray.

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Bufile **44-38861**

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

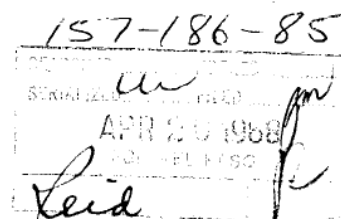
Enclosed to the Bureau are six copies and to each office one copy of the following photographs:

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

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

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

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FBI EL PASO

223 PM 4-21-68 URGENT RPC

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, AND PHOENIX.

FROM EL PASO (157-186) P

MURKIN

RE NYO TEL CALL ONE TWENTYFIVE PM THIS DATE TO EL PASO AND BUREAU, AND EL PASO CALL TO BUREAU CONCERNING SPANISH LANGUAGE TELEGRAM RECEIVED BY NYO FROM ALEJANDRO RIVERA, HERMOSILLO, SONORA, MEXICO, THIS DATE.

FOR INFO MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, AND PHOENIX, NEW YORK RECEIVED TELEGRAM TIMED NINE FORTY NINE AM, MST, TODAY WHICH WHEN TRANSLATED STATED: I HAVE LOCATED THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. PLEASE CALL ME TODAY AT THREE DASH TWO SIX DASH EIGHT FIVE. I DO NOT SPEAK ENGLISH. SIGNED ALEJANDRO RIVERA.

ABOVE TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED LEGAT DICK KAISER, HERMOSILLO, ONE FORTYFIVE PM, MST, INSTANT, BY ASAC, EP, WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT INDICATED INVESTIGATION.

PHOENIX ADVISED IN VIEW OF CLOSE PROXIMITY TO HERMOSILLO.

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FROM EL PASO (157-186) P

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END.

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FBI PHOENIX

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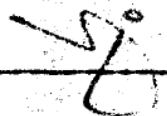
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no, entraron en una conspiración" que comenzó aproximadamente el 29 de marzo en Birmingham y finalizó alrededor del 5 de abril para "lesionar, oprimir, amenazar o intimidar a Martin Luther King".

Galt fue acusado de conspirar para violar los derechos civiles de King.

Un comunicado de la Oficina Federal de Investigaciones dice que Galt dio como su fecha de nacimiento la del 20 de julio de 1931; tiene cabello castaño y muy corto, se dice que tiene ojos azules, nariz fina y recta, entre un metro setenta y un metro setenta y siete centímetros de estatura y pesa entre 72 y 80 kilogramos.

La FBI dice que "el fugitivo tiene, según se informa, el hábito nervioso de tirarse ocasionalmente del lóbulo de la oreja con su mano izquierda. Su oreja izquierda está más separada de la cabeza que la derecha".

La declaración de la FBI dice que Galt, el treinta de marzo o en una fecha inmediata, compró un fusil en Birmingham. La oficina no indicó que el arma fuera utilizada para asesinar a Luther King.

Los agentes de la FBI han determinado que el fusil fue comprado a un negociante de armas de Birmingham el 30 de marzo. Se dijo que la mira también había sido adquirida con el mismo negociante, al que la oficina no identificó.

La FBI dijo que Galt es propietario de un "Mustang" blanco, de 1966, con placas de Alabama, que fue encontrado abandonado en Atlanta, Georgia, el 11 de abril. Fue comprado a un ciudadano de Birmingham el pasado 30 de agosto.

El cuentamillas del automóvil reveló que había circulado más de 19,000 millas (30,577 kilómetros) entre agosto de 1967 y principios de este mes.

La oficina dijo también que "los recorridos de Galt en el "Mustang" incluyen viajes a Los Angeles, California, Nueva Orleans, Louisiana, Birmingham, Alabama y México, así como a Memphis, Tennessee y Atlanta, Georgia. Se ha informado que Galt estuvo en Memphis el 3 y 4 de abril de 1968 y que salió de allí para Atlanta.

La oficina advierte que "Galt debe ser considerado armado y peligroso" y cualquier información relativa a él debe ser transmitida en seguida al FBI.

