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537PM URGENT 4-28-68 EVB
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS,
NEW ORLEANS, LOS ANGELES, AND SAN ANTONIO
FROM HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN

RE MO TELS APRIL TWENTY-FIVE, TWENTY-SIX AND TWENTY-SEVEN
LAST.

RE LOUIS LOMAX - CHARLES STEIN

HUGH AINSWORTH OF NEWSWEEK CONTACTED TELEPHONE CO., HOUSTON,
TEXAS AND ADVISED LOMAX AND STEIN HAD IDENTIFIED A COIN TELEPHONE
LOCATED AT ENCO SERVICE STATION, ROUTE NINETY, UVALDE, TEXAS
AS ONE ALLEGEDLY USED BY RAY TO MAKE CALL TO NEW ORLEANS
BETWEEN HOURS OF SIX PM AND NINE PM TWELVE SIXTEEN SIXTYSEVEN.
TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THIS PHONE IS BR EIGHT NINE ZERO FOUR EIGHT.
AINSWORTH REQUESTED TOLL CALLS FROM THIS PHONE BE CHECKED TO
DETERMINE IF ANY CALLS MADE TO NEW ORLEANS TWELVE SIXTEEN
SIXTYSEVEN AND HE BE ADVISED. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE AT TELEPHONE
CO. HAS ADVISED THIS OFFICE NO CALLS MADE TO NEW ORLEANS FROM
THIS PHONE DURING ENTIRE MONTH OF DEC. SIXTYSEVEN. DURING
HOURS SIX PM TO NINE PM TWELVE SIXTEEN SIXTYSEVEN
INTERSTATE CALL MADE FROM THIS PHONE WHICH WAS
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PERSON IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS ~~BEN GOMEZ~~¹
TO THE RESIDENCE OF ~~GUADALUPE MATA~~(PH) IN CALIFORNIA, PHONE
~~FOUR ZERO EIGHT DASH EIGHT FOUR TWO DASH TWO ZERO ONE FOUR.~~
OTHER EIGHT CALLS DURING THIS PERIOD WERE TEXAS CALL WHICH
WERE OBTAINED FROM TELEPHONE CO. AND WILL BE CHECKED OUT.
LOS ANGELES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CHECK OUT THIS TELEPHONE
NUMBER.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, (157-10673)

DATE: 4/28/68

FROM : OTIS L. PAGE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 725 PM, SA DUNINGHAM, Phoenix Office, telephonically contacted the office and advised that recheck of telephone number of pay phone in Yuma, Arizona for December 15, 1967 indicates number ~~KXXXX~~ that was called to be Area code 318-746-9200. Telephone company Phoenix division stated number listed to Curtis Park Bar, Texas Street, Bossier City, La.

SA DUNINGHAM advised that collect calls would be checked and when the information is made available it will be furnished to New Orleans.

SA DUNINGHAM advised a teletype would follow confirming this telephone call.
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T.P. Kelley advised 4/28/68 olp

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FBI PHOENIX
958PM 4/28/68 GENT JDD

TO DIRECTOR(44-38861), HOUSTON, LOS ANGELES(44-1574), NEW
ORLEANS(157-10673), AND MEMPHIS(44-1987)(AIRMAIL)
FROM PHOENIX(44-371)

MURKIN

REMYTEL APRIL TWENTYSIX LAST AND NO TEL APRIL TWENTYSEVEN LAST.
RE TELEPHONE CALL FROM YUMA, ARIZONA DECEMBER FIFTEEN SIXTYSEVEN
TO SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA TELEPHONE NUMBER THREE ONE EIGHT -
SEVEN FOUR SIX - NINE TWO ZERO ZERO. (NOTE CORRECTION)

INSTANT DATE, MR. JACK GRAHM, SECURITY, MOUNTAIN STATES
TELEPHONE CO., PHOENIX, ARIZONA, ADVISED, AFTERA RECHECK OF YUMA
AREA PAY PHONE CALLS DURING DECEMBER FOURTEEN, FIFTEEN AND SIXTEEN,
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, THAT THE CORRECT NUMBER FOR THE YUMA PAY
PHONE CALL MADE TO LOUISIANA AT TEN PM, DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST
IS THREE ONE EIGHT, SEVEN FOUR SIX, NINE TWO ZERO ZERO AND NOT
FOUR TWO ZERO ZERO AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

GRAHM FURTHER ADVISED THAT A CHECK WITH THE LOUISIANA SOUTHERN
BELL TELEPHONE OFFICIALS INDICATES THIS NUMBER IS LISTED TO
CURTIS PARK BAR, TEXAS ST., BOSSIER CITY, LA. WHICH IS ALLEGEDLY
JUST OUTSIDE OF SHREVEPORT, LA. GRAHM IS CONTINUING THE CHECK
OF COLLECT CALLS MADE FROM YUMA TO LOUISIANA ON ABOVE DATES.

PX DIVISION WILL REPORT RESULTS OF SUCH COLLECTION CHECK.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4-29-68

FROM : SA ALBERT B. MILLER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 7:10 a.m., this date, an unknown male who stated he did not want to get in the middle of anything and who reluctantly identified himself as ARTHUR L. PLATO, residence 1515 Miller St., Utica, N.Y., very excitedly telephonically contacted the New Orleans Office and stated he had just seen a man who looked like JAMES RAY. PLATO, who advised he was traveling from Utica to Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, to visit his fiancée, Pvt. LAURA MARTINEZ, Bay 11, Ft. SamHouston, Texas, elaborated that about 15 minutes ago he was in the "LittleBunny Bar", downtown district of New Orleans, and a man came in the bar who looked like JAMES RAY.

