

sunday and again Monday night. It refused comment on the matter.

Curtis said Ray told him "he always interested in money," always interested in money," Curtis said, but never mentioned racial matters.

"HE NEVER MADE no statements of any kind in a group," Curtis said. "He was a loner."

Ray couldn't "make a long conversation unless he was planning something," said Curtis. "If he was planning something, you could bet they'd be thorough plans." Ray, he said, master-minded things "that would be small things outside, but were pretty big jobs in prison"—such as the theft of eggs and drugs and cigarets.

He said Ray told him that if he ever wanted to kill someone, he would buy a gun under a false name, and have everything ready for an escape. "He used to talk a lot about escaping to New Zealand, Brazil and Argentina," Curtis said.

"I wouldn't consider him dangerous," Curtis said. "He didn't look for trouble."

"OF COURSE, I'm not saying he wouldn't shoot you if you ran up on him now."

Curtis said he first met Ray in 1955, when he was serving time for bank robbery, and Ray for forging postal money orders, in the Kansas City jail. He said they were transferred to Leavenworth, where Ray "played a lot of miniature golf."

They met again when Curtis was sent to Jefferson City on a 10-year armed robbery conviction.

"He was there with a 20-year bid when I got there. I wouldn't say he was a friend," Curtis said. "A friend in a penitentiary is different than a friend on the street. But I was about as close to him as anybody in Jeff City."

CURTIS SAID he was hospitalized for six weeks with hepatitis and "he came to see me just about every day."

Asked about Ray's habits, Curtis said, "He talked about beer — He liked beer, I knew that." He said he never heard him talk about dancing, but that he "did a lot of weightlifting" at Jefferson City.

"I never heard him do much cussing. I just saw him get mad once and that was in a poker game. He liked to play poker. His favorite game was lowball."

"He talked about having lots of women. None special. He'd pick 'em up and leave 'em," Curtis said.

"YOU COULD pick him out of a crowd of 2000 men in the prison yard. He would be off to himself walking and his mind would be somewhere else."

Curtis, convicted of shotgunning a man in the holdup of a poker game here last year, said when he heard of King's death he did not connect it with Ray because he didn't know Ray had escaped prison.

If others were in the plot with Ray, Curtis said, Ray "would go to his grave with the secret."

"From what he said, I would consider he was an expert with a gun. I never heard him talk about a brother," Curtis said.

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Hollywood Blonde Sought in King Assassination Case

United Press International

LOS ANGELES, April 24. — A blonde who dated James Earl Ray — sought in connection with the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. — was reported Tuesday to be the object of a search here by federal agents. The Federal Bureau of Investigation declined to comment on the report.

However, FBI agents asserted they have been making inquiries about the woman, who purportedly was with Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, in a Hollywood bar during the second week of March—one of the last times Ray was seen in this area before King was fatally shot in Memphis, Tenn., April 4.

This led to conjecture the woman might have traveled with Ray when he left.

MEANWHILE, Charles Stein, a freelance songwriter, Monday disclosed additional details of an automobile trip last December from Los Angeles to New

Orleans, La., with Ray, whom he knew as Galt.

Stein went to New Orleans with Ray to pick up his sister's two children, but the two men returned separately.

Stein said:

—Ray carried an extra set of license plates in his 1966 white Mustang, which bore Alabama

plates. He did not know from what state the extra set of plates came.

—RAY APPEARED to spend money freely during the trip, but when one of the auto's tires wore thin, Ray bought a used tire for \$4. "I think he knew then and there he wouldn't be

keeping the car," found in Atlanta, Ga., the day after King was killed.

—Ray bought all his meals on the trip. "He didn't flash his money, but he didn't spend it much like he was governed by economics."

Another in a long list of aliases used by Ray was disclosed Monday by Bo Del Monte, a bartender,

who enrolled Ray in a "key club" of another Hollywood tavern which offered discount drinks to members at certain hours of the day.

DEL MONTE said Ray listed his name as Doug Collins.

Del Monte recalled that Ray asked him to sign the name Collins to the application for him.

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Ray Talked About Million-Dollar Deal

United Press International

DALTON, Ga., April 24. — Fugitive James Earl Ray once said he would collect a "million-dollar bounty" put up by a mysterious "Businessmen's Association" for the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., according to a prison friend.

Ray, an escaper from the Missouri State Prison, has been charged with conspiracy and murder in the assassination of King at Memphis April 4.

