

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-2627) (P)

FROM : SA CLARENCE W. SLAUGHTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/15/68

Re ERIC STARVO GALT.

There was no record of an ERIC STARVO GALT at the following as checked 4/11/68:

Dothan, Ala. City Directory
Ozark, Ala. City Directory
Dothan, Ala. telephone directory, which includes
Abbeville, Newton, Columbia, Newville, Headland, Pinckard,
Midland City, Slocomb, and Wicksburg, Ala.
Andalusia, Ala. telephone directory, which includes
Brantley, Dozier, Gantt, and Red Level, Ala.
Enterprise, Ala. telephone directory, which includes
Elba and New Brockton, Ala.
Florala, Ala. telephone directory
Ashford and Cottonwood, Ala. telephone directory.
Opp and Kinston, Ala. telephone directory.
Geneva, Ala. telephone directory, including Hartford,
and Samson, Ala.
Ozark, Ala. telephone directory, including Arifton,
Banks, Brundidge, Clio, Daleville, Echo, Louisville, and Newton.
Ft. Rucker telephone directory.
Dothan Credit Bureau, per BARBARA CARROLL
Dothan, Ala. PD
Houston County SO, per EULENE GRANGER
Criminal Dockets, Houston County Circuit and County
Courts.

Cottonwood, Ala. PD, per Chief SONNY JACKSON
Ashford, Ala. PD, per Chief L. O. SKIPPER
Columbia PD, per Chief JOHN TRAWICK
Headland, Ala. PD, per Chief J. T. SMITH
Abbeville, Ala. PD, per Chief HUBERT MONEY
Henry County, Ala. SO
Criminal Dockets, Henry County, Circuit and County
Courts.

Ozark, Ala. PD
Dale County SO
Criminal Dockets, Dale County Circuit and County
Courts.

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Daleville, Ala. PD, per Officer M. LAKE
Newton, Ala. PD, per Chief CHARLES BRACKINS

There is no credit Bureau in Henry or Dale County.

Under date 4/11/68, criminal index, Coffee County
Courts, Enterprise, Alabama.
Enterprise, Ala. Credit Bureau, per MARY HUDSON.

A check of the following on 4/11/68, determined that
there was no record of a checking or savings account at these
institutions:

City National Bank, Dothan.
Dothan Bank & Trust Company.
First National Bank, Dothan.
Bank of Cottonwood, Cottonwood, Ala.
Farmers & Merchants Bank, Ashford, Ala.
First National Bank, Ashford, Ala.
Bank of Columbia, Ala.
Headland National Bank, Headland, Ala.
Bank of Abbeville, Ala.
Bank of Ozark (which includes the Newton and Daleville
branches), Ozark, Ala.
Commercial Bank of Ozark.
Farmers & Merchants Bank, Ariton, Ala.

Under date 4/12/68, Citizens Bank, Enterprise,
Ala.
First National Bank, Enterprise.
First Savings & Loan Co., Enterprise

Re HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER.

No record was located on HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER
at the following as checked 4/12/68:

Enterprise Credit Bureau, per MARY HUDSON
Criminal Index, Coffee County Courts, Enterprise, Ala.

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TO : SAC, (157-2627)(P)

FROM : SA HOWARD R. LINSCOTT

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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DATE: 4/15/68

The following agencies were contacted by SA HOWARD R. LINSCOTT on 4/12/68, regarding records identifiable with HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER and ERIC STARVO GALT; no records identifiable were obtained:

<u>Name and Title</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Location</u>
QUINN CULVERHOUSE, Chief of Police	Hartford Police Department	Hartford, Alabama
ERNEST DAVIS, Chief of Police	Slocomb Police Department	Slocomb, Alabama
BILL ROGERS, Chief of Police	Samson Police Department	Samson, Alabama
CHARLIE WOOTON, Chief of Police	Geneva Police Department	Geneva, Alabama
D. T. BRAXTON, Sheriff	Geneva County Sheriff's Office	Geneva, Alabama
HARRY HARRIS President	Slocomb National Bank	Slocomb, Alabama
QUINN BORLAND Vice-President	First National Bank	Hartford, Alabama
FOY DEAL, Head Cashier	American Bank	Geneva, Alabama
JACOB PURVIS Vice President	Citizens Bank	Geneva, Alabama
HAROLD DUKE Vice President	Samson Bank	Samson, Alabama

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<u>Name and Title</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Location</u>
EUNICE HENDRIX, Clerk	Probate Court (Voters' Registration)	Geneva, Alabama

The following dry cleaners and laundries were contacted on 4/12/68 by SA HOWARD R. LINSOTT and could furnish no information regarding the use of marking tape used to mark laundry and dry cleaning garments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>
GAIL BEASLEY	Geneva Dry Cleaners	Geneva, Alabama
JOSEPH A. TEW	Superior Cleaners	Geneva, Alabama
PEARCE PEACOCK	Splendid Cleaners	Hartford, Alabama
LOUISE HARRIS	Superior Cleaners	Slocomb, Alabama
H. E. WISE	City Dry Cleaners	Samson, Alabama

On 4/12/68, EDNA HOLLY, Manager, Holly's Cleaning Company, Samson, Alabama, advised that she is familiar with the red marking tape in question., because her firm sends laundry to Sno-White Laundry, Enterprise, Alabama, and that they mark the laundry at the Enterprise firm. Mrs. HOLLY further stated that Sno-White Laundry does not mark underwear with the tape. She advised that all records of the marks retained by Sno-White Laundry in Enterprise, Alabama. It is to be noted that Sno-White Laundry, Enterprise, Alabama, has been contacted by SA RAYMOND J. MAXWELL regarding the red marking tape in question.