PLATO stated when he saw this man he said to the bar maid, "Don't that guy look like JAMES RAY?" She replied, "You're crazy." PLATO advised he then said to the man, "Hello, Mr. RAY." Upon hearing this the man turned around and fled the bar.

PLATO described the man as white, male, about 40 years old, 5' 10", brown hair (shade not recalled in the excitement), wearing dark suit coat with dark shirt with open collar. PLATO stated he was unable to further identify this man.

PLATO stated when the man fled the bar he himself left and went to a bar around the corner, name unknown to PLATO. As PLATO entered this second bar the man who looks like RAY entered the bar. When the man saw PLATO he departed immediately.

PLATO was asked specifically where he had first seen the man and where he was now. He replied, "The LittleBunnyBar," and he got the bartender on the phone to identify his pleasant location. The bartender said he was at the Havana Bar, Decatur & Canal Sts. The bartender commented we should forget the call from the man (PLATO) because he was drunk and very excited.

PLATO got on the phone and when asked where we could talk to him he stated he was scared and was leaving town enroute to visit his fiancée in Ft. Sam Houston. He commented he was no crank but had been beat up ~~in~~ by Negroes in the recent Washington, D.C., riots and wanted not to be involved.

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Attempt to identify the look-alike.



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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, New Orleans (157-10673)**

Date: **April 26, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Examination requested by: **New Orleans**

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **PC-A5860 IZ**

Reference: **Letter 4/22/68**

Examination requested: **Microscopic - Fingerprint - Miscellaneous**

Remarks:

You are being advised of the results of the fingerprint examination by a separate report.

The submitted evidence is being retained in the Laboratory.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

To: **FBI, New Orleans**

Date: **April 26, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN**

FBI File No. **44-38861**

Lab. No. **PC-A5860 IZ**

Specimens received **4/24/68**

Q285 Material from ashtray

Results of examination:

The cigarette butt in specimen Q285 is a "Tareyton" filter brand.

Nothing else of apparent significance was found in specimen Q285.

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TELETYPE URGENT

TO: SAC, HOUSTON

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

MURKIN

RE TEXAS LICENSE NKR FOUR TWO FIVE - LOOK-ALIKE.

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL TO SAN ANTONIO, APRIL TWENTYSIX
INSTANT.

FOR INFO HOUSTON RE TEL STATES BERT HYDE, REPORTER,
STATES ITEM NEWSPAPER, NEW ORLEANS, TELEPHONICALLY
ADVISED APRIL TWENTYSIX INSTANT THAT OLIVER SALINOVICH,
PORT SULPHUR, LA., OYSTER MAN, ADVISED HIM ON FRIDAY,
APRIL NINETEEN LAST, HE OBSERVED A PERSON DRIVING A GREEN
OLDSMOBILE WITH BLACK VINYL TOP, TEXAS LICENSE NKR FOUR
TWO FIVE, WHO LOOKED LIKE THE PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY.

RE TEL ALSO REQUESTED SAN ANTONIO TO IMMEDIATELY
CHECK OUT, DETERMINE OWNER, LOCATION, DRIVERS INFORMATION,
AND OTHER INFORMATION WHICH WILL ASSIST IN ELIMINATING
THE DRIVER OF INSTANT CAR.

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ON APRIL TWENTYSIX INSTANT TEXAS DPS ADVISED
NKR FOUR TWO FIVE IS LICENSED FOR HARRIS COUNTY; HOWEVER,
DATA ON LICENSE NOT REPORTED TO TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
BY HARRIS COUNTY TAX OFFICE.

HOUSTON WILL HANDLE LEADS SET FORTH IN RE TEL.

END.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA DAVID V. BUCKLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/24/68, the following sources were contacted relative to JAMES EARL RAY and each viewed a photograph of this subject. All stated that they have not seen this individual and all were made aware of the fact that the subject is highly sought by the Bureau and to immediately contact the FBI if seen:

JOE BUCKNER, JR., PCI

NO 1379-C

NO 1614-C

WILLA SCOTT, PCI

BEN CARTER, PCI

NO 1306-R (PROB)

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TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA THOMAS E. DUHADWAY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ANTHONY CHARLES DE CARVELHO, Social Security number [redacted], Z number 749808, resided at 2006 Iowa St., Kenner, La., telephone 729-4479, advised that he and CHARLES STEIN are both close friends of Mr. JIM GARRISON, New Orleans DA. He advised all three are members of the New Orleans Chess Club. He stated that STEIN was formerly married to MICKIE MEDINA, who was known as the queen of vice in the New Orleans French Quarter in 1962 and 1963. GARRISON allegedly made this statement to DE CARVELHO that "CHARLIE is a good boy, but he keeps bad company". This statement was made after CHARLES STEIN was arrested on a vice charge, which was later dismissed. DE CARVELHO advised by his very nature STEIN would be reluctant to furnish complete details concerning his knowledge of GALT to any law enforcement agency.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA THOMAS E. DUHADWAY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/26/68, ~~MARIE LEE~~, 2001 Claire Avenue, Gretna, Louisiana, telephonically contacted the writer SA TSD and advised that she wished to point out to the FBI, that she did not say most of the things that appeared in the newspaper article, on April 25 and 26, 1968. She stated that she did not know anything about ~~MARIE MARTIN, CHARLES STEIN, and RITA STEIN~~, being requested to register for ~~GEORGE WALLACE~~ on the California Presidential Primary Ballot, and further stated that she could not recall the exact date that STEIN was in New Orleans, and therefore it would have been impossible for her to furnish these dates to the newspaper. She also stated that she did not characterize GALT as a big spender, because she did not know him.

