MO 157-2627 DOS: kws

RE: JOSEPH M. PRITCHETT

On April 11, 1968, GILMER P. STAFFORD, United States Coast Guard, Alexandria, Virginia, advised that he had served in the United States Navy aboard the USS Alan M. Sumner with JOSEPH M. PRITCHETT who was described as 26-27 years of age at present, blond sandy hair, receding hairline, blue or green eyes, 5'9", 160 pounds, oval face and prominent ears. He reportedly is from Montgomery, Alabama. STAFFORD said that he feels that PRITCHETT resembles the artist's conception of the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

On the date of April 13, 1968, the files of the Navy Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, reflected that JOSEPH MALLOY PRITCHETT, Navy Serial Number 540-84-40, served on active duty with the United States Navy from November 17, 1959, to August 27, 1963, when honorably discharged. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH A. PRITCHETT, 261 South Boulevard, Montgomery, Alabama.

It is noted that JOSEPH MALLOY PRITCHETT, 261 South Boulevard, Montgomery, Alabama, was interviewed in connection with another matter on August 24, 1964. At that time it was determined that he was employed as a policeman with the Montgomery Police Department. In addition, the following descriptive and background data was obtained on him:

Race
Sex
Date of Birth
Height
Weight
Eyes
Hair
Marital Status
Military Service

Male
5'9"
165 pounds
Hazel
Blond
Single
United States Navy
November, 1959, to
August 27, 1963

White

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent DAN O. STEPHENS:

The Montgomery City Directories for the years 1964 to 1968 list only one JOSEPH M. PRITCHETT. The 1964 directory lists JOSEPH M. PRITCHETT, 261 South Boulevard, Montgomery, as being a police officer with the Montgomery Police Department. The 1968 directory lists JOSEPH M. PRITCHETT, 608 Belvedere Street, Montgomery, as being a Trooper, Alabama Highway Patrol.

Major JOHN CLOUD (National Academy), Chief, Alabama Highway Patrol, advised on April 12, 1968, that JOSEPH MALLOY PRITCHETT, 608 Belvedere Street, Montgomery, is still assigned to the Montgomery Station, Alabama Highway Patrol. He further advised that Trooper PRITCHETT was formerly employed by the Montgomery Police Department.

CLOUD stated that his records reflect that PRITCHETT was on duty March 29, 1968, from 3:00 p.m., to 11:00 p.m. and was not on duty March 30, 1968. He was on duty April 4, 1968, from 3:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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TO:

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM:

SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)

SUBJECT:

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(OO: MEMPHIS)

JOSEPH M. PRITCHETT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

Re WFO teletype to Bureau, 8:34 p.m., 4/11/68, suggesting JOSEPH M. PRITCHETT, Montgomery, Ala., as a possible suspect.

Enclosed for Memphis are twenty-five (25) copies of an insert reflecting investigation at Montgomery, including identification of JOSEPH MALIOY PRITCHETT, 608 Blevedere St., Montgomery, an Alabama State Trooper, who was determined to have been on duty at Montgomery, 3/29/68 and 4/4/68.

Accordingly no further investigation is being made concerning PRITCHET.

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FBI NEW ORLS

1044PM URGENT 4-19-68 CDC

TO MOBILE

FROM: NEW ORLEANS 157-10673.

MURKIN.

LEONARD SPEARS, FORMER EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH STERIFF'S

DEPUTY, ADVISED THAT AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT FORTYFIVE PM,

FOUR NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, HE PULLED UP BESIDE GRAY VOLKESWAGEN

BEARING SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE THREE ONE SEVEN TWO THREE

NIME HEADING SOUTHERLY DIRECTION AIRLINE HIGHWAY, BATON ROUGE.

SPEARS ADVISED THAT DRIVER OF VOLKESWAGEN LOOKED VERY MUCH

LIKE PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT WHICH HE HAD TORN FROM BATON ROUGE

NEWSPAPER PREVIOUS DATE AND WAS CARRYING IN FRONT SEAT

OF HIS CAR. HE CLOSELY OBSERVED DRIVER OF VOLKESWAGEN WHEN

BOTH AT RED LIGHT ON AIRLINE HIGHWAY. DRIVER PUT HAND UP

BESIDE FACE IN WHAT APPEARED TO BE EFFORT TO BLOCK SPEARS VIEW.