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TO : SAC (157-2627)

FROM : SA ROY H. EVELAND

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

ERIC STARVO GALT

The following persons on the indicated dates advised SA ROY H. EVELAND that the records maintained by that particular agency or institution failed to reflect the name ERIC STARVO GALT: In addition, a review of the current city and telephone directories for Opelika, Auburn, Phenix City, and Roanoke, Alabama, failed to show any reference to the name GALT:

LEE COUNTY

4/10/68	FRANCIS MILAM, Opelika-Auburn Credit Bureau, Opelika, Alabama.
4/10/68	MARY TAYLOR, Office of Circuit Court, Lee County, Opelika, Alabama
4/10/68	ANN SMITH, Record Clerk, Opelika, Alabama, PD.
4/10/68	ALMA LaGEAR, Record Clerk, Auburn, Alabama, PD.
4/11/68	B. EDGAR EDWARDS, Executive Vice President, First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Lee County, Opelika, Alabama
4/11/68	JOSH COLLINS, Cashier, Farmers National Bank, Opelika, Alabama
4/11/68	OTIS CARLISLE, JR., Cashier, Opelika National Bank, Opelika, Alabama

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4/11/68 FORNEY RENFRO, Cashier,
First National Bank, Opelika,
Alabama

4/11/68 ROBERT BLAKE, Vice President,
Auburn National Bank, Auburn,
Alabama

4/11/68 F. GORDON BUSH, Vice President,
and Cashier, First National
Bank of Auburn, Auburn, Alabama

4/11/68 J. L. SILAVENT, Vice President,
Auburn Federal Savings and Loan
Association, Auburn, Alabama

4/11/68 LINDA GOLDEN, Teller and Book-
keeper, Mid-Way Bank, Opelika,
Alabama

RUSSELL COUNTY

4/11/68 MILDRED KING, Partner, Credit
Bureau of Phenix City, Phenix
City, Alabama

" DEVON KIKER, Deputy Clerk, Circuit
Court, Russell County, Phenix City,
Alabama

" Captain JOHN O'STEEN, Phenix City,
PD

" EDDIE B. EZELL, Executive Vice
President, First Federal Savings
and Loan Association of Russell
County, Phenix City, Ala.

" JAMES CROSS, Vice President, Phenix
National Bank, Phenix City, Ala.

" WILLIAM E. COPELAND, Vice President,
Phenix - Girard Bank, Phenix City,
Ala.

" E. A. COCHRANE, JR., Vice President,
Bank of Hurtsboro, Hurtsboro, Ala.

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ROBERT JACKSON, Assistant Vice
President, Farmers and Merchants
Bank, Hurtsboro, Alabama

RANDOLPH COUNTY

All contacts made on 4/11/68:

JOYCE O'KEEFE, Assistant Clerk,
Circuit Court, Randolph County,
Wedowee, Ala.

LOUISE TRAYLOR, City Clerk,
Wedowee, Ala.

MARY SUE PIKE, Credit Bureau of
Roanoke, Ala.

HOWARD TAYLOR, Patrolman, Roanoke,
Ala. PD.

EDWIN POLLARD, Vice President,
City Bank and Trust Company, Roanoke,
Ala.

J. T. LANDERS, Vice President,
Commercial Bank, Roanoke, Ala.

SAM CARPENTER, Vice President,
Bank of Wedowee, Ala.

LEON PHILLIPS, President, Bank of
Wadley, Wadley, Ala.

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The following individuals were contacted by SA WILBOR J. HUST at Montgomery, Ala. on 4/10/68 and each advised that the records of his bank were negative re ERIC STARVO GALT:

L. H. MOORE, Vice President, Ala. National Bank
AL DICKENSON, Vice President, Capitol National Bank
LUTHER BOZEMAN, Vice President, First National Bank
JEANETTE HOPKINS, Peoples Bank & Trust Co.
CYRIL PORTUGILL, Vice President, Union Bank & Trust Co.

Each checked all records pertaining to checking accounts, savings accounts, safety deposit boxes, and loans.

The following investigation was conducted by SA CARMELO GRAFF-AGNINI at Montgomery, Ala. on 4/10/68:

The telephone directories located at Southern Bell Telephone Co., 126 Church St., were checked for the following counties under the name ERIC STARVO GALT with negative results:

Chilton, Coosa, Autauga, Elmore, Lowndes, Montgomery, Butler, and Crenshaw.

The following investigation was conducted telephonically by SA DAN O. STEPHENS at Montgomery, Ala. on 4/10/68:

Mrs. JENNIE S. FRANK, Veteran's Administration Regional Office, advised that she was unable to locate a record identifiable with GALT. She pointed out that her indices reflect only those individuals having current files or claims. She stated that all closed files are located at St Louis, Mo. She also advised that the office of the Central Locator, Veteran's Administration, Washington, DC will have a listing for all veterans and location of their files.

R. W. GORE, Household Finance Corp., 71 Commerce St., caused a check of GALT through files of Montgomery Lenders Assn, with negative result. He advised that this association serves as a clearing house for ~~XXX~~ all of the major loan companies serving Montgomery and surrounding counties.

MARY PHELPS, Office of Probate Judge, Montgomery County, advised that the name ERIC STARVO GALT does not appear on the voter registration list for Montgomery County.

The following individuals advised that the files of their respective agencies contain no record identifiable with GALT:

ERNEST ARRINGTON, Retail Credit Bureau
HELEN ~~XXXXXXXX~~ MC LAIN, General American Credit Bureau
EARL THOMPSON, Identification Division, Ala. Dept. of Public Safety
J. D. GAFFORD, Montgomery County SO
J. S. BALINT, Records Bureau, Montgomery PD

JUDY GRINER, Credit Reporting Co.
ANN BOYD, Traffic Records Division, Municipal Court

It should be noted that above credit bureaus cover, Montgomery, Elmore, Autauga, and portions of Lowndes County.