Mrs. LEE stated that she was making this call to set the record straight concerning her exact knowledge of STEIN's trip, and to advise that the newspaper had distorted, and added to her story.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO CHICAGO
FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN.

LOOK-ALIKE, O'HARE AIRPORT, CHICAGO,
DELTA AIRLINE TICKET OFFICE, TWO P.M., APRIL NINE LAST.

H. ALVIN SHARPE, THE EDUCOIN COMPANY, NEW ORLEANS, LA.,
ADVISED APRIL TWENTYNINE INSTANT, THAT HE WAS IN CHICAGO ON
APRIL NINE, SIXTYEIGHT. AT APPROXIMATELY TWO P.M., HE WENT
TO DELTA AIRLINE TICKET OFFICE, O'HARE AIRPORT. HE HAD RETURN
TRIP TICKET TO NEW ORLEANS AND DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF CHANGING
TICKET TO EASTERN AIRLINES SO HE COULD RETURN BY WAY OF
LEXINGTON, KY. WHILE DISCUSSING THIS WITH ONE OF TICKET AGENTS,
HE OBSERVED A MAN TALKING WITH ONE OF THE SEAT RESERVATION
AGENTS OF DELTA AIRLINES LOCATED TO THE LEFT OF TICKET AGENTS AS
ONE FACES THESE AGENTS. HE THOUGHT THIS MAN WAS ARTHUR DARDEN,
A MARINE ENGINEER WHO RESIDES NEW ORLEANS. HIS ATTENTION DRAWN
TO THIS MAN WHEN HE HEARD THE MAN SAY HE WANTED TO GO TO NEW
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ORLEANS, BUT DID NOT WANT THE FLIGHT BY WAY OF ATLANTA. SHARPE WALKED TOWARD THE MAN SPEAKING TO HIM, THINKING HE WAS DARDEN, AND ASKED "WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN CHICAGO". THE MAN DID NOT RESPOND AND HAD A BLANK LOOK, WHEREUPON SHARPE REALIZED THIS MAN NOT DARDEN. HE THEN REALIZED THE MAN WAS SHORTER IN HEIGHT THAN DARDEN. SHARPE APOLOGIZED STATING HE THOUGHT MAN WAS SOMEONE HE KNEW. HE ADVISED THIS PERSON REMAINED AT THE SEAT RESERVATION COUNTER AND SEEMED TO HAVE A "HASSLE" WITH ONE OF THE TWO MEN AT THAT COUNTER. HE GATHERED IT CONCERNED THE MAN'S TRAVEL TO NEW ORLEANS, AS SHARPE HAD TO WAIT UNTIL EVENING FOR HIS PLANE TO NEW ORLEANS. HE NOTED SOME THIRTY MINUTES LATER THAT THE MAN WAS TALKING TO THE SAME SEAT RESERVATION AGENT. HE ASSUMED THE MAN HAD BEEN THERE ALL THIS TIME.

SHARPE DID NOT SEE THIS MAN AGAIN AND DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER THE MAN WAS ON HIS DELTA FLIGHT TO NEW ORLEANS WHICH LEFT CHICAGO APPROXIMATELY SIX P.M.

SHARPE STATES HAS OBSERVED A PICTURE OF JAMES EARL RAY DIFFERENT FROM THE FIRST PHOTO PUBLISHED OF ERIC STARVO GALT
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AND BELIEVES THAT THE MAN REFERRED TO ABOVE WAS IN FACT RAY. SHARPE STATES HAS KNOWN DARDEN FOR FIFTEEN YEARS AND KNOWS DARDEN NOT IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

CHICAGO CONTACT SEAT RESERVATION AGENTS ON DUTY O'HARE AIRPORT AFTERNOON APRIL NINE LAST. ASCERTAIN IF THEY CAN RECALL THIS INCIDENT AND WHETHER THEY CAN IDENTIFY PERSON DESIRING TRAVEL TO NEW ORLEANS, BUT NOT ON FLIGHT VIA ATLANTA. DETERMINE, IF POSSIBLE, NAME USED BY SUCH PERSON AND WHETHER THIS PERSON POSSIBLY JAMES EARL RAY. SUGGEST EXHIBIT VARIOUS PHOTOS OF RAY AS SHARPE STATES THE SIXTYEIGHT PHOTO OF RAY DOES NOT RESEMBLE MAN AT AIRPORT.

AIRMAIL COPIES ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS.

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12:03AM URGENT 4-29-68 LLR

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740),
NEW ORLEANS, HOUSTON, SAN ANTONIO, AND EL PASO (157-186)
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

~~RE LOUIS LOMAX AND CHARLES STEIN.~~

LOMAX AND STEIN CURRENTLY IN LOS ANGELES AREA. STEIN
ADVISES SEARCH FOR PHONE BOOTHS EN ROUTE LOS ANGELES TO
NEW ORLEANS UTILIZED BY JAMES EARL RAY DURING TRIP IN DECEMBER
SIXTY SEVEN NEGATIVE. STEIN ADVISED THERE WERE A COUPLE OF
FAMILIAR LOOKING BOOTHS IN UVALDE, TEXAS, ARE BUT COULD
FURNISH NO FACTUAL DATA AS TO POSSIBLE UTILIZATION.

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1:03 PM URGENT 4-29-68 MPB

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), HOUSTON , LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
NEW ORLEANS (157-10673), AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: PHOENIX (44-371)

MURKIN

RE PHOENIX TEL APRIL, TWENTYEIGHT, LAST.

RE TELEPHONE CALL FORM YUMA, ARIZONA, DECEMBER FIFTEEN,
SIXTYSEVEN, TO SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, TELEPHONE NUMBER THREE
ONE EIGHT - SEVEN FOUR SIX - NINE TWO ZERO ZERO.