Raymond Curtis, in jail here awaiting an appeal of a murder conviction, said he had served with Ray in jail once and in prison twice and the matter of King first came up shortly after President Kennedy was assassinated in 1963.

"WELL, SOMEBODY made a pretty penny on that," Ray told Curtis after hearing of Kennedy's death.

About a week later, in the yard of the Missouri State Prison in Jefferson City a "new man just in off the street" told them "the Businessmen's Association has a million dollar bounty out for Martin Luther King," Curtis said yesterday.

He said Ray smiled and said, "If there's a million dollars out on King, I believe if I ever get out I'll collect it."

Curtis said the subject of King came up "a couple of times" thereafter. Curtis finally was freed and Ray fled the prison last year by hiding in a bread truck.

CURTIS SAID HE had no idea what the "Businessman's Association" was. Authorities said Tuesday they were pursuing several reports — some circulating in prisons — that there was a "contract" out for King's death. "I didn't think much about it at the time," said Curtis. "In prison, you hear all sorts of hellacious ideas."

Curtis said he had been with Ray in the Jackson County jail at Kansas City, in federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., and in the state prison at Jefferson City, Mo.

HE SAID FBI agents have questioned him about his talks with Ray.

Curtis said Ray never mentioned racial matters. "He didn't have any prejudices. He didn't care if a man was white or colored," Curtis said. "He was only interested in money."

He said Ray used to talk about how he would handle an assassination. "He said he would buy a gun under a false name and have everything ready for an escape," Curtis said. "He used to talk a lot about escaping to New Zealand, Brazil or Argentina."

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Says King Slaying Suspect Eyed Bounty

DALTON, Ga. (AP)—A convicted murderer who was in prison with the mysterious James Earl Ray, now hunted in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., said Tuesday he heard Ray say he would be willing to try to collect \$1 million for killing the civil rights leader.

Raymond Curtis, 40, the same age as Ray, is in the Whitfield County jail awaiting action on appeal of a murder conviction. Curtis said he and Ray were prisoners at the Missouri State Penitentiary when John F. Kennedy was assassinated Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas.

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TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY ENROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS.

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REBUTEL STATES DURING AUTO TRIP OF SUBJ RAY AND CHARLES STEIN
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TELEPHONE CALLS FROM VARIOUS PAY STATIONS IN TEXAS.

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

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY

"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : All Investigative Employees

DATE: April 22, 1968

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE
I. O. #4182; W. F. #442-A
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM
RELEASE DATE: SATURDAY P. M., APRIL 20, 1968

THE CRIMES: Ray escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, on April 23, 1967, while serving a 20-year sentence for armed robbery and operating a motor vehicle without the owner's permission. He subsequently allegedly conspired, under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, to violate the civil rights of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., shot to death on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel on April 4, 1968.

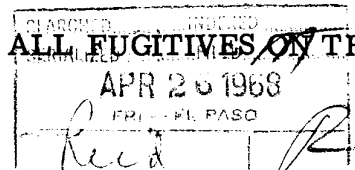
THE CRIMINAL: A 40-year-old white native of Illinois, who is known as a "loner" and "drifter" and has taken elaborate steps to establish a false identity, Ray has an extensive criminal record, including convictions for burglary, robbery and forging U. S. Postal Money Orders. Outstanding characteristics include a straight narrow nose, straight and even teeth, a noticeably protruding left ear and a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe. He has taken dancing lessons, attended bartending school, enrolled in a correspondence course in locksmithing and traveled widely in a 1966 Mustang recovered in Atlanta, Georgia, a week after Dr. King's murder. Ray likes western and country music, drinks vodka and beer and has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

PROCESS: A Federal warrant issued at Jefferson City, Missouri, on July 20, 1967, charges Ray with unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement for robbery. Another Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, as Eric Starvo Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen.

"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES": Ray is a special addition to the list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives." The list as of Saturday p. m., April 20, 1968, was:

John William Clouser	I. O. #3837	Charles Lee Herron	I. O. #4163
Howard Callens Johnson	I. O. #4039	George Edward Wells	I. O. #4175
George Benjamin Williams	I. O. #4072	David Evans	I. O. #4177
Gordon Dale Ervin	I. O. #4087	Franklin Allen Paris	I. O. #4178
Carmen Raymond Gagliardi	I. O. #4101	David Stuart Neff	I. O. #4179
James Earl Ray	I. O. #4182		

THEY ARE ALL ARMED AND DANGEROUS. If you receive any information, give it at once to your SAC or appropriate supervisor.
PHOTOGRAPHS, FINGERPRINTS AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA OF ALL FUGITIVES ON THE LIST ARE ON THE REVERSE SIDE.