The Montgomery City Directory for 1968 has no listing identifiable with GALT.

SELMA, ALA. - By SA Robert L. Faye.

Following Banks - Negative

*Peoples Bank + Trust Co. - Rex Northlund, Pres.
Citizens Bank + Trust Co. - Wallace Hill, Pres.
City National Bank - Chas. Cobb, V. Pres.
Selma National Bank - Roger Jones, Pres.*

The following investigation was conducted by SA G. Robert Maff at FT. Deposit, Ala:

On 4/11/68, Chief of Police W.D. Stokes advised ~~after reviewing~~ he was ~~his records, he could~~ unable to locate and file a record of an ERIC STARVO GALT. Chief Stokes advised there is no credit Bureau in FT. Deposit, but this area is covered by the Greenville, Ala. Credit Bureau.

On 4/11/68, Mrs. Olivia Brunner Sr., Head Cashier, FT. Deposit Bank, Hayneville and FT. Deposit, Ala. advised ~~that~~ the Bank has no records of any sort under the name of Eric Starvo Galt.

~~On 4/11/68~~
The following investigation was conducted by SA G. Robert Maff at Hayneville, Ala:

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On 4/11/68, Mrs. Eloise Varner, Probate Judge's office, Lawrence County, Hayneville, Alabama advised that no voter registration is available under the name of Eric Starvo Galt.

On 4/11/68, Joe Jackson, Deputy Sheriff, Lawrence County, Hayneville, Alabama advised he could not locate any record of an Eric Starvo Galt in Lawrence County.

The following investigation was conducted by SA. S. Robert Mark in Greenville, Alabama:

On 4/11/68, Mrs. Weida Stinson, Greenville Credit Bureau advised that the ~~the~~ Credit Bureau covers Butler, Lawrence and Crenshaw Counties in Alabama but the name of Eric Starvo Galt did not appear in their files.

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On 4/11/68, Deputy Sheriff Parker
Worthington, Butler County Sheriff
Office, Greenville, Alabama advised
their records failed to reflect
the name of Eric Starvo Galt.

Chief of Police Stafford,
Greenville, Alabama advised on
4/11/68 that his records
failed to indicate anyone
by the name of Eric Starvo Galt.

On 4/11/68, Mr. C.R. Thompson,
Vice President and Cashier, The First
National Bank, Greenville, Ala
advised his file contains no
record of ~~an~~ an Eric Starvo
Galt.

Mr. James Callaway, Head Cashier,
Bank of Greenville, Greenville, Ala,
advised no record ^{was} available
for an Eric Starvo Galt.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA. G. Robert Mart at McHensie, Ala:

On 4/11/68, Mr. Charles Shephard, Assistant Vice President, Greenville Bank, McHensie Alabama advised his bank failed to reflect any record of an Eric Starvo Galt.

On 4/11/68, Mr. James B. Guilmond, Cashier, The Citizens Bank, Georgiana Ala. stated his records failed to reflect the name of Eric Starvo Galt.

Chief of Police Blackman, Georgiana, Ala. advised on 4/11/68 no record was available for an Eric Starvo Galt.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA G. ROBERT MARTZ at Dozier, Brantley, and Luverne, Alabama:

On April 12, 1968, Mr. C. H. BOWERS, Vice President, First National Bank, Dozier, Alabama, advised his files contained no record of an ERIC STARVO GALT.

Mr. A. D. ELLIOTT, Cashier, Luverne Bank and Trust Company, Luverne, Alabama, advised on April 12, 1968, that no record was available under the name of ERIC STARVO GALT.

On April 12, 1968, Mr. J. H. HOLLIS, Vice President, Brantley Bank & Trust Company, Brantley, Alabama, advised their files contained no information on an ERIC STARVO GALT.

Sheriff RAY HOM, Crenshaw County Sheriff's Office, Luverne, Alabama, advised on April 2, 1968, he has no record of an ERIC STARVO GALT but would be alert for this name in the future.

On April 12, 1968, Chief of Police HARRY RANPACK, Luverne, Alabama, advised his files contain no record of an ERIC STARVO GALT, but would immediately notify the FBI in the event this name appears in the future.

A credit check for GALT in Crenshaw County, Alabama, was previously conducted on April 11, 1968, reflecting negative results.

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On 4/11/65 the following persons were contacted by SA Wilber Hunt, and all advised, after a search of their records, that there was no one by the name of Eric Starvo Galt in their records:

at Prattville, Ala.

Olin Thompson, Chief of Police
James Striplin, President, Bank of Prattville
Mrs. Maude H. DeRamus, Cashier, Citizens Bank
Mrs. Margaret Hawks, Deputy Clerk, Circuit Court
Marpel Ramey, Sec. Judge of Probate, voter records.

at Clanton, Ala.

Melvin Headley, Cashier, First National Bank
William R. Wood, Cashier, Peoples Savings Bank
Joseph J. Mullins, Judge, ~~Circuit~~ ^{Circuit} Court
Mr. Gladys Smith, Sec. Judge of Probate
Mrs. Joyce Payton, Clerk, City Recorder's Court
W.O. Miller, Credit Bureau of Clanton

at Thoraby, Ala.

V.A. Lenoir, Pres. Bank of Thoraby

at Maplesville, Ala.