ON THIS DATE MR, JACK GRAHAM, SECURITY, MOUNTAIN STATES
TELEPHONE COMPANY, ADVISED FOR PAST THREE DAYS, SINCE REQUESTED
BY FBI, HE HAS ENDEAVORED TO COMPUTERIZE ALL COLLECT CALLS
MADE FROM YUMA PAY PHONE BOOTHS DURING DECEMBER FOURTEEN,
FIFTEEN AND SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN. GRAHAM ADVISED THAT AFTER MANY
FUTILE ATTEMPTS, THE ONLY WAY THAT IT CAN BE DETERMINED WHICH
PHONE BOOTHS MADE COLLECT CALLS TO LOUISIANA DURING THE ABOVE
PERIOD WOULD BE FOR THE SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY IN
LOUISIANA TO CHECK ALL COLLECT TOLL CALLS MADE ON ALL LISTED
PHONE NUMBERS IN STATE OF LOUISIANA OR AT LEAST IN SHREVEPORT
OR NEW ORLEANS AREA IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF COLLECT CALL
HAD BEEN MADE FROM YUMA PHOEN BOOTH TO LOUISIANA ON DATES
LISTED.

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TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR, 44-38861 IP

MURKIN

ALL OFFICES HAVING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THEIR
TERRITORIES WHICH MAINTAIN UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS
IN CONNECTION WITH MATTERS UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION, SHOULD
IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THESE AGENCIES AND REQUEST THAT THE
FINGERPRINTS OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY AS SET FORTH ON THE
IO BE COMPARED WITH LATENTS OBTAINED SINCE HIS ESCAPE
FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY ON FOUR TWENTY-THREE
SIXTY-SEVEN.

THIS IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLY ESTABLISHING
RAY'S PAST WHEREABOUTS AND SOURCE OF FUNDS. LEGATS OTTAWA AND
MEXICO CITY REQUESTED TO DO LIKEWISE. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO : SAC (157-10673)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re telephone call from Houston to
Lake Charles, 318 - ~~477-0616~~₃₇
Hertz Rent-A-Car

SAC WHALEY, Houston, at 2:15 p.m., CDT, advised
that the call from the phone booth at Houston to above phone
on 12/17/67 was made at 7:49 p.m. ✓

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Via TELETYPE
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TO HOUSTON (44-1509)

FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

Re: Marshall Leon Davis

RE HOUSTON TEL TO NEW ORLEANS APRIL TWENTYSIX, SIXTY EIGHT.

INSTANT CADILLAC REGISTERED TO MARSHALL L. DAVIS IS
PARKED AT BROWN AND ROOT LOT, MENICE, LA., BUT DAVIS IS WORKING
OFF SHORE AND NOT AVAILABLE FOR CHECKING OUT. HOUSTON CONTACT

BROWN AND ROOT ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ FOR IDENTIFYING SERVICE NUMBER OR

~~POLICE NUMBER~~, PROVIDE SAME TO IDENTIFICATION DIVISION SO THAT

SUSPECT DAVIS MAY BE ELIMINATED AS BEING IDENTICAL WITH ~~SUSPECT~~ RAY.

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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 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.

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April 20, 1968



DAVID EVANS, also known as:
"Pee Wee."
N: born 10-11-44; 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).
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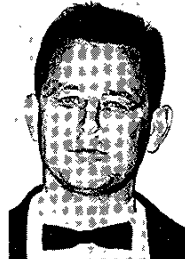


CHARLES LEE HERRON, also known as:
Lee Jones.
N: born 4-21-37 (?); 5'7"-5'8"; 145-
150 lbs; sldr bld; blk hair; brn eyes;
dk comp; occ - clerk. Wanted by FBI
for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION
(Murder; Assault with Intent to
Commit Murder).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4163
FBI#-313 926 G
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GEORGE EDWARD WELLS, also known as:
George W. Cox, Lloyd Kuznarski.
W: born 5-14-16; 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
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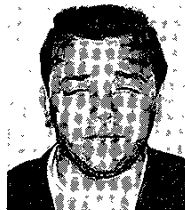


CARMEN RAYMOND GAGLIARDI, also known as: 17 M 29 W IOM
Carmelo Raimondo Gagliardi (true name), I 32 W OOI 20
Carmen R. Gagliardi.
W: born 10-1-40; 5'10 1/2"; 185-200 lbs;
hvy bld; blk hair; brn eyes; med comp;
occ - lab. Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL
FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (Murder).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4101
FBI#-566 944 D
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JAMES EARL RAY, also known as:
Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron,
Harvey Lowmyer, James McReird,
John Willard, "Jim."
W: born 3-10-28; 5'10"; 163-174 lbs;
med bld; brn hair, poss 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 #-4182
FBI#-405 942 G
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1966



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 6-15-11; 5'6"; 155 lbs;
med bld; brn hair, gr, balding;
bl eyes; rdy comp; rt ring finger
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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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
Franklin Allen Paris. M 1 U OOI 12 1
W: born 1-20-34; 5'2"; 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: W
"Dirty Red." W
N: born 4-14-16 (?); 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
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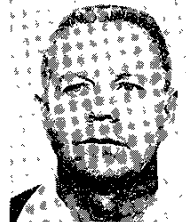
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JOHN WILLIAM CLOUSER, also known as: MML
Jack Clouser, John William Clouser, MAM
Chuck A. Williams. 25 L 1 R OOO 8
W: born 3-29-32; 5'9"; 175-200 lbs;
stky bld; blond hair, may be dyed blk;
bl eyes; rdy comp; occ - clerical
worker, stock clerk. Wanted by FBI
for INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-3837
FBI#-229 185 C
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1963



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GORDON DALE ERVIN, also known as: 17 I 31 W III 10
Dale Ervin. I 26 R OMM 9
W: born 5-30-26; 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
FBI#-290 535 A
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 12-26-36; 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#-524 874 D
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

T-7013 Federal Building
701 Loyola Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana 70150
April 26, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY
I.O. #4182

Dear Sir:

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.