SPEARS STATED HE PARTICULARLY NOTED THE THIN LONG NOZE AND

SQUINTY EYES. THE MAN WAS NEATLY DRESSED AND APPEARED TO BE

ABOUT THIRTYFIVE YEARS OF AGE.

MOBILE CHECK AND DETERMINE IF ANY REPORT OF STOLEN, DETER-MINE OWNER OF VEHICLE IN EFFORT TO ELIMINATE DRIVER OF VOLKESWAGEN AS LOOK ALIKE OF RAY. AIRMAIL COPY YO MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO ALL SACSEXCEPT KANSAS CITY, ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN MESSAGE RELAY PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 5P

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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION UNDER FBI NO. THREE ZERO SIX FOUR THREE

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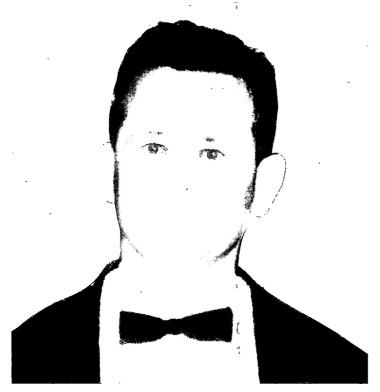
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Photograph taken 1968 (eyes drawn by artist)



Photograph taken 1968

Aliases: Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard

DESCRIPTION

Age:

36, born July 20, 1931 (not supported by birth records)

Height:

5'8" to 5'11"

Eyes:

Blue or hazel

Weight:

160 to 175 pounds

Complexion:

Medium

Build:

Race:

Medium

White

Hair:

Brown, possibly cut short

Occupation:

Has claimed employment as seaman

Remarks:

Noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course

in bartending.

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A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Galt with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241).

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE NOTIFY ME OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

то : SAC (157-2627)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA DAN O. STEPHENS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/16/68, NORMAN PHIPPS, Montgomery Music Co., Inc., Montgomery, Ala. telephonically advised as follows:

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When this individual left the drive-in, he was in a compact car, American make, not further identified, bearing 1968 Alabama license #3-41901.

He has never seen this individual before.

The following investigation was conducted telephonically by the writer at Montgomery, Ala. on same date.:

FRANCES JONES, Motor& Vehicle Division, Ala. Dept. of Revenue, advised that 1968 license #3-41901 was issued 11/8/67 to JAMES A. DAVIS, 3702 Duquesne Dr., Montgomery, Ala. for a 1966 Valiant, 4 dr., VIN VH41D62503586.

VESTA GOINS, Driver's License Division, Ala. DPS, advised that she was unable to locate a record for above individual. She stated that a date of birth would be necessary before an accurate check could be completed.

Current Montgomery City Directory reflects that JACES A. DAVIS. wife DIANA, resides 3702 Duquesne Dr., Montgomery, and that he is employed as sales manager, Kirby Vacumn Cleaner Co.,

On 4/18/68, PHIPPS telephonically advised that he has seen photo of GALT in local newspaper and that the man he observed 4/13/68 does not resemble him. He stated that the man he saw, is definitely not identical with GALT.

In view of foregoing, no further investigation being conducted in this regard.

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TO:	DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)	· - : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :
FROM:	SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)	
SUBJECT:	MURKIN CIVIL, RIGHTS (OO: MEMPHIS)	·
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On 4/27/67, COX gave his address as Hotel De George, Houston, Texas.

COX was described as follows in MAYER's records:

Name: THOMAS JOSEPH COX

Book or Cert: #Z-976491-d3

Rating: Able Seaman

Date Began: April 27, 1967

Place Began: Houston, Texas

Social

Security #:

Citizenship: USA

Birthplace: New Jersey

Birthdate:

Age: 41

Height 6'2"

Weight 205 pounds

Hair Brown

Eyes Blue

Complexion Fair

Next of Kin: Mother - Mrs. ANNA COX

206 Mill Road, Sommerdale,

New Jersey

NY 44-1609

LEADS:

HOUSTON

 $\underline{\text{AT HOUSTON, TEXAS:}}$ Check at Hotel De George for COX as set out in referenced teletype.