E.P. Jones, Cashier, Bank of Maplesville

4/25/68

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: CHECK OF NAMES
ERIC STARVO GALT,
JOHN WILLARD,
HARVEY LOWMEYER,
OR LOWMYER

Reference is made to Bureau teletype to all offices, 8:40 PM, 4/8/68, instructing that all offices check city and telephone directories, driver's license records, auto registration records, voter registration records, and credit and criminal records on the surnames LOWMEYER and LOWMYER.

Reference is also made to Bureau teletype to all offices, 10:16 AM, 4/10/68, instructing that check be made of Selective Service headquarters, city and telephone directories, driver's license bureaus, motor vehicle divisions, financial institutions, credit and criminal, and other logical sources concerning ERIC STARVO GALT.

All of these checks were made throughout the Mobile Division territories as instructed, but developed no information concerning the suspect. These contacts have been recorded in Mobile file and no insert concerning this investigation is being submitted in view of the negative nature of the results of these contacts.

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TO : SAC (157-2627)(P)

FROM : SA CARMELO GRAFFAGNINI

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/12/68

The following investigation was conducted by the writer on 4/8/68, as indicated below in an attempt to establish the whereabouts of the three bombing suspects in the Montgomery area for the period 3/29 and 30 and 4/4/68:

LEO J. DRUMN, Manager of the Capital Refrigeration Operation, Montgomery, Ala., advised that ROBERT LAWRENCE BELL, JR. worked the entire day, 3/29 and 4/4, at the Jefferson Davis High School on a construction job. He stated that he could not account for the whereabouts of BELL on 3/30 inasmuch as he did not work that day because of its being a Saturday.

V. D. LOCHARD, District Plant Manager, Southern Bell Telephone Co., advised that JAMES M. HALL worked for the Southern Bell Telephone Co. on 3/29 and 30 and 4/4/68, a full eight-hour shift on each day.

ROY ARMSTRONG, Manager of the Armstrong Plumbing Co., Montgomery, Ala., advised that LEROY LAMAR DUCKER worked on 3/29 and 30 as well as 4/4/68, for his company.

From the above investigation it would appear that the three suspects mentioned were all in the Montgomery area on the 29th and 30th of March with the exception of BELL, who did not work on the 30th, and all of these individuals reported to work and worked a full shift on 4/4/68, which would eliminate them as suspects in this case.

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TO : SAC (157-2627)

FROM : SA RAYMOND J. MAXWELL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/15/68

COLVERT RAYMOND McGRIFF, JR.,
Bombing Suspect, Mobile Division

On 4/11/68, COLVERT RAYMOND McGRIFF, JR., advised SA RAYMOND J. MAXWELL that he was in Columbia, Alabama, on the night of 4/4/68. He advised that he was at the residence of ANDREW DISMUKES, Columbia, where he was installing a water heater.

McGRIFF advised he had no information whatsoever concerning instant case, and had no suspects in the matter.

On 4/12/68, ANDREW DISMUKES, Columbia, Alabama, who is employed by the Dothan Hosiery Mill, Dothan, Alabama, advised SA RAYMOND J. MAXWELL that COLVERT RAYMOND McGRIFF, JR., who is in the plumbing and refrigeration business, was at his residence on the night of 4/4/68, installing a hot water heater. He advised that McGRIFF came to his residence shortly before 7:00 P. M., and worked at the residence until around 8:30 P. M.

Mrs. ROGER SOLLIE (protect identity), a neighborhood source, who resides on Fortner Street, Dothan, telephonically advised SA RAYMOND J. MAXWELL that she could not positively state that McGRIFF was at his residence on the night of 4/4/68, but as far as she knows, he was not out of the area, and probably did spend the night at his residence.

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AIRMAIL

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Check of Klan Members
and Bombing Suspects

4/8/68. Reference is made to Bureau teletype 3:55 p.m.,

Investigation concerning the whereabouts of Klan members with a violent potential and bombing suspects of the Mobile Office has developed no information to indicate any connection with this case. The investigation concerning these individuals was discontinued after identification of subject on 4/19/68.

These negative contacts have been recorded in Mobile file and no insert is being submitted UAC.

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AIRMAIL

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Informant Contacts

Contacts with informants in this case have developed no information as to this matter. These negative contacts have been recorded in Mobile file. Contacts with informants are being continued for any information of assistance in locating subject RAY, and Memphis will be immediately advised of any such information received.

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Addendum: Some negative informant contacts have already been reported in this file. Additional negative contacts are as follows:

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Agent</u>
PCI JAMES LEON STRINGER	4/10/68	SA JOSEPH T. BOSTON
PCI JACK CARTER	4/2/68, 4/11/68, 4/19/68	SA ARNOLD C. MERROW
PCI JACKIE P. TURNER	4/12 & 19/68	SA ARNOLD C. MERROW
PCI DAVID YOUNGBLOOD	4/6/68	SA GERALD O. GRAYBILL
MO 210-C	4/6/68	SA GERALD O. GRAYBILL
PCI EUGENE MINOR	4/6/68	SA GERALD O. GRAYBILL
PCI DOUG MOORE	4/6/68	SA GERALD O. GRAYBILL
FRANK LANE (R Prob)	4/5/68	SA ALLISON A. CATLIN
LEON McREYNOLDS (R prob)	4/5/68	SA ALLISON A. CATLIN
MO 217-C	4/5/68	SA RAYMOND J. MAXWELL

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<u>Informant</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>Agent</u>
MO 141-C	4/1&5/68	SA RAYMOND J. MAXWELL
PCI ROBERT A. BEASLEY	4/5/68	SA G. ROBERT MARTZ
PCI CECIL L. JOHNSTON	4/5/68	SA G. ROBERT MARTZ
PCI LINCOLN R. BROWN	3/11, 4/2 & 4/5/68	SA G. ROBERT MARTZ
MO 181-C	3/31/68 & 4/5/68	SA G. ROBERT MARTZ
LORETTA ARMSTRONG (R Prob)	4/5/68	SA RAYMOND J. MAXWELL

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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 lock-smithing 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	

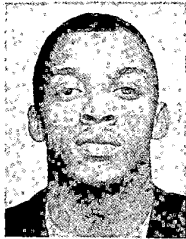
THEY ARE ALL ARMED AND DANGEROUS. If you receive any information, give it at once to your SAC or appropriate supervisor. PHOTOGRAPHS, FINGERPRINTS AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA OF ALL FUGITIVES ON THE LIST ARE ON THE REVERSE SIDE.

