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Estos serían los rasgos del desconocido que asesinó al doctor Martin Luther King, tal como los dibujó el artista de la Policía mel cana Sergio Joubert, de acuerdo con indicaciones proporcionadas por el FBI. El Negociado Federal de Investigaciones anunció que existía la posibilidad de que el criminal haya huido a Mérico.

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This is an artist's conception of the man believed to be Dr. Martin Luther King's assassin. Memphis commercial appeal artist Bill Herlington drew this pencil sketch based on a description given him by Charlie Q. Stephens, who lives in the building and shares the bathroom from which the tatal shot was fired. (AP Photo)

# King's Assassin May Have Left False Clues To Confuse Police

By MARTIN WALDRON

NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

MEMPHIS — The killer of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. may have left a trail of false clues to confuse his pursuers.

Shortly after the murder, the police said they had never seen a case where there was so much evidence left behind.

The assassin not only left fingerprints and hand prints in his room and in the toilet from which he shot Dr. King, but he also left a blue piece of luggage and a rifle on the sidewalk outside.

Tuesday, agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigations were reported to be looking in such widely diverse areas as Birmingham, Ala., Memphis, Chicago, and Mexico for the young, long-nosed man believed to have shot the Civil Rights leader.

In Birmingham, at the request of the F.B.I. airline agents shuffled through passenger lists at Delta and Southern airlines for last week, checking several names.

F.B.I. agents in Birmingham were also reported to be checking the records of gun shops.

Within minutes after Dr. King's slaying, the Memphis police had confiscated the Remington 30.06-caliber rifle that the assassin dropped outside the rooming house from which he fired the fatal shot. The rifle was new.

A new weapon can almost always be traced from the manufacturer to the retailer by its serial number.

Copies of a sketch made from the descriptions furnished to the police at Memphis were distributed to officers at the United States-Mexico border and inside Mexico.

The investigation apparently spread to Mexico after the Mexican consul at Memphis, Rolando Veloz Canales, reported to the police that a yung man resembling the police sketch, which he had seen in a Memphis newspaper, had got a Mexican travel card on the day before Dr. King was

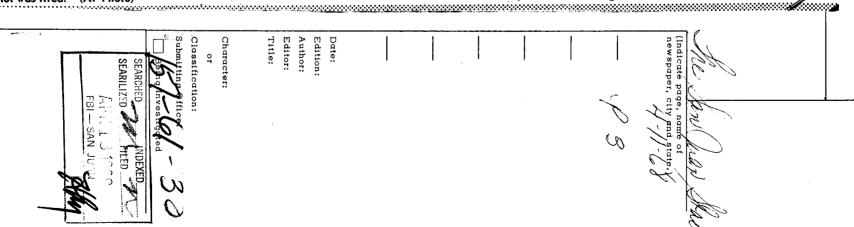
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"I remembered him because of his long nose," Veloz said. A long sharp nose was the one thing most winesses remembered about the young man who checked into the shabby rooming house about three hours before Dr. King was shot to death on the balcony of a nearby motel.

The address and telephone number given by the man on his application for the Mexican travel permit were improper.

The address given for a Chicago Street needed either a north or a south to make it complete. The telephone number given was for Antioch, Wis.

The age given by the young man on his application was 21 years.



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## Memorandum

TO

SAC (157-61)

**DATE:** 4/18/68

FROM:

SA JOE C. SPARKS

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

The night of 4/12/68, Assistant Commissioner CHARLES GRONEVELDT, Department of Public Safety, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, advised SA ROBERT L. MOORE that one DONALD CHURCHILL had left personal belongings at the Club Comanche Hotel, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, and mysteriously disappeared. According to GRONEVELDT, CHURCHILL fits the description of ERIC STARVOS GALT and those who have seen him say he bears a stricking resemblance to a UPI telephoto sketch of a police drawing for the MURKIN suspect that appeared in the 4/8/68, issue of the "New York Daily News".

On 4/13/68, the following investigation was conducted by SAS ROBERT L. MOORE and JOE C. SPARKS, at St. Croix, Virgin Islands:

ROBERT PETERSON, Manager, Club Comanche, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, advised CHURCHILL entered the Club Comanche on 4/6/68, without a reservation and asked for a room. They told him Room 5 would be available for four days and he registered for it. He left the hotel and returned shortly thereafter with four or five bags and some boxes. In the registration book, he had given the address of 75 Willow St., Brooklyn, New York. He printed his name and address. PETERSON saw nothing more of CHURCHILL until the following morning, when he appeared in the lobby saying that he intended to go to St. Thomas for the day. He had a small box with him. PETERSON mentioned the fact that it was customary for a deposit to be made, CHURCHILL left a \$100.00 American Express Check, Number RA34-962-243, which he told PETERSON he would countersign when he returned. PETERSON described him as a white American male, in his late 30s or early 40s, 6', medium to thin build, brown hair, with no distinguishing physical features. He did appear to be somewhat "wild-eyed" and nervous. CHURCHILL has not been seen or heard of since and

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his personal belongings, some of which were strewn about the room, have been collected and are being maintained by the hotel.