QUE NO ES, DICE UN TESTIGO

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"A menos que llevara una peluca postiza, o se hubiera hecho una operación facial, no es el hombre que yo vi", dijo Charles Q. Stevens, quien vive en el segundo piso de la casa de hospedaje desde la que se cree que se disparó la bala fatal.

"Tiene demasiado cabello y la cara es demasiado joven", dijo Stevens, después de ver la fotografía.

Stevens, quien dijo que sólo vio de costado al asesino, había contribuido a las descripciones empleadas en los dibujos del presunto asesino.

Bessie Brewer, quien administra la casa de huéspedes, dijo que no podía decir si la fotografía correspondía al hombre que se registró bajo el nombre de John Willard, la tarde del 4 de abril, tres horas antes que King fuera asesinado. Salió inmediatamente después de disparar la bala fatal.

"No sé", dijo.

La Oficina Federal de Investigaciones no dijo cuándo fue tomada la fotografía que dio a publicidad, ni en cuales circunstancias se obtuvo.

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CONOCIERON A GALT CUANDO ESTUDIABA BAILE.— Long Beach, California, Abril 18.— Katy Morton guapa instructora de baile y Rod Arvidson gerente de la escuela de baile en donde se dice estuvo tomando clases Eric Starvo Galt, acusado del asesinato del líder Luther King, reconocen una foto del que a principios de este año, tomó un curso de baile en la escuela ubicada en Long Beach. — (AP).

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decían que no era el hom-

bre a quien habían visto y
otros no estaban seguros.

Peter Cherpes, Adminis-
trador de la Casa de Hués-
pedes donde Galt residió del
26 de agosto al 7 de octu-
bre de 1967, afirmó que la
foto no era la de Galt.

Percy Strick Land, un
huésped de la casa, mani-
festó por su parte que no
estaba seguro.

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sil en Birmingham alrede-
dor del 30 de marzo último.

Un fusil Remington ca-
libre 30.6, con mirilla teles-
cópica, fue hallado cerca
de la mencionada posada de
Memphis, ubicada frente al
Hotel donde se alojaba
King cuando fue asesinado.
Agentes federales comple-
taron la investigación del
caso para comprobar que el
arma había sido vendida
a Galt en una tienda de ef-
ectos deportivos de Bir-
mingham.

Un automóvil "Mustang"
de color blanco, parecido al
que se vio alejarse veloz-
mente del escenario del
crimen de King, fue en-
contrado en Atlanta al día
siguiente del asesinato, es-
taba inscrito a nombre de
Galt en una casa de hués-
pedes de donde faltaba ha-
cía tres meses. Según ver-
sión de los residentes del
inmueble, la FBI dijo que
Galt compró el automóvil
modelo 1966 a un particu-
lar en Birmingham, en a-
gosto último, y viajó en el
mismo a Los Angeles, Nue-
va Orleans y México.

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la FBI en Birmingham se
acusa a Galt, que también
ha sido conocido por los
nombres de Harvey Lowm-
yer y John Willard, de ha-
ber entrado en asociación
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De acuerdo con la FBI,
Galt aseguró haber sido co-
cinero de un vapor fluvial.
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también había tomado un
curso para atender bares
en una Escuela de Los An-
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nas que conocen a Galt lo
describieron como un indi-
viduo retraído que hablaba
con una leve inflexión de
voz propia de la gente del
campo del sur, lo que hace
pensar que pudiera ser una
persona de poca educación.
Es dado también a la lec-
tura de novelas del oeste.

Agregó la FBI que po-
dría andar armado y que
debe considerársele peli-
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Cuando vivió en Birmin-
gham, Galt mantuvo una
caja fuerte para depósi-
tos en un Banco de dicha
ciudad y se cree que guar-
daba en ella dinero en ef-
ectivo, el cual usó para
comprar el automóvil.

En Memphis, el empleado
de una estación gasolinera
llamado declaró ayer que
recordaba haber visto a un
hombre nervioso tratando
de hablar por teléfono en
una cabina situada fuera
de la estación el día del a-
sesinato.

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