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The FBI's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" April 20, 1968
James Earl Ray is a special addition.

CONSIDER ALL ARMED AND DANGEROUS



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;
occ - lab, upholsterer. Wanted by FBI
for BANK ROBBERY and UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO
AVOID PROSECUTION (Burglary, Larceny,
and Receiving Stolen Goods).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4177
FBI#-388 901 E
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1966

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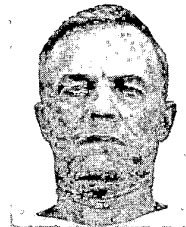


CHARLES LEE HERRON, also known as:
Lee Jones.
N; born [redacted] (?); 5'7"-5'8"; 145-
150 lbs; sldr bld; blk hair; brn eyes;
dk comp; occ - clerk. Wanted by FBI
for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECU-
TION (Murder; Assault with Intent to
Commit Murder).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4163
FBI#-313 926 G
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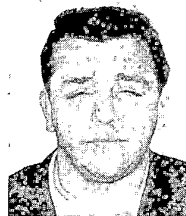


GEORGE EDWARD WELLS, also known as:
George W. Cox, Lloyd Kuczmarski.
W; born [redacted] 5'8"; 165-175 lbs;
med bld; brn hair, gr; brn eyes; med
comp; occ - maintenance worker, painter.
Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO
AVOID PROSECUTION (Armed Robbery);
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN
PROPERTY.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4175
FBI#-1 467 173
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1967

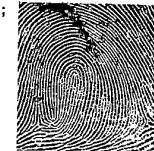
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CARMEN RAYMOND GAGLIARDI, also known as: 17 M 29 W IOM
Carmelo Raimondo Gagliardi (true name), I 32 W OOI 20
Carmen R. Gagliardi.
W; born [redacted] 5'10 1/2"; 185-200 lbs;
hvy bld; blk hair; brn eyes; med comp;
occ - lab. Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL
FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (Murder).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4101
FBI#-566 944 D
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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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; occ - constr worker, dairy
worker, mech, miner, pipe fitter.
Wanted by FBI for BANK ROBBERY.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4072
FBI#-497 062
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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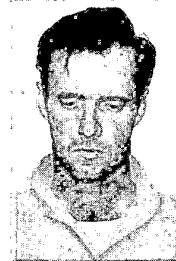
JAMES EARL RAY, also known as:
Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron,
Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride,
John Willard, "Jim."
W; born [redacted] 5'10"; 163-174 lbs;
med bld; brn hair, pss out short; bl
eyes; med comp; occ - baker, color matcher,
lab. Wanted by FBI for CONSPIRING TO
INTERFERE WITH A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF
A CITIZEN AND UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID
CONFINEMENT (Robbery).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4162
FBI#-405 942 G
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1968



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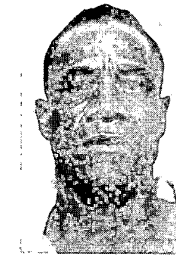
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FRANKLIN ALLEN PARIS, also known as: MLM
Franklin Allen Morrison, Al Paris, MLM
Allie Paris, Frank Allen Paris, 11 S 1 U OOO 14 Ref: 9
Franklen Allen Paris. M 1 U OOI 12 1
W; born [redacted] 6'2"; 190-210 lbs;
med bld; brn hair; brn eyes; med comp;
occ - 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; occ - 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 Clauser, John William Clauser,
Chuck A. Williams.
W; born [redacted] 5'9"; 175-200 lbs;
stky bld; blond hair, may be dyed blk;
bl eyes; rdy comp; occ - clerical
worker, stock clerk. Wanted by FBI
for INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-3837
FBI#-229 125 C
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;
occ - 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
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DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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DAVID STUART NEFF, also known as: LL
Steven Andrews, Solomon Baker, Steven LM
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;
occ - horse trainer, lab, painter,
plumber, surveyor. Wanted by FBI for
BANK ROBBERY.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4179
FBI#-624 874 D
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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Date: 4/25/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN

Re: ^{Ala.} ~~GA~~ license N. G. 2691 Seen Memphis 4/24/68.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYFOUR INSTANT AT FIVE FORTYNINE PM.

ALICE HUDSON, CHIEF CLERK, OFFICE OF PROBATE JUDGE, BARBOUR COUNTY, CLAYTON, ALA., TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THIS DATE NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT ALA. NATIONAL GUARD LICENSE NUMBER TWO SIX NINE ONE HAS NOT BEEN ISSUED AND IS STILL IN HER OFFICE. SHE DESCRIBED THE LICENSE PLATE AS BEING WHITE WITH RED LETTERS.

DOS: crb NO INSERT BEING SUBMITTED.
(1) CRB

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Approved: WMA Sent BH 3:42 PM 3:45 PM M Per CRB
Special Agent in Charge

FBI MOBILE

FBI NEW ORLS

3:27 PM URGENT 4-25-68 MMW

TO MOBILE 157-2627

FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673

MURKIN

RE: SUSPECT JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE.