CATHERINE GOLDEN, Desk Clerk, Club Comanche Hotel, advised that she was present in the lobby the morning that the subject departed, saying he was going to St. Thomas for the day. She found his conversation somewhat peculiar, although she did not state exactly why and described him as a "kook". She feels he made too big an issue of the fact that there should be no worry about his ability to pay for his room. She described him as a white American male, about 5'9" tall, light complexion but slightly tanned, light brown hair combed straight back, possibly brown eyes, but no glasses, 36-37 years of age, wearing a brown knit shirt and slacks, has a somewhat thin face with a prominent nose.

CHURCHILL's personal effects were examined and in addition to the information set out in our teletype sent 4/13/68, the following was observed:

CHURCHILL was estranged from his wife, FAITH DENNIS, and appears to be in a controversyal over the custody of the children. He seems to be a man of some means and may be the recipient of several hundred thousand of dollars left by his father, ARTHUR. Among other things, he had in his belongings the 4/3/68 late City Edition of the "New York Times". He had marked an article about MC CARTHY winning the Wisconsin election and President JOHNSON polling 40 per cent of the votes. He marked another article captioned "Soviet Believe Testing Rockets, Able to Guide Bombs From Orbit". He also had the 4/5/68, issue of the "Washington Post", Section A. the bulk of which was devoted to the assassination of Dr. Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING. He had written on page one in ink the following: "Dearest Bob. I am addressing you in a way that could be misunderstood but in my opinion, you are a Prince of Peace - I hopewe may meet someday. Thank you". A copy of employment resume is being placed in the 1-A Section of the file, which shows among other things the fact that he was employed for five years as a Pan American Airways Navigator. He has kept many scribbled notes concerning his marital problem, including dates that his wife has indicated she was going to obtain a divorce. is no indication among any of these notes that he has any racial preoccupation. He has expired US ordinary Passport issued in 1959, at London, England. A photograph of the subject was obtained from his personal belongings and forwarded to the Bureau by Airline Pilot 4/13/68.

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A review of Antilles Air Boat's manifest established that DONALD CHURCHILL flew at 11:01, 4/8/68, from St. Croix, to St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, aboard Antilles Air Boat using one way ticket, #05601. ELIZABETH WILSON, Antilles Air Boat, advised when he departed, he was dressed in Bermuda shorts, a tan shirt and necktie and carrying a heavy winter overcoat.

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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

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As instructed by SA JAMES MARTIN at 5:00 PM, 4/11/68, the Department of Public Safety, INS, and the US Customs Department, all of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, were advised of the Bureau's interest in interviewing ERIC STARVO GALT. The stops were reconfirmed on the morning of 4/12/68, with the officers in charge of each of these agencies.

Upon learning at 11:15 AM that this stop had been cancelled, this word was immediately passed on to each of the above three agencies.

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#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

GPO Box BT San Juan, Puerto Rico April 17, 1968

> FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE APRIL 17, 1968

Attorney General Ramsey Clark announced today that Eric Starvo Galt is being sought by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as a fugitive on a Federal charge arising from the fatal shooting of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968.

Director J. Edgar Hoover stated that a Federal complaint was filed by the FBI in Birmingham, Alabama, today charging Galt with conspiring to violate the civil rights of Dr. King in violation of Title 18, Section 241, of the United States Code.

The FBI complaint charges that "on or about March 29, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, ... Eric Starvo Galt and an individual whom he alleged to be his brother, entered into a conspiracy which continued until on or about April 5, 1968, to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate Martin Luther King, Jr., ... in the free exercise or enjoyment of a right secured to him by the constitution or laws of the United States; namely, the right to freely travel from state to state. In furtherance

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of this conspiracy, Eric Starvo Galt did, on or about March 30, 1968, purchase a rifle at Birmingham, Alabama...."

According to Mr. Hoover, a 30.06 rifle equipped with a telescopic sight was found near a rooming house on South Main Street in Memphis immediately after the fatal shooting of Dr. King occurred. The rooming house overlooks the Lorraine Hotel and Motel where Dr. King was staying.