NEWARK

AT SOMMERDALE, NEW JERSEY: Interview COX's mother for information requested in referenced teletype.

4/15/68

AIRTTL.

TO : DIRECTOR, PEI

TROM : SAC. WIN YORK (44-1609)

SUMMECT: MURKIN

CIVIL RICHTS (OU: MIMPHIS)

Relivaintal to Sureau, 4/17/88 and Hy telegrone dal to Springfield 4/10/08.

RE RICHARD GALT.

TAUL KERR, Georetary-Treasurer, TIU, NYC, advised that he had determined that the crew of the G.S. BUD ON signed on 12/7/61 and migned off 2/10/82. The location of signing off was one of three: Bouston, Calveston or Port Arthur, all Texas. He has determined through his records that there was no one named CALT abound and, Surther, the only crew weeker with the first name of PICHARD WAS PICHARD MAJTAMOUR, Social Security Mumber

KERR stated that if KENNETH MEWHET is reinterviewed for further information he should be asked to furnish copies of his, NEBBLY 9, termination papers for the rarticular voyage about which he is furnishing information. YER stated that such mapers will facilitate buy further search of SIU's records.

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419PM URGENT 4/20/68 JLS

TO MOBILE (44-), MEMPHIS (44-1987), NEW ORLEANS (157-10678)
AND SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 3P

MURKIN. CR.

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO MEW ORLEANS'AND CHICAGO APRIL NINETEEN LAST, RE JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE (LOOK-ALIKE).

FOR IMPORMATION MOBILE, INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM JACKSON DIVISION APRIL NINETEEN LAST THAT PASCAGOULA, MISS., PD, STOPPED INDIVIDUAL DRIVING WHITE CORVAIR BEARING SIXTY EIGHT ILL. LICENSE DG THREE ONE ZERO NINE. DRIVER IDENTIFIED SELF AS JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE. MONTAGNE ACCOMPANIED BY ANOTHER WHITE MALE IDENTITY NOT DETERMINED. MONTAGNE INDICATED HE WAS A MUSICIAN AND OTHER PERSON INDICATED HE WAS A SEAMAN AND THEY WERE BOTH HEADING FOR NEW ORLEANS.

OFFICER WHO STOPPED INDIVIDUALS SAID MONTAGNE RESEMBLED
PHOTO OF GALT AND AFTER HEARING A DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY
HAVING SCAR IN MIDDLE OF FOREHEAD, HE BELIEVED MONTAGNE MIGHT

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, BE RAY AS HE RECALLED MONTAGNE HAVING SUCH A SCAR. NO FURTHER DESCRIPTION AVAILABLE ON MONTAGNE OR OTHER PERSON.

AUTO REGISTRATION RECORDS, SPRINGFIELD, REVEAL NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT ILL. LICENSE D G THREE ONE ZERO NINE REGISTERED TO RAYMOND HILLBURN, SIX ZERO THREE NINE NORTH RIDGE, CHICAGO, ILL., FOR A NINETEEN FIFTY SIX DODGE, FOUR DOOR, VIN THREE TWO TWO THREE THREE ONE THREE NINE. AUTO REGISTRATION AND DRIVERS LICENSE CHECKS RE MONTAGNE NEGATIVE.

DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS RE HILLBURN DESCRIBE HIM AS
RAYMOND MITCHEL HILLBURN, RECENT ADDRESS ONE TWO FIVE FOUR
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ONE SIXTY FIVE POUNDS, BROWN MAIR, BLUE EYES, DRIVERS LICENSE
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SUSPENDED SINCE MARCH TEN LAST.

MARIA HILLBURN, FORMER WIFE OF RAYMOND HILLBURN, FOUR SEVEN ZERO ZERO MAGNOLIA, CHICAGO, ILL., ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT HILLBURN PURCHASED WHITE CORVAIR CONVERTIBLE. MODEL UNKNOWN, APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AGO AND DEPARTED FOR ALABAMA ON APRIL FIVE LAST.

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MARIA HILLBURN STATED SHE WAS CONTACTED TELEPHONICALLY
YESTERDAY BY FORMER HUSBAND WHO IS NOW RESIDING WITH
LUCILLE HASSEY, ONE THREE ZERO PATTON STREET, MONTGOMERY,
ALABAMA, TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO SIX FIVE FOUR EIGHT THREE SIX.