RE MOBILE TELETYPE TO NEW ORLEANS APRIL TWENTYFOUR LAST.

INVESTIGATION MUSIC BOX LOUNGE, ONE NINE THREE SIX CANAL STREET, NEW ORLEANS, REVEALS NO PERSON HAVING NAME JOE LIVED OR WORKED AT MUSIC BOX LOUNGE WITHIN LAST WEEK. MUSIC BOX IS A THIRD RATE SKID ROW TYPE BAR WITH FLOP HOUSE TYPE ROOMS ON SECOND FLOOR. THIS BAR IS CLOSED AS OF TODAY.

MOBILE RECONTACT RAYMOND W. HILBURN FOR COMPLETE DETAILS OF HIS CONTACT WITH MONTAGNE INCLUDING DESCRIPTIVE DATA, HILBURN'S COMMENTS RE MONTAGNE'S RESEMBLANCE TO RAY, WHERE MONTAGNE SAID HE WAS FROM, ETC. SUTEL.

AIR MAIL COPIES MEMPHIS AND JACKSON.

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M. C. [unclear]
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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO TAMPA 157-3231
FROM MOBILE 157-2627

MURKIN. CR, OO ME

RE TAMPA TELETYPE APR. TWENTY-THREE INSTANT.

RE SIXTY-EIGHT FLA. LICENSE THREE W SIX TWO THREE THREE
ZERO.

ROBERT D. WEIR HAS MADE NO EFFORT TO CONTACT MONTGOMERY,
ALA. RA.

TAMPA INTERVIEW WEIR UPON HIS RETURN.

AM CY MEMPHIS. *NO INSERT SUBMITTED MOBILE.*
END

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1-Memphis (44-1987) AM
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Approved: WMA Sent 4/6 P M Per ASB
Special Agent in Charge

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

RE: JAMES MOORE, JR., Guest,
Holiday Inn, Selma, Alabama
4/18/68

Reference is made to Mobile teletype to Milwaukee 12:20 P.M., 4/18/68, airmail copy to Memphis, and Milwaukee teletype to Mobile 3:50 P. M., 4/18/68, with airmail copy to Memphis and Birmingham.

Milwaukee teletype identified MOORE, his wife, and another party, HENRY A. DELACENSERIE as apparently travelling with the MOORE's and verified their residence and employment in Wisconsin.

Accordingly, no investigation was made concerning MOORE at Selma, and no insert being submitted.

2-Memphis
1-Birmingham (Info) (44-1740)
②-Mobile
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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

RE: Suspect at National Citizens
Council Meeting, Montgomery,
Alabama, 1/14-16/65

Reference is made to Birmingham teletype to Bureau, Memphis, Mobile and New Orleans reporting information concerning a National Citizens Council Meeting at the Whitley Hotel, Montgomery, Alabama, 1/14-16/65, and setting forth lead to conduct logical investigation to determine the identity of the delegate from Selma, Alabama, who may have registered as a guest at the Whitley Hotel, and thereafter determine the whereabouts of this person during pertinent period.

On 4/15/68, the following individuals at Selma, Alabama, were contacted in reference to information contained in above communication, all individuals being present or past officers in the Dallas County Citizens Council, and they reported they did not recall the Citizens Council Convention being in Montgomery during 1965, however, it possibly could have been held there.

2-Memphis
1-Birmingham (Info) (44-1740)
2-Mobile

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All advised that they have at various times attended the conventions, however, do not recall any conversation such as referred to in referenced teletype, and they have absolutely no information that might aid in the identification of any delegate from Selma, Alabama, who might have heard any such statements:

M. ALSTON KEITH, Attorney-at-law, past president, Dallas County Citizens Council.

THOMAS B. STRONG, Shell Oil Distributor, past secretary, Dallas County Citizens Council.

COMER SIMS, City Recreation Department Director, Selma, past delegate to Citizens Council conventions.

No further investigation is being made concerning this incident since subject has been identified, and no insert is being submitted.

April 25, 1968

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype 12:38 p.m. 4/22/68.

The following investigation was conducted telephonically by SA DAN O. STEPHENS at Montgomery, Alabama, on 4/22/68:

KATHLEEN DEININGER, Motor Vehicle Division, Ala. Dept. of Revenue, advised that 1968 license number 4-4163 was issued 11/4/67 to EDDIE JEAN GRIFFIN, Route 1, Box 191, Billingsley, Alabama, for a 1961 Ford, two door, VIN 1A32W174843. No duplicate license has been issued for this vehicle.

GERTRUDE KING, Driver's License Division, Alabama Department of Public Safety, advised that she was unable to locate a record identifiable with above individual.

H. H. CARR, Radio Operator, AST, advised that he was unable to locate stolen report for this car.

JAMES LOCKHART, Deputy Sheriff, Autauga County SO, Prattville, Alabama, advised that he resides in the Billingsley, Alabama, area and is familiar with most residents in that area. He stated that EDDIE JEAN GRIFFIN, Route 1, Billingsley, a Negro male, owns a 1961 Ford. He further advised that GRIFFIN is employed by Bushog, Manufacturing Company, Selma, Alabama and commutes to work there daily. He also advised that he knows of

2 - Memphis
1 - Atlanta (44-2386)
1 - San Antonio (Info)
② - Mobile
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no other person by that name in Billingsley area.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT L. FRYE at Selma, Alabama on 4/23/68:

EDDIE JEAN GRIFFIN, Route 1, Billingsley, Alabama, advised that he owns a 1961 Ford, and produced a tag receipt indicating that 1968 Alabama license number 4-4163 was issued for his car. He further advised that this car was in his possession in Autauga County, Alabama, during 4/21/68, and, to his knowledge, it has never been in Texas.