Very truly yours,


R. E. NIGHTMYER
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosure(s)

- 1: Addresses on attached pages
- 2: New Orleans (1: 66-2134-407-C)
(1: 157-10673)

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WNOE Radio, New Orleans, La.
WJBO-Radio, Baton Rouge, La.
KLOU Radio, Lake Charles, La.
Monroe PD, Monroe, La.
GSA, New Orleans, La.
NOPD, New Orleans, La.
Tangipahoa Parish SO, Amite, La.
Lt. Roy Jacob, Gretna, La.
Baton Rouge PD, Baton Rouge, La.
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Plaquemines Parish SO, Pointe-a-la-Hache, La.
Assumption Parish SO, Napoleonville, La.
~~Lt. Roland Coppola, LSP, New Orleans, La.~~
Lt. Al Eckles, Robbery Squad, NOPE, New Orleans, La.
Mr. David J. Keyser, Baton Rouge PD, Baton Rouge, LA.
Radio Station KVCL, Winnfield, La.
KTRY Radio Station, Bastrop, La.
Lea McLain, WVUE-TV, New Orleans
LSP, New Orleans
LSP, Baton Rouge

Rainey Ritchie Radio Station KVOB, Bastrop, La.
KWCL Radio, Oak Grove, La.
KTOC Radio, Jonesboro, La.
KPLC-TV, Lake Charles, La.
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KALV-TV, Alexandria, La.
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KUZN Radio, West Monroe, La.
KREB Radio, Monroe, La.
KLIC Broadcasting Co., Monroe, La.
KMLB Radio, Monroe, La.
KAOK Radio, Lake Charles, La.
KIKS Radio, Sulphur, La.
Sabine Broadcasting Co., DeRidder, La.
WYNK Radio, Baton Rouge, La.
WXOK Radio, Baton Rouge, La.
WLUX Radio, Baton Rouge, La.
WLCS Broadcasting Station, Baton Rouge, La.
WIBR Broadcasting Co., Baton Rouge, La.
WAIL Radio, Baton Rouge, La.
WAFB-TV, Baton Rouge, La.
Union Broadcasting Co., Farmerville, La.

Ruston Broadcasting Co., Ruston, La.

WYLD Radio, New Orleans

WWOM Radio, New Orleans

WWMT-FM Radio, New Orleans

WSMB Radio, New Orleans

WTIX Radio, New Orleans

WSHO Radio, New Orleans

WNNR-WRCM Radio, New Orleans

WNPS Radio, New Orleans

WABL Radio, Amite, La.

WFPR Radio, Ponchatoula, La.

WIKC Radio, Bogalusa, La.

WBOX Radio, Bogalusa, La.

WBGs Radio, Slidell, La.

WARB Radio, Covington, La.

L. C. Taylor, Monroe PD, Monroe, La.

KXKW Radio, Lafayette, La.

KVOL Radio, Lafayette, La.

KSMB Radio, Lafayette, La.

KPEL Radio, Lafayette, La.

KLFY-TV, Lafayette, La.

KATC-TV, Lafayette, La.

Henderson Services, Harvey, La.

New Orleans Harbor Police, New Orleans.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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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
O'Conner

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.

1⁴ Newspapers in La. & WDSU & WWL TV Stations
3⁷ New Orleans (1: 66-2134-407-B) (1: 157-10673)

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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 [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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MELVIN LEMONS, Secretary to the Director, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, advised CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, FBI # 368794A, is at the Medical Center for psychiatric treatment with the long-term goal of an eventual return to the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

He stated on April 2, 1968, the Medical Center directed a letter to the U. S. Probation Office at Little Rock, Arkansas, stating that although BILLINGS now appears to be competent, several months ago he was too psychiatrically disturbed to participate in any court here. A plan is to examine him again in a month to determine whether or not he is competent to participate in legal proceedings.

LEMONS stated that while BILLINGS was at the Medical Center on a previous occasion a psychiatric report prepared April 17, 1967, by Dr. ANDREW F. GUSCHWAN, M.D., Staff Psychiatrist, contained the following diagnosis:

"Schizophrenic Reaction, chronic undifferentiated type, sociopathic personality disturbance, anti-social type, migraine headaches, with possible brain damage."

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On 4/26/68 at Springfield, Missouri File # KC 44-760
 by SA JAMES A. MITCHELL - LAC Date dictated 4/26/68

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CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, inmate, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, was advised of the identity of JAMES A. MITCHELL as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was told the purpose of the interview concerned a report he had made sometime ago to the FBI that he had been offered \$50,000. to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING by two individuals identified only as JAMES and EDDIE. This took place in Columbia, South Carolina, in about March, 1965. He was furnished a warning and waiver form, which he read and executed. He then furnished the following oral information:

In early 1965, in Columbia, South Carolina, he met a soldier stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, who was to be discharged within a few days. His name was JIM or GLENN BARBER, but he is not sure of the first name or the spelling of the last name. He had just returned from Panama, and he believes he held the rank of Corporal. BARBER had marijuana and pep pills in his possession and was a very convincing talker. BARBER had met a female in Columbia named JOHNNIE BLACKWELL. She worked as a waitress at a lounge he believes was called the "Downtown," located near Chubby's Steak House in Columbia. She was from a little town twenty miles south of Columbia, name unknown. BLACKWELL roomed with a girl named JUNE TAYLOR, somewhere on Bull Street in Columbia. Both girls were prostitutes, and BILLINGS lived part of the time with TAYLOR. TAYLOR worked at a night club there called the "Red Rooster."