MOBILE ATTEMPT TO LOCATE HILLBURN AND DETERMINE ANY
INFORMATION RE MONTAGNE AND WHITE CORVAIR IN AN EFFORT TO
ELIMINATE HIM AS JAMES EARL RAY AND ADVISE INTERESTED OFFICES.
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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Will maintain contact with roominghouse owner at 113 14th Street, N. E., in continued efforts to ascertain location of FAULKNER.

4/18/68

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TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (157-644)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

SUSPECT - LYNN STALNAKER

2 Islington Street Allston, Mass.

Re Mobile teletype to Boston and Memphis, 4/11/68.

LYNN STAINAKER, 2 Islington St., Allston, Mass., was interviewed on 4/18/68 and he was eliminated as a suspect by virtue of his physical description and by virtue of the fact that he did not in any way resemble the most recent photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT.

2 - Memphis 1 - Mobile (157-2627) (Info) 1 - Boston RMK:mej Date: 4-18-68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P 2)

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KENNETH NEWBLE, ONE EIGHT ONE SEVEN N. NORTH STREET,
PEORIA, ILLINOIS, VIEWED THIS DATE A COMPOSITE PHOTOGRAPH
OF ERIC STARVO GALT. HE ADVISED THIS INDIVIDUAL IS DEFINITELY
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RECALLS RICHARD SANTAMOUR, ALSO A CREWMAN, WHO IS DEFINITELY
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OF ERIC STARVO GALT AND IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY RECORDED CREWMAN NAMED GALT, IT IS SUGGESTED NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BE CONDUCTED TO LOCATE THIS INDIVIDUAL.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, HOUSTON, MOBILE, NEW YORK AND WFO.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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TO : ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

CIVIL RIGHTS (OO; ME)

Re Albany airtels 4/10/68 and 4/11/68, setting forth concerns who purchased Thermo-Seal marking machines, and Bureau teletype to Memphis, 4/12/68.

The FBI Laboratory advised that pillowcase and bed sheet were found in trunk of 1966 white Mustang registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, which was located at Atlanta 4/11/68. These items contain Thermo-Seal laundry tapes of approximately same size as tapes on items previously recovered, but are yellow in color and contain code, "20R-3." In opinion of Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, the tapes were produced by a different machine than previous tapes since the first three characters are 15 point type and the last two characters are 18 point type.

The Textile Marking Machine Company suggests the twenty in above code would be the lot number, the R may mean that this was a return of a batch of laundry, and the three is the bundle number.

### **LEADS**

Approved: .

### ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

Will recontact laundries determined to be operating Thermo-Seal Marking Machines in an effort to locate laundry using the code, "20R-3."

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Special Agent in Charge

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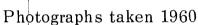
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# **GIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY** INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY ES EAR

FBI No. 405,942 G







Photograph taken 1968 (eves drawn by artist)

Aliases: Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, Jame's Walvon, John Willard, "Jim,"

# DESCRIPTION

Age:

40, born March 10, 1928, at Quincy or Alton, Illinois (not supported by birth records)

Height: Weight: 5' 10"

Build:

163 to 174 pounds

Hair:

Medium

Brown, possibly cut short

Complexion:

Eyes:

Blue Medium

White Race:

Nationality: American

Occupations: Baker, color matcher, laborer

Scars and Marks: Small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand

**Remarks:** Noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending.

Fingerprint Classification: 16 M 9 U OOO 12

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# CRIMINAL RECORD

Ray has been convicted of burglary, robbery, forging U. S. Postal Money Orders, armed robbery, and operating motor vehicle without owner's consent.

# CAUTION

RAY IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Ray as Eric Starvo Galt with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241). A Federal warrant was also issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging Ray with Interstate Flight to Avoid Confinement for the crime of Robbery (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073).

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE NOTIFY ME OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.

FEDERAL RUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535 TELEPHONE, NATIONAL 8-7117

Wanted Flyer 442-A April 19, 1968

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SUBJECT:

MURKIN. CR.

Instant date, Robert Anderson, Moss Point, Mississippi, at 3:40pm.