DAVID EVANS, also known as:
"Pee Wee."
N; born [redacted]; 5'7-5'8"; 140-150 lbs;
med bld; blk hair; brn eyes; lt comp;
ooo - lab, upholsterer. Wanted by FBI
for BANK ROBBERY and UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO
AVOID PROSECUTION (Burglary, Larceny,
and Receiving Stolen Goods).
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CHARLES LEE HERRON, also known as:
Lee Jones.
N; born [redacted] (?); 5'7"-5'8"; 145-
150 lbs; sldr bld; blk hair; brn eyes;
dk comp; ooc - clerk. Wanted by FBI
for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION
(Murder; Assault with Intent to
Commit Murder).
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GEORGE EDWARD WELLS, also known as:
George W. Cox, Lloyd Kuczmarski.
W; born [redacted]; 5'8"; 165-175 lbs;
med bld; brn hair, gr; brn eyes; med
comp; ooc - maintenance worker, painter.
Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO
AVOID PROSECUTION (Armed Robbery);
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN
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CARMEN RAYMOND GAGLIARDI, also known as: 17 M 29 W IOM
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Carmen R. Gagliardi.
W; born [redacted]; 5'10 1/2"; 185-200 lbs;
hvy bld; blk hair; brn eyes; med comp;
ooo - lab. Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL
FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (Murder).
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GEORGE BENJAMIN WILLIAMS, 23 M 21 W IMO AMP Ref: 22
also known as: Allen I 31 W OOO 19 31
Benjamin Colby, Ben Jackson,
George Benjamin William.
W; born [redacted]; 5'6"; 155 lbs;
med bld; brn hair, gr, balding;
bl eyes; rdy comp; rt ring fnger
amp; ooc - constr worker, dairy
worker, meoh, miner, pipe fitter.
Wanted by FBI for BANK ROBBERY.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4072
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med bld; brn hair, poss cut short; bl
eyes; med comp; ooc - baker, color matcher,
lab. Wanted by FBI for CONSPIRING TO
INTERFERE WITH A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF
A CITIZEN and UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID
CONFINEMENT (Robbery).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4182
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W; born [redacted]; 6'2"; 190-210 lbs;
med bld; brn hair; brn eyes; med comp;
ooo - horse trader, horse trainer,
rancher. Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL
FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (Burglary).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4178
FBI#-595 084 A
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1966



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HOWARD CALLENS JOHNSON, also known as:
"Dirty Red."
N; born [redacted] (?); 5'9"; 160-170
lbs; med bld; blk hair; brn eyes;
med comp, freckled; ooc - brickmason,
carpenter, lab. Wanted by FBI for
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION
(Murder).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4039
FBI#-1 501 726
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1959



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JOHN WILLIAM CLOUSER, also known as:
Jack Cleuser, John William Clouser,
Chuck A. Williams.
W; born [redacted]; 5'9"; 175-200 lbs;
stky bld; blond hair, may be dyed blk;
bl eyes; rdy comp; ooc - clerical
worker, stock clerk. Wanted by FBI
for INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-3837
FBI#-229 125 G
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1963



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GORDON DALE ERVIN, also known as:
Dale Ervin.
W; born [redacted]; 5'11"-6'0"; 170 lbs;
med bld; brn hair; bl eyes; med comp;
ooo - carpenter, lifeguard, mach shop
worker, locomotive fireman, salesman,
shipyard worker, typist. Wanted by
FBI for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID
CONFINEMENT (Armed Robbery).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4087
FBI#-290 533 A
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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DAVID STUART NEFF, also known as:
Steven Andrews, Solomon Baker, Steven
Greene, George Medina, David J. Neff, 19 O 17 W IOO 18
David Stewart Neff, Donald O'Brien. L 19 W OOO 16
W; born [redacted]; 5'8"-5'9"; 190-200 lbs;
hvy bld; brn hair; brn eyes; med comp;
ooo - horse trainer, lab, painter,
plumber, surveyor. Wanted by FBI for
BANK ROBBERY.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4179
FBI#-524 874 D
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

FROM : SA JOHN J. CLYNICK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/26/68

On 4/23/68, DICK CAULER, Coronado State Bank, El Paso, Texas, telephonically contacted this office and advised that the bank had made a loan to one JIMMY RAY ADAMS, which was now in default. A part time collector for the bank, LARRY PARKS, 5833 Macaw, telephone 755-0259, told CAULER that ADAMS closely resembled the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, whom the FBI is seeking as a fugitive. The only address known to the bank for ADAMS was P.O. Box 299, Canutillo, Texas.