BLACKWELL had met two men known as JAMES and EDDIE and had filled a prostitution date with JAMES for \$50. The initial meeting took place in some club, name unknown, located near Chubby's Steak House, possibly the "Downtown." BLACKWELL told JIM she had to leave because she had a date with a soldier from Fort Jackson, South Carolina, named BARBER. JAMES asked her to ask BARBER if he could get ahold of any weapons, whereupon she told him BARBER had a machine gun.

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JAMES expressed an interest in buying it from BARBER and told her to pass this on to him, which she agreed to do. The prostitution date was filled in a motel in town, name unknown.

The following night, at the V.F.W., he, JAMES, EDDY and BARBER met. TAYLOR and BLACKWELL were present, as well as two other girls who worked at the "Red Rooster," but this was their night off. He does not recall their names. This was the first time he had met JAMES and EDDY. The men went outside and BARBER gave them each a stick of marijuana which he had brought back from Panama. They all sat in JAMES's white 1964-65 Lincoln Continental and smoked marijuana. The Lincoln had a Tennessee license plate beginning with the number 2, which designates Memphis. JAMES was always smoking big cigars and wore a large diamond ring. He understood JAMES has money in Mississippi and Tennessee. He owns land in Clarksdale, Mississippi, has a big car lot in Memphis and a night club. In the old days he was a bootlegger. JAMES despises the Negro race and, particularly, any with Communist leanings.

While in the car, JAMES told BARBER he understood he had a .50-caliber machine gun and BARBER said he did. JAMES asked if he wanted to sell it and he said, "Yes." Either JAMES or EDDIE asked where the machine gun was and how long it would take to get it. BARBER said three days because it was in Westwego, Louisiana, in care of a friend who ran a night club, The Canal Bank Inn. He never heard this man's name. JAMES or EDDIE asked BARBER if he had any ammunition for it, and he said he had a whole belt. One of the men then offered him a thousand dollars for the machine gun.

They all met again the next night at the largest drive-in restaurant in Columbia, name unrecalled. JAMES or EDDIE asked him if he had ever used the machine gun before, and he said he used one while in military service. It was agreed that BILLINGS would take BARBER to Westwego, Louisiana, which is on the west bank of New Orleans, to get the machine gun. They were to meet JAMES and EDDIE on a certain unrecalled date in Columbia and collect \$1,000. for the machine gun. The meet was to be at some unrecalled motel. BILLINGS stated he has trouble remembering things that happened this long ago.

He drove BARBER to get the machine gun at the Canal Bank Inn, and BARBER contacted some man outside of his presence who reportedly told him the weapon had not arrived. He and BARBER stayed in an apartment house at the rear of the Canal Bank Inn for two days waiting for the weapon to arrive; but it never did. He became irritated with BARBER and then felt BARBER never had such a weapon. BILLINGS returned alone to Columbia, South Carolina, and he understood BARBER was going to his home in Fort Myers, Florida. BARBER's parents reportedly lived in and operated a trailer park at Fort Myers. BILLINGS stated that at the time all this was going on he had and was driving a 1959 Chevrolet convertible, maroon in color, bearing a Maryland Temporary Tag. He bought the car under his true name from Luby's Chevrolet in Baltimore, Maryland. //

Upon his return to Columbia he met with JAMES and EDDIE and informed them he did not get the weapon. He was told the plan was for him and BARBER to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING for \$50,000. \$5,000. was to be in advance, with the remaining \$45,000. to be paid to them in Greenville, South Carolina. JAMES said KING had to be "wiped out" because J. EDGAR HOOVER had reported KING to be a confirmed Communist and the most notorious liar of our day. The killing was to take place along a scheduled march from Selma, Alabama, to Montgomery, Alabama. The machine gun was to be placed in the back of a paneled truck and driven to a spot on the Selma-to-Montgomery route. When the front line of marchers, including Dr. KING, approached the spot, the rear doors of the truck would be opened and the marchers machine-gunned. The truck was to come from some other state and purchased legally in the name of a deceased person. They would then drive the paneled truck away from the line of march to a country road where a passenger car would be parked. The truck would be abandoned and then they would travel into Montgomery, Alabama, by a devious back-roads route. They would then travel to Greenville, South Carolina, where they would meet JAMES and EDDIE. JAMES would tell them how to get to Sydney, Australia, via Mexico, on a freighter.

JAMES has a friend who formerly lived in Mississippi but now has a sheep ranch in Broken Bow, Australia. This man would help set them up in a bar or some other type of legitimate business.

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When he told JAMES and EDDIE that BARBER could not produce the machine gun, they said the plan had been dropped because MARTIN LUTHER KING announced he was not going to participate in the march.

He described JAMES as white male American, age 40; 5 feet, 10 inches; 210 pounds; blue eyes; brown hair, graying on the sides. JAMES lives on a farm eight miles from Memphis, in Mississippi.

EDDIE described as white male American; 6 feet, 1 inch; 180 pounds; brown hair; age 38, good dresser, residence Memphis, Tennessee.

BARBER described white male American, 22; 5 feet, 8 inches; 170 pounds; black hair; husky build, and good looking. He believes BARBER a psychiatric case and believes this was the reason he was discharged from the military.