Phone number GR5-3928 telephonically/contacted

the Mobile office and requested that an agent contact him as he had some information regarding the case.

Supv. Conners advised at 3;44pm,4/21/68.

SPC Ken Howard, Jackson office advised at 3;50pm.

Above for information.

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At about 6 p.m. on 4/4/62, 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 fired from a 30-06 rifle. The bullet severed KING's spinal cord and death was almost instantaneous.

This investigation, predicated upon a specific request from the Attorney General of the United States, disclosed that the fatal shot had been fired from the bathroom of a cheap rooming house located at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, which bathroom was located at the rear of the rooming house, and had a window overlooking the Lorraine Motel.

At about 3 p.m. on 4/4/68, an individual using the name JOHN WILLARD had rented Room 5-B in the rooming house at 422½ South Main Street and had paid one week's rent. After hearing the rifle shot at about 6 p.m. on that same day, other tenants in the rooming house observed a man presumably identical with WILLARD, fleeing from the rooming house carrying a large package which was subsequently abandoned by him on the sidewalk in front of the Canipe Amusement Co., 424 South Main Street, Memphis. A neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of 424 South Main Street disclosed that the subject had fled from the scene in a white Mustang.

Found abandoned in front of 424 South Main Street was a 30-06 Remington model 760 rifle which was determined to have been

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sold to one HARVEY LOWMEYER on 3/30/68 by Aeromarine Supply Co., Birmingham, Alabama.

Investigation at Memphis disclosed that an individual had purchased a set of binoculars at the York Arms Company in Memphis on 4/4/68. These binoculars were among the material abandoned with the rifle and recovered in Memphis. Also recovered was a brown and green herringbone bedspread. The items abandoned in Memphis were all wrapped in this bedspread. The blue bag which was inside the bedspread contained numerous items, among which were the binoculars and a set of underwear consisting of a T-shirt and shorts. The T-shirt and shorts are those on which appears the laundry mark which has been a matter of interest in this case.

A search of motel records in the Memphis area disclosed that an individual using the name ERIC S. GALT had spent the night of 4/3/68 at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, and was driving a 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama License 1-38993. Investigation at Birmngham disclosed that this automobile had been purchased by ERIC S. GALT on August 30, 1968, from a private person in response to a newspaper ad. He paid a total of \$1995 cash. While in Birmingham he furnished the address of 2608 South Highland Avenue, Birmingham. This is also the address which appeared on a driver's license issued to him by the State of Alabama. The driver's license identifying data listed his birth date as his height as 5'll", his weight as 170 and his eyes blue and hair brown.

The automobile in question, the white Mustang bearing the Alabama tags mentioned above, was recovered in Atlanta on 4/11/68 and determined to have been abandoned there prior to 9 a.m. on 4/5/68.

In connection with the evidence submitted by Atlanta, Birmingham, and Memphis, identifiable latent prints were recovered. It was on the basis of these latents that identification was made of JAMES EARL RAY. In handling future leads, all offices should be particularly interested in securing an identifying number, military, police, or FBI, in connection with suspects so that the necessary check can be made through the Identification Division.

On 4/17/68, AUSA R. MACEY TAYLOR, Birmingham, authorized the filing of a complaint charging ERIC STARVO GALT with a conspiracy to violate Section 241, Title 18, U. S. Code, and

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recommended bond in the amount \$50,000. On that same date, SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE filed a complaint before USC MILDRED F. SPRAGUE, Birmingham, and warrant was issued that same date.

For further information re JAMES EARL RAY, all offices are directed to press release furnished them by the Bureau on 4/19/68.

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FBI ATLANTA 12:38 PM EST URGENT 4/22/68 VSC TO MOBILE AND MEMPHIS FROM ATLANTA 44-2385

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THE FOLLOWING TELETYPE RECEIVED FROM SAN ANTONIO THIS DATE IN ERROR:

"ON INSTANT DATE, AN ANCHYMOUS CALLER TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED SAN ANTONIO OFFICE ON APRIL TWENTYOME, LAST, BETWEEN HOURS OF THREE AND FOUR PIM., HE HAD FOLLOWED A LATE MODEL DARK GREEN COLORED VEHICLE BEARING ALABAMA LICENSE FOUR DASH FOUR DIX THREE FOR SEVERAL MILES ON EXPRESSUAY SYSTEM IN SAN ANTONIO.