On the same date, Career Clerk JAIME SCOTT (PROTECT), Canutillo Post Office, advised SA CLYNICK that there is no JAMES EARL RAY or any variation of the name in Canutillo, Texas. Further, P.O. Box 299 was registered to a JIMMY SCOTTY ADAMS, who moved and left no forwarding address. He was employed at the Upper Valley Clinic Hospital in Canutillo. Box 299 is presently closed.

Attempts to contact LARRY PARKS on 4/23/68, were negative.

On 4/24/68, Mrs. SOCORRO ALDAZ, head of the business department, Upper Valley Clinic Hospital, 400 Talbot, telephone 987-3193, advised SAs CLYNICK and DONN K. SICKLES that ADAMS was employed by the hospital from December of 1966 through July of 1967 as an orderly. His address is shown as 309 Mills Street, El Paso, Texas, and he is currently residing in Vado, New Mexico, in care of P.O. Box 53. His Social Security No. is [redacted] and date of birth is [redacted]. After viewing the glossy photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, Mrs. ALDAZ, who was personally acquainted with ADAMS, advised that they are definitely not the same person.

In view of the above, no further investigation is being conducted.

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Date: 4/25/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND
ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

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

SUBJECT: ✓ MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

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

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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

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AT 44-2386

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

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

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

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

April 20, 1968

JAMES EARL 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., is one of the FBI's "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 prompt location. Ray has been the subject of a massive search since the gunshot slaying of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel.

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

A Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a United States citizen. Ray, who escaped on April 23, 1967, from the Missouri State Penitentiary, is also sought for unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement after conviction for armed robbery.

Possessing an arrest record dating back to 1949, Ray has been convicted of burglary, armed robbery and forging United States Postal Money Orders.

A 40-year-old white male, reportedly born in Illinois on [redacted], Ray is approximately 5'10" tall, weighs from 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and short brown hair. He has a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe and his left ear protrudes noticeably.

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

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

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
AND ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of photograph of subject JAMES EARL RAY, which was taken 1/4/66 at Missouri State Penitentiary.

Two copies of above-mentioned photograph are enclosed for each of the Continental Offices.

This additional photograph is being furnished, inasmuch as resemblance is quite different from previous photographs furnished, and it may be helpful in aiding sources to identify subject.

Also, it is to be noted that WALTER TERRY RIFE has been located and interviewed in this matter.

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3-Bureau (Enc. 4)
2-Each Continental Office (Enc. 2 each)
2-Kansas City
RBH:lib

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*Mr. Garland Inman, USINS,
El Paso, Texas, advised Rife
no longer wanted for
questioning. See memo -
re other law enforcement
agencies - will be notified
on this 4/24/68*

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, EL PASO (157-186)

DATE: 4-24-68

FROM : SA JOHN J. GORMAN

SUBJECT: ✓ MURKIN
(OO:MEMPHIS)

Officer TOMMY OWENS, Midland PD, advised 4-24-68 that while having lunch with an acquaintance by the name of DAVID MC CORD, the name of JAMES EARL RAY came up as the killer of KING.

OWENS said MC CORD stated he had attended school with an individual by the name of JAMES RAY and ~~the~~ possibly is identical with the JAMES EARL RAY being sought by the FBI.

DAVID MC CORD, Installer for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. was located 4-24-68 and interviewed. He stated about 30 years ago while he was attending Roosevelt High School in Altus, Oklahoma, he knew a fellow student for a bout a year whose name was JAMES RAY. He said he was about 10 or 11 years of age at the time. MC CORD said RAY's father was employed digging cellars in Altus and also worked for a time for the Santa Fe Railroad. He said RAY had no brothers or sisters and lived in an old house built on stilts. He said RAY had blond hair. He commented that it would be a one in a million chance that the JAMES RAY he knew is identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

Available information reflects that JAMES EARL RAY attended school in Alton, Ill. through the 10th grade.

Inasmuch as the above is all the info MC CORD could supply re the JAMES RAY he knew in grade school and has not seen him since that time and in view of the above info that JAMES EARL RAY apparently attended school through the 10th grade in Alton, Ill., this is being reported only for info purposes.