He has seen JAMES and EDDIE since the above incident; however, he is not going to say more unless the Government dismisses an Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle charge against him. He has two detainers against him, and one is a State detainer. The federal detainer is from U. S. District Court, Montgomery, Alabama, and this detainer prevents him from making parole. He is eligible for parole on his current 5-year sentence in September 1968. He might get a parole to a State detainer, but parole would not be favorably acted upon with a federal detainer on file. If this detainer were removed he would furnish the full names of JAMES and EDDIE and where they could be located, in addition to subsequent contacts he has had with these men. He was told that no promises of any kind could be made in this regard.

A photograph of JAMES EARLY RAY, FBI # 306443A, taken at the Missouri Department of Corrections, Jefferson City, Missouri, on March 17, 1960, was shown to BILLINGS and he stated that he does not know this individual either by name or photograph.

BILLINGS admitted he was at the Medical Center for psychiatric treatment. He has a writ in federal court under the provisions of Title 18, Section 2255, U. S. Code,

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trying to get his original Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle conviction set aside on the grounds he was incompetent at the time. He was at the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, but was recently transferred to the Medical Center because he has been seeing a red man with a green coat and alligator shoes. This red man is responsible for all his troubles. He is not visible to him now, but he does see him when he is alone, but not since he arrived here in February 1968.

The following is a description of BILLINGS as obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Height	6'
Weight	190 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Born	[redacted], in North Carolina (no town)
FBI #	368794A
Wife	OMA BILLINGS Box 214, Toughkenamon, Pennsylvania
Mother	VIRGINIA BILLINGS
Father	P. B. BILLINGS (Address same as above)

FBI

Date: 4/27/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

(OO Memphis)

Re Baltimore teletype to Bureau dated 4/25/68.

Enclosed herewith for Bureau and all receiving offices are two (2) copies each of FD-302s concerning CARLOS LEE BILLINGS.

Referenced communication reveals CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, former IO Fugitive No. 4017, in ITSP prison break case, Office of Origin Little Rock, received an offer from JAMES (LNU) and EDDIE (LNU) of \$50,000. to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING in March of 1965.

The FD-302s concern interview with CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, who is currently an inmate at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, and a psychiatric evaluation of BILLINGS.

LEADS:

COLUMBIA:

AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA:

Attempt to locate and interview JOHNNIE BLACKWELL and JUNE TAYLOR to confirm story and further identify individuals named by BILLINGS.

- 3-Bureau (Enc. 2)
- 2-Memphis (Enc. 2)
- 2-Baltimore(Enc. 2)
- 2-New Orleans (Enc. 2)
- 2-Tampa (Enc. 2)
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TAMPA:

AT FT. MYERS, FLORIDA:

Attempt to locate and interview BARBER's parents operating trailer park in 1965.

NEW ORLEANS:

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA:

Conduct investigation at Canal Bank Inn to confirm story or further identify individuals.

MEMPHIS:

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE:

Attempt to identify JAMES (LNU), owner of large parking lot that area.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/30/68

At 5:45 p.m., 4/29/68, I received a telephone call from Supv. HUNTER E. HELGESON of the Bureau in which he referred to New Orleans teletype of 4/26/68 at 9:40 p.m., page 6, concerning interview of ANTHONY CHARLES deCARVELHO pointing out that this page refers to a golf bag or transit being in the trunk of the car wrapped up, and advised he wished deCARVELHO reinterviewed for any further details.

LEAD: SA DUHADWAY.

JTS:sam
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TO : SAC (157-10673)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : OTIS L. PAGE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 8-15 PM, this date, Supervisor BILL OLSEN, Los Angeles Office telephonically advised that CHARLES STEIN is presently out of pocket. Will attempt to locate STEIN AM next date.

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7-47 PM URGENT 4-29-68 KH

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 MEMPHIS BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA

CHICAGO NEW ORLEANS

FROM LOS ANGELES 44-1574

MURKIN.

RE LOUIS LOMAX

CALIFORNIA BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATIONS
FURNISHED INFORMATION THAT LOUIS LOMAX, FBI THREE TWO NINE
FOUR EIGHT ZERO A WAS SENTENCED TO STATE PENITENTIARY,
JOLIET, ILLINOIS (TWO NINE THREE ZERO FIVE) FROM FEBRUARY
TEN NINETEEN FIFTY TO MAY NINE NINETEEN FIFTY SIX. HE
SERVED TWO SENTENCES FOR LARCENY. JAMES EARL RAY SERVED
AT JOLIET (THREE TWO FOUR ONE NINE) FROM SIX THIRTEEN FIFTY
TWO TO JULY SEVEN NINETEEN FIFTY TWO WHEN TRANSFERRED TO PONTIAC
ILLINOIS. POSSIBILITY EXISTS LOMAX ACQUAINTED WITH RAY.

RE EMPLOYMENT

RAY WORKED IN BAKERY AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY.
REVIEW OF RECORDS BAKERY AND CONFECTIONERY WORKERS UNIONS
LOS ANGELES AND LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA UNDER NAME OF RAY AND
ALL ALIASES NEGATIVE FOR EMPLOYMENT IN BAKERY INDUSTRY.

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C. Palmer Mrs. Stov
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RE CHARLES AND RITA STEIN.

INVESTIGATION AT FORMER NEIGHBORHOOD OF STEINS AT THREE THREE FOUR ZERO FLOYD TERRACE, LOS ANGELES REVEALS STEINS POSSIBLY INVOLVED IN ILLEGAL NARCOTIC ACTIVITIES. FORMER NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR AND PAUL LYON, WHO RESIDED DIRECTLY ACROSS STREET RECALL OBSERVING WHITE MUSTANG BEARING OUT OF STATE LICENSE PARKED IN FRONT OF STEINS RESIDENCE DURING LATE NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN.