"THE UVKNOWN CALLER STATED HAD NUMBER OF OCCASIONS TO OBSERVE THE DRIVER OF INSTANT VEHICLE AND STATED THE MAN STRONGLY RESEMBLED PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY PUBLISHED IN LOCAL MENSPAPERS.

"THE DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE WAS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, BADLY IN NEED OF SHAVE WITH LIGHT COLORED HAIR WORN IN A CREW CUT. UNKNOWN CALLER STATED INSTANT VEHICLE AND DRIVER LAST SEEN HEADED MORTH OUT OF SAN ANTONIO ON U.S. YIGHWAY EIGHTYONE.

"ATLANTA ASCEPTAIN REGISTRATION DATA INSTANT LICENSE.

"FURTHER LEADS BEING LEFT TO DISCRETION MEMPHIS." 1697-366

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# DERECHOS CIVILES - CONSPIRACION FUGA INTERESTATAL - ROBO

No de FBI 405,942 G







Ojos: Azules

Tez: Mediana

Raza: Blanca

Nacionalidad: Norteamericana

Fotografías tomada en 1960

Fotografía tomada en 1968 (Los ojos son dibujados por un artista.)

También conocido por: Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim."

### DESCRIPCION

Edad: 40 años, nacido el 10 de marzo de 1928 en Quincy o Alton, Estado de Illinois (fecha y lugar de nacimiento no confirmados por documentos)

Estatura: 5'10" (175 cm.)

**Peso:** de 163 hasta 174 libras (73 - 79.5 kg.)

Complexión: Mediana

Cabello: Castaño, posiblemente corto

Profesión: Hornero, cotejador de colores para igualarlos, jornalero

Cicatrices y Otras Señas: Pequeña cicatriz en el centro de la frente y pequeña cicatriz en la palma de la mano derecha.

Rasgos Característicos: La oreja izquierda sobresale perceptiblemente. Alegan que es persona de indole solitaria. Se dice que frecuentó cursos de baile. Se dice también que completó un curso de Clasificación Dactiloscópica: 16 M 9 U 000 12 "barman" (cantinero).

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Ray ha sido condenado por escalamiento, robo, falsificación de giros postales de los EE. UU., robo armado, y manejo de vehículo de motor sin el consentimiento del dueño.

SE BUSCA A RAY EN RELACION CON UN ASESINATO EN QUE LA VICTIMA MURIO DE UN BALAZO. SE LE DEBE CONSIDERAR ARMADO Y SUMAMENTE PELIGROSO.

Una orden Federal de arresto se emitió el 17 de abril de 1968 en Birmingham, Estado de Alabama, acusándose a Ray, bajo el nombre de Eric Starvo Galt, del delito de conspiración para interferir con un Derecho Constitucional de un ciudadano (Título 18, Código de los EE. UU., Sección 241). Otra orden Federal de arresto se había emitido el 20 de julio de 1967 en Jefferson City, Estado de Missouri, acusándose a Ray de fuga interestatal para evitar encarcelamiento por el delito de robo (Título 18, Código de los EE. UU., Sección 1073).

SI TIENE ALGUNA INFORMACION RELACIONADA A ESTA PERSONA, TENGA LA BONDAD DE NOTIFICARME O DE PONERSE EN CONTACTO CON LA OFICINA LOCAL DEL FBI (BURO FEDERAL DE INVESTIGACIONES). EL NUMERO DE TELEFONO Y DIRECCION DE TODAS LAS OFICINAS ESTAN ANOTADOS AL DORSO.

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DIRECTOR FEDERAL RUREAU OF INVESTIGATION UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535 TELEPHONE, NATIONAL 8-7117

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, BIRMINGHAM 44-1740, MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND MOBILE FROM MIAMI 44-1854

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RE AUTOMOBILE BEARING ALA. LICENSE THREE ONE TWO DASH WINE ONE EIGHT EIGHT, DRIVEN BY INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING SUBJECT, MIAMI, FLA., APRIL TWENTYONE, LAST.