Mr. Hoover said that FBI Agents determined that the 30.06 rifle had been purchased from a gun dealer in Birmingham, Alabama, on March 30, 1968. The telescopic sight also was purchased from this dealer.

The FBI Director said that Galt, who has used the names of John Willard and Harvey Lowmyer in the past, is the owner of a 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama license plates which was located abandoned in Atlanta, Georgia, on April 11, 1968. Investigation disclosed that Galt purchased this car from a private citizen in Birmingham on August 30, 1967. The Mustang's odometer showed that it had been driven more than 19,000 miles between late August, 1967, and early April, 1968.

According to Mr. Hoover, Galt's travels in the Mustang included trips to Los Angeles, California; New Orleans, Louisiana; Birmingham, Alabama; and Mexico, as well as to Memphis, Tennessee, and Atlanta, Georgia. Galt was reported to have been in Memphis on April 3 and 4, 1968, and to have departed from there for Atlanta.

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Intensive investigation by the FBI has disclosed that Galt has claimed to have been employed as a cook on Mississippi River vessels and as a Merchant Seaman. He is said to be an avid dancer and took dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965; in Birmingham during September and October, 1967; and in Long Beach, California, from December, 1967, to February, 1968.

Galt left Los Angeles on December 15, 1967, and drove his white Mustang to New Orleans, where he claimed he contacted either an engineering or a contracting firm. He left New Orleans on December 19th and arrived back in Los Angeles on December 21, 1967.

While in the Los Angeles area early this year, Galt took a course at a school of bartending and was graduated on March 2, 1968.

The fugitive is described as a white male. He is approximately 5 feet 8 inches to 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs between 160 and 175 pounds. He is said to be a neat dresser and has a medium build. Galt has brown hair, which he wears in a "brush" cut. He reportedly has blue eyes; his nose is straight and narrow; his teeth are straight and clean; and he has given his date of birth as The fugitive is said to have a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an ear lobe with his hand. His left ear protrudes farther from his head than his right ear. According to Mr. Hoover, persons who have met Galt describe him as a "loner" and state his language and dictation have a "rural" quality and suggest that he probably does not have a high degree of education. He is said to drink alcoholic beverages and has a preference for vodka and beer. He is a fan of western and country music. Galt should be considered armed and dangerous. Any information concerning him should be furnished immediately to the nearest FBI office. 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

# CONSPIRACY CHARGED IN KING SLAYING

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) \_\_ The FBI charged Eric Starvo Galt Wednesday with conspiracy in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Joe Gamble, special agent in charge of the FBI office at Birmingham, said he issued the complaint Wednesday.

Gamble declined to comment on whether the FBI considered itself closer to an arrest than before Galt was officially named in the case.

The FBI had named Galt in a lookou bulletin for Galt last week in Florida but withdrew

the balletin four hours later, saying it had been released in

The charging of Galt was first announced Wednesday by the FBI in Washington.

In the first official mention of a conspiracy in connection with the April 4 assassination of Dr. King in Memphis, the FBI said the alleged plot involved also a man Galt described as his brother.

It was the first time that any conspiracy had been officially mentioned in connection with the April 4 assassination of King, in Memphis.

And the FBI issued a photograph which it identified as being one of Galt, and John Wil-

The FBI said a warrant was issued in Birmingham, Ala., on the basis of an FBI complaint which charged that Galt and an individual whom he alleged to be his brother, entered into a conspiracy" which began around March 29 at Birmingham and ended about April 5 to "injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate Martin Luther King Jr.''

Galt was charged with conspiring to violate King's civil rights.

An FBI statement said Galt has given his date of birth as (See CONSPIRACY, Page 14) page, name of

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## CONSPIRACY

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The FBI statement said that Galt, on or about March 30, bought a rifle at Birmingham. The bureau did not say specifically that this was the rifle that killed King.

But the statement said, "a 30.06 rifle equipped with a telescopic sight was found near a rooming house on South Main Street in Memphis immediately after the fatal shooting of Dr. King occurred." The rooming house overlooks the Lorraine Hotel and Motel where King was staying.

FBI agents have determined that the rifle was purchased from a Birmingham gun dealer March 30. The sight also was said to have been bought from the same dealer, whom the FBI did not identify.

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

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The bureau warned that "Galt should be considered armed and dangerous," and any information concerning him should be furnished immediately to the FBI.

The FBI gave no further identification of the man Galt has alleged to be his brother, would not say where it obtained the photograph, and would not dis-close in what connection Galt used the Lowmver

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