IN VIEW OF INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY DEVELOPED AT ATLANTA SUBJECT DRUG ADDICT AND INVOLVED IN ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC, INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE IF STEINS POSSIBLY INVOLVED WITH SUBJECT IN THIS TRAFFIC. IT IS NOTED IN PREVIOUS INTERVIEW, CHARLES STEIN STATED FIRST MET SUBJECT IN SULTAN ROOM, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES DECEMBER FOURTEEN SIXTY SEVEN. IF STEIN INVOLVED WITH SUBJECT, IT IS POSSIBLE STEIN WOULD HAVE SUBSTANTIAL INFO RE SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES.

FOR INFORMATION OF NEW ORLEANS, ACCORDING TO NEIGHBORS, RITA STEIN'S MOTHER VISITED STEIN RESIDENCE ON FLOYD TERRACE ON TWO OR THREE OCCASSIONS PRIOR TO THANKSGIVING DAY, SIXTY SEVEN, WHEN ALLEGED DRUG ACTIVITY

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TAKING PLACE. EXACT DATES OF VISIT UNKNOWN.

RE DYERLL DENNIS.

INVESTIGATION NEGATIVE RE WHEREABOUTS OF RAY
FERNANDEL AND JACK PENDLETON. INVESTIGATION CONTINUES.

RE LOOK-ALIKES

LOS ANGELES CONTINUES TO CHECK OUT REPORTED
LOOK ALIKES. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

CHICAGO REVIEW RECORDS AT JOLIET PENITENTIARY TO
DETERMINE IF SUBJECT AND LOMAX WERE ASSIGNED SAME WORK
GANGS WHILE AT JOLIET.

INTENSIVE BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION RE STEINS AND
MARIE MARTIN BEING CONDUCTED AT LOS ANGELES PRIOR TO ADDITIONAL
INTERVIEWS.

INVESTIGATION ALL PHASES CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AIRMAIL COPY FURNISHED MILWAUKEE FOR INFO.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: CHARLES & RITA STEIN

Supv. WILLIAM NOLAN, Los Angeles, advised that they had located a telephone book of CHARLES and/or RITA STEIN which was a 1963 New Orleans telephone book and on page 43 of the book the name RITA BATISTE, 2422 (street or avenue), TW 5-2672, was noted.

2420 2ND

LEAD: Locate RITA BATISTE, interview thoroughly concerning the STEINS and RAY. Take into consideration possibility she might or possibly could be involved in illegal narcotics activity. Suggest credit and criminal check prior to interview.

JTS:sam
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA JOHN A. PFEIFER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/22/68, SA JOHN A. PFEIFER displayed photo of JAMES EARL RAY to NO 1599-C, and informant advised subject is unknown to him and he has seen no one who resembles subject. Informant advised he would notify agent as soon as he learns anything about subject or sees anyone who may be subject.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/30/68

Re teletype from Los Angeles 4/29/68, 7:47 p.m.

This teletype shows RAY worked in a bakery in the Missouri State Penitentiary.

SA CALLENDER: Set out appropriate leads for bakery and confectionery outlets.

Instant teletype also reflects that RITA STEIN's mother visited STEIN residence at 3340 Floyd Terrace, Los Angeles, on two or three occasions prior to Thanksgiving Day, 1967, exact dates of visit unknown. (It is alleged that drug activity was taking place there).

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Memorandum

TO : SAC NEW ORLEANS (137-3126)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA PAUL A. GEOHEGAN

CI SI R (Prob)

PCI PSI R

SUBJECT: ROY PAUL
PCI

Dates of Contact		
4/24/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
MURKIN		157-10673
HOWARD CALLEN JOHNSON, aka - FUGITIVE IO 4039	UFAP - MURDER -	
TOP TEN FUGITIVE		88-7134
THEFT OF MI CARBINES, ET AL, CAMP BEAUREGARD,		
PINEVILLE, LA., 3/25 - 26/68, TGP - BURGLARY		52-5867
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<p>PCI advised he had no pertinent information on the matters on which contacted.</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	GOOD
	Coverage	TGP - FUDE TFIS - ITSMV

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1 - 88-7134 (GEOHEGAN)
1 - 52-5867 (PFEIFER)

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (137-1494)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA JOHN E. DECKER

CI SI R (Prob)

PCI PSI R

SUBJECT: CHRISTINE MC LAUGHLIN

Dates of Contact 4/23/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
MURKIN		NO 157-10673
VICTOR JOSEPH SALADINO		NO 92-732
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
RE: <u>157-10673</u>		
<p>Informant was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and informant advised that she had never seen this individual before. Informant was also shown a photograph of WALTER TERRY RIFE and she advised that she had never seen this individual also.</p>		
RE: <u>92-732</u>		
<p>Informant stated that VICTOR SALADINO was the owner of the St. Louis Hotel which is located directly across the street from the USA's Office on St. Louis St. Informant advised that SALADINO also owns property at the corner of Toulouse and Chartres. Informant said that SALADINO is supposedly a good friend of CARLOS MARCELLO, but that she personally had never seen them together.</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating GOOD	Coverage PROSTITUTION

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-3373)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA KEVIN J. HARRIGAN

CI SI R (Prob)

PCI PSI R

SUBJECT: GEORGE BANCROFT

Dates of Contact		4/24/68
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
MURKIN		157-10673
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
PCI advised a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY unknown to him and that he could furnish no information regarding the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage RM

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1 - 157-10673 (CALLENDER)
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