BUDDY HOWORTH, Personnel Department, Bushog Mfg. Company, advised that his records reflect that GRIFFIN reported for work 7:00 a.m. on 4/22/68.

In view of fact that car reportedly seen in San Antonio late 4/21/68, is owned by a Negro male who stated he has not been in Texas, it would appear that the anonymous caller gave incorrect license number to San Antonio office. Accordingly, no further investigation is being made and no insert is being submitted concerning this incident UAC.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)

FROM : SA HOWARD R. LINSKOTT

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

DATE: 4/25/68

Re Rooming house at 113 14th Street,
Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia.

On 4/24/68, MO 177-R, advised that BILLY JOE FAULKNER joined the United Klans of America at Dothan, Alabama, in 1965. He stated that some klansmen suspected FAULKNER as being an FBI informer because he had a two-way radio in his car. Other klansmen suspected that FAULKNER was a homosexual. Upon request of membership, FAULKNER was discharged from the Klan as a suspected informer or homosexual.

FAULKNER has had no contact with the Dothan Klan in at least two years.

MO 177-R stated that FAULKNER told him that he always had two-way radios in his car. MO 177-R stated that he heard police calls over the radio in FAULKNER's car. Apparently FAULKNER has good knowledge of radios. He stated that he has not seen FAULKNER in over two years and has no idea where he may be located. He stated that now that FAULKNER's name has been brought to his attention, he is of the opinion that BILLY JOE FAULKNER resembled the photo of ERIC STARVO GALT and JAMES EARL RAY that have been in the newspapers.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

FBI MOBILE

FBI LOS ANG.

4:15PM URGENT 4-25-68 NCH

TO MOBILE

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

MRS. JOSEPHINE WOOD, COMPLAINANT, ADVISED SHE OBSERVED
LOOK-A-LIKE OF JAMES EARL RAY DRIVING CHEVROLET BEARING
ALABAMA LICENSE TWO-NINE-FOUR FIVE ZERO SEVEN.

MOBILE REQUESTED TO DETERMINE REGISTRATION OF VEHICLE,
IDENTITY AND LOCATION OF INDIVIDUAL OPERATING VEHICLE IN
LOS ANGELES.

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Stephens *Paul*

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Date: 4/24/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR (MAIL) AND ST. LOUIS

FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)

-157-2627
MURKIN

RE MOBILE TELEPHONE CALL TO JACKSON.

ROBERT ANDERSON, KREOLE, MISS., TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED MOBILE STATING HE HAD INFORMATION RE KING'S KILLER, BUT WOULD NOT DISCUSS ON TELEPHONE. ANDERSON WAS LOCATED AT KREOLE, MISS., AND FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REQUESTING HIS IDENTITY BE CONCEALED. ONE BOB BOSSIER (PHONETIC) WHITE MALE, THIRTYFOUR TO THIRTYFIVE, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BUCK TEETH, WORKS FOR JOHN WESLEY ANDERSON, FIVE ONE FIVE NORTH SEVENTH STREET, DESOTO, MISSOURI, AS A ROOFER. ACCORDING TO SOURCE BOSSIER MAY BE AN ESCAPEE FROM STATE OF MICHIGAN ON ARMED ROBBERY CHARGE. BOSSIER

- 1 - BUREAU (AM) 1 - DETROIT (AM)
- 1 - MEMPHIS (AM)
- ① - MOBILE (AM)
- 1 - JACKSON

JJF:PDB

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NATIVE OF ST. LOUIS AREA AND HAS DONE TIME AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, IN ILLINOIS AND IN MISSOURI. HE WAS ALSO IN ATLANTA ABOUT NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE. ACCORDING TO SOURCE BOSSIER IS NOT IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY, BUT HIS PAST HISTORY AND PLACES OF CONFINEMENT ARE SIMILAR AND SOURCE BELIEVES BOSSIER MAY HAVE SOME KNOWLEDGE OF RAY.

ST. LOUIS AT DESOTO, MISSOURI, REVIEW INDICES, IDENTIFY BOB BOSSIER (PHONETIC) THROUGH PD RECORDS AND OTHER SOURCES. DETERMINE THROUGH INVESTIGATION IF BOSSIER SERVED TIME WITH SUBJECT RAY AND COULD FURNISH PERTINENT INFORMATION RE RAY AND MURKIN. PROTECT ANDERSON AS SOURCE.

AIRMAIL COPIES FURNISHED MOBILE AND MEMPHIS, AND DETROIT.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

FBI

Date: 4/25/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(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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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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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 20, 1968

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

FUGITIVE

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY

"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM

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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.

Ray is a 40-year-old white male, reportedly born in Illinois on 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.

To: SAC, Mobile

FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION
FUGITIVE PUBLICITY

Enclosed is material on JAMES EARL RAY,
I.O. #4182, who was added to the list of "Ten Most Wanted
Fugitives," Saturday, p.m., April 20, 1968.

You should furnish this material to your
established outlets in accordance with previous arrangements.

In the event the fugitive is captured or process
dismissed, it will be your responsibility to notify the recipients
of the material to preclude publicizing the individual after he
has been removed from a fugitive status.

Proposed transmittal form card:

Attached is material on JAMES EARL RAY
who was added to the FBI's list of "Ten Most
Wanted Fugitives," Saturday, p.m., April 20, 1968.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Post Office Box 2128
Mobile, Alabama 36601
April 26, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Dear Sir:

As you are aware, James Earl Ray was added to the FBI's list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" on April 20, 1968. I am enclosing herewith additional publicity material on Ray.

You will be promptly advised should Ray be apprehended.