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URGENT 4-26-68 DMC

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987, AND EL PASO 157-186
FROM RICHMOND (44-657) -P
✓MURKIN; OO: MEMPHIS.

RE EL PASO TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYFIVE, LAST.

MRS. LENA FAUCETT, RFD, CLARKSVILLE, VA., STATES
HER DAUGHTER, SHELBY JEAN BALDRIDGE, THOUGHT TO BE IN
VINCINITY SALTVILLE, VA. ADDRESS UNKNOWN. HAS NOT SEEN OR
HEARD FROM DAUGHTER SINCE JANUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

SGT. ELBERT BALDRIDGE ADVISED MRS. FAUCETT, BY
TELEPHONE, RECENTLY HE HAD RED CROSS AND FBI LOOKING FOR HIS
WIFE. MRS. FAUCETT STATED SHELBY JEAN HAS NEVER VISITED FLA.
PATSY OWEN, CLARKSVILLE, VA., STATES SHE HAS NEVER BEEN OUTSIDE
STATE OF VA. AND HER COUSIN, SHELBY JEAN, WAS NEVER IN STATE
OF FLA. NEVER MET OR KNEW ANYONE WITH NAME ERIC RAY OR
EARL RAY AND NEVER HEARD SHELBY JEAN MENTION EITHER NAME.
OWEN HAS NEVER OBSERVED ANYONE WHO RESEMBLES PHOTOS OR
DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT RAY.
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MRS. FAUCETT STATES UNFAMILIAR WITH SALTVILLE, VA.
AND TO HER KNOWLEDGE, HER DAUGHTER HAS NO RELATIVES OR FRIENDS IN
THAT COMMUNITY.

EL PASO, AT FT. BLISS, WILL RE-INTERVIEW SGT.
BALDRIDGE, NOTING THAT NONE OF HIS STATEMENTS IN REFERENCED
TEL CONFIRMED BY INTERVIEWS IN VA.

WILL VERIFY DATE SHELBY JEAN PLANNED TO VISIT RAY
IN FLA. SINCE RAY WAS IN PENITENTIARY FROM NINETEEN SIXTY TO
SIXTYSEVEN, NOTING REFERENCED TEL INDICATED SHE PLANNED TO
VISIT HIM IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-186)

FROM : JOHN R. MAULER, SA

SUBJECT: ✓ MURKIN

DATE: April 25, 1968

CIRCULARIZATION

This is to advise that the Wanted Flyer has been distributed by the Midland RA's to all PD's and SO's in are territory.

In addition, I made 40 copies of the Flyer along with the Press Release to Capt. RAY BUTLER, Head of Highway Patrol for Region 4 on April 24, 1968, who will have same distributed to all Highway Patrol Units between Midland and El Paso.

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FBI DALLAS

424PM URGENT 4-26-68 LMB
TO DIRECTOR AND EL PASO
FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 2P

MURKIN. CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE PHONE CALLS BY RAY ENROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS,
AND EL PASO TEL TO THE BUREAU AND DALLAS, TODAY.

ROBERT METTS, SECURITY SUPERVISOR, SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE
COMPANY, LUBBOCK, TEXAS, ADVISED IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR HIS OFFICE
TO DETERMINE LONG DISTANCE PHONE CALLS MADE FROM PAY PHONES AT
MARFA, ALPINE, AND MARATHON, TEXAS, BUT THIS PROJECT WILL REQUIRE
EXTENSIVE WORK. HE STATED PAY PHONES ARE BILLED AT VARYING PERIODS
OF TIME, FROM SEVEN TO ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS, DEPENDING ON VOLUME OF
CALLS PLACED AT INDIVIDUAL PAY PHONES. HE STATED HIS OFFICE WOULD
IMMEDIATELY BEGIN CHECKING THE REQUIRED INFORMATION, BUT THAT IT
WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE UNTIL LATE
APRIL TWENTYNINE NEXT, OR EARLY APRIL THIRTY NEXT. HE SAID IN
ADDITION THAT SANDERSON, TEXAS, WHICH IS ON THE ROUTE TAKEN BY
SUBJECT, IS ALSO HANDLED IN THE LUBBOCK DIVISION OF SOUTHWESTERN
BELL, AND THAT HE WOULD ALSO HAVE PAY PHONES FOR THIS LOCATION
REVIEWED AND HAVE ALL LONG DISTANCE INFORMATION FOR THE PERTINENT
PERIOD AVAILABLE AT THE SAME TIME.

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