SAMUEL RIVERO, WHO IS EMPLOYED AT HUDSON SERVICE STATION, NU EIGHTYFIFTH ST., AND SEVENTH AVE., MIAMI, ADVISED THAT ON APRIL TWENTYONE, LAST, HE OBSERVED TWO WHITE MALES, ONE FITTING THE DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT RAY, DRIVING A FIFTYTWO OR FIFTYTHREE BLUE DODGE AUTOMOBILE WITH ALA. LICENSE AS ABOVE. ONE OF THE OCCUPANTS INQUIRED AS TO ROUTE TO HIGHWAY FORTYONE BYPASSING MIAMI.

MOBILE AT MONTGOMERY, DETERMINE REGISTERED OWNER OF ABOVE LICENSE PLATE AND SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEAD TO IDENTIFY AND/OR ELIMINATE.

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MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE MIAMI TEL, APRIL TWENTYTWO INSTANT.

KATHLEEN DEININGER, MVD, ALA. DEPT. OF REVENUE,
MONTGOMERY, ALA., ADVISED SIXTYEIGHT LICENSE THREE ONE DASH
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NO REPLACEMENT TAG HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR THIS VEHICLE.
DEININGER ALSO ADVISED NO OTHER REGISTRATION LOCATED UNDER
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ro : Director, FBI (44-38861)

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ROM:

SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

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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### A Mystery Wrapped In An Enigma

# Eric Galt's Duplicate State Driver License Being Checked

One of the mysteries surroun- phoned request. ding the mysterious Eric Starvo

Records in the driver license plicate was mailed March 1, for a duplicate permit. The rec-

The FBI says Galt, who has Galt concerns his Alabama been charged with murder and driver's license. A duplicate li- conspiracy in the killing of Dr. cense was mailed to him at a Birmingham address at a time when he reportedly was in Calisan and the construction of the constr March 2.

Driver's license officials theodivision of the state Public rized Thursday that Galt tele-Safety Department show the du- phoned from California to ask

Birmingham resident was away Alabama

The department often receives telephoned requests for duplicate license from motorists who have lost theirs. If it appears to be a legitimate request, the practice is to mail the license and ask the motorist to remit 25 cents to cover the cost of issuance.

In Galt's case, the money was received promptly, by mail. A spokesman said there would be no reason to keep a record of where the money was mailed from, and no such record was

Galt's duplicate license apparently was delivered to the Birmingham address, the spokesman said, since it was not returned to the department here. The post office in Birmingham says it has no record of a change of address notice to Date: forward Galt's mail.

forward Galt's mail.

The mysterious Galt apparently returned to Birmingham Author:
after leaving California, the Edition:
FBI says. Director J. Edgar
Hoover says the man hought. rifle in Birmingham, about DUPLICATE STATE March 30.

March 30.

It is possible that someone CHECKEN Character: else asked for the duplicate license in Galt's name, driver's or license officials said, but it is Classification: difficult to get one that way.

Before a duplicate is issued, the caller must answer certain

(Indicate page, name of MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) - apparently in response to a tele-ords indicate the request came newspaper, city and state.)

by telephone, four or five days Page 5A, "THE MOBILE before March 1. There is no known evidence that the former REGISTER", Mobile,

4/19/68 Morning

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MOBILE Submitting Office:

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questions about the license holder's personal history, such as the date of birth. If the answers don't jibe with the information on record, no duplicate is is-

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4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case during month for which report is submitted.

You should promptly request all Bureau offices involved in this case to furnish information requested herein to you and it should be included in your report."

Each office is requested to expeditiously furnish the Memphis Division with the above designated data within two work days after the close of each month. Secondly, each office is also requested to advise the Memphis Division even in the event each category is zero or no work is performed on this case during the month.

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4:38PM URGENT 4-22-63 FAS

TO MOBILE 157-2627

FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

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RE MEMPHIS TEL TO BIRMINHGAM APRIL EIGHTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

MR. HUBERT ALLEN, THREE ONE OVE SIX LYNCHBURG, MEMPHIS ADVISED HE OBSERVED YOUNG MAN IN MEMPHIS TODAY WHO HE BLIEVES RESEMBLES PHOTO OF GALT. HE STATED YOUNG MAN DRIVING A LATE MODEL BLACK FORD WITH ALABAMA NATIONAL GUARD LICENSE TWO SIX NINE ONE.

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