Very truly yours,

W. M. Alexander

W. M. Alexander
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI BIRMGHAM

10:40AM URGENT 4-26-68 FAS

TO DIRECTOR AND SAC'S MEMPHIS AND MOBILE
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN.

IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE MAY NOW BE RESIDING
IN TERRITORY OF BIRMINGHAM OFFICE ANY FORMER INMATES OF MISSOURI
STATE PRISON WHO MAY HAVE KNOWN SUBJECT, CONTACT HAS WITH H. S.
PROBATION OFFICER, BIRMINGHAM. HE WILL CHECK RECORDS AND ADVISE.
CONTACT HAS ALSO WITH WARREN GASTON, STATE PAROLE AND PROBATION
OFFICER, BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT, WHO IS ALSO CHECKING FILES. HE
SUGGESTED COVERAGE OF ENTIRE STATE OF ALABAMA FOR THIS PURPOSE MAY
BE EFFECTED THROUGH CONTACT WITH L. B. STEPHENS, ALABAMA PAROLE AND
PROBATION EXECUTIVE, STATE OFFICE BUILDING, MONTGOMERY, WHO HAS
FILES ON PAROLEES REFERRED TO HIS OFFICE UNDER AND INTERSTATE COMPACT
AND ARE BROKEN DOWN REFLECTING STATE OF REFERRAL.

MOBILE CONTACT STEPHENS, AND OBTAIN THIS INFORMATION.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: NEW ORLEANS (157-10678)

FROM: MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE.

RE MOBILE TEL TO NEW ORLEANS AND OTHER OFFICES APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST AND NEW ORLEANS TEL TO MOBILE APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST.

RAYMOND M. HILLBURN, ONE THREE ZERO WEST PATTON STREET, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, UPON REINTERVIEW REPORTED:

WHEN HE AND JOSEPH LNU WERE STOPPED BY POLICEMAN, PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI, APRIL NINETEEN LAST, POLICEMAN ASKED JOSEPH IF HE KNEW WHO HE LOOKED LIKE. JOSEPH ANSWERED QUOTE GALT UNQUOTE, AND SAID HE HAD BEEN STOPPED BEFORE, VICINITY OF MOBILE, ALABAMA. JOSEPH IDENTIFIED HIMSELF WITH CARD OF MERCHANT SEAMAN. HILLBURN DOES NOT BELIEVE JOSEPH IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT RAY.

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AT NEW ORLEANS, HILLBURN LEFT JOSEPH AT MUSIC BOX LOUNGE. JOSEPH WAS STAYING IN OLD SCHOOL BUS PARKED REAR MUSIC BOX LOUNGE. BUS WAS OWNED BY WHITE MALE, ABOUT SIXTY, WHO HAD WIFE ABOUT TWENTY. WIFE WORE BLUE JEANS AND COWBOY BOOTS AND APPEARED RETARDED. THIS COUPLE HAD ROOM AT REAR OF LOUNGE. JOSEPH WAS WINO AND DID WORK PART TIME AS BAR TENDER AT LOUNGE. HE WAS WORKING AS BAR TENDER WHEN LAST SEEN BY HILLBURN ABOUT FOUR THIRTY AM, APRIL TWENTYONE LAST.

JOSEPH IS KNOWN TO DALE HALEY, ABOUT TWENTYEIGHT WHO RESIDES IN HOTEL NEXT DOOR TO MUSIC BOX LOUNGE.

JOSEPH DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, THIRTYFIVE, SIX FEET TALL, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS, BLUE EYES, FAIR COMPLEXION, BLONDE HAIR, WORN LONG AND UNCOMBED. HE STUTTERS, IS MUSCULAR, AND HAS NO KNOWN SCARS. HE STATED HE WAS DRAWING UNEMPLOYMENT AT NEW ORLEANS OF ABOUT FORTY DOLLARS PER WEEK.

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**NEW ORLEANS, LOCATE JOSEPH WHO APPEARS IDENTICAL
TO JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE, TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL
WITH SUBJECT.**

MEMPHIS ADVISED AM. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

Mobile, Alabama
April 25, 1968

MEMO TO: SAs ROBINSON, FRYE, ROBB, EVELAND,
CREASON, MAXWELL, MERROW and CATLIN

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Bureau teletype, 4/24/68, has instructed contact be maintained with all mass communications media to insure that there is frequent reference to RAY and his connection with this case.

It is noted that Wanted Flyer 442, Wanted Flyer 442A and IO 4182 have been issued on subject and widely distributed. Leading newspapers and leading radio and TV stations have been furnished data concerning RAY, including photographs.

Each agent receiving this memorandum will contact all TV stations in his territory, leading newspapers, and leading radio stations, in order to insure particularly that the newspapers and TV stations run photographs of RAY periodically, at least weekly, if possible, and that radio stations periodically make reference to this case.

The Bureau also requested we make certain that all appropriate stops have been renewed on RAY under all of his known aliases as set out on the wanted flyers and IO. Stops have been placed in the past in Montgomery with the Drivers License Division and the Motor Vehicle Division, and SA ROBB or SA STEPHENS should make sure that these stops include all of the known aliases of the subject.

The Bureau also instructed in this teletype that appropriate investigation at all "hippie" rooming houses and similar establishments be made for any information whatsoever concerning RAY. SAs HEGSTETTER and SPONHOLTZ are handling contacts with different rooming houses in Mobile to alert them concerning subject, and each agent receiving this memorandum will see that appropriate rooming houses are contacted and alerted concerning the possible appearance of subject.

1 - Ea. Addressee

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These contacts should be made promptly and should be reported by memo to me setting forth the persons contacted and the dates thereof.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

~~W. M. Alexander~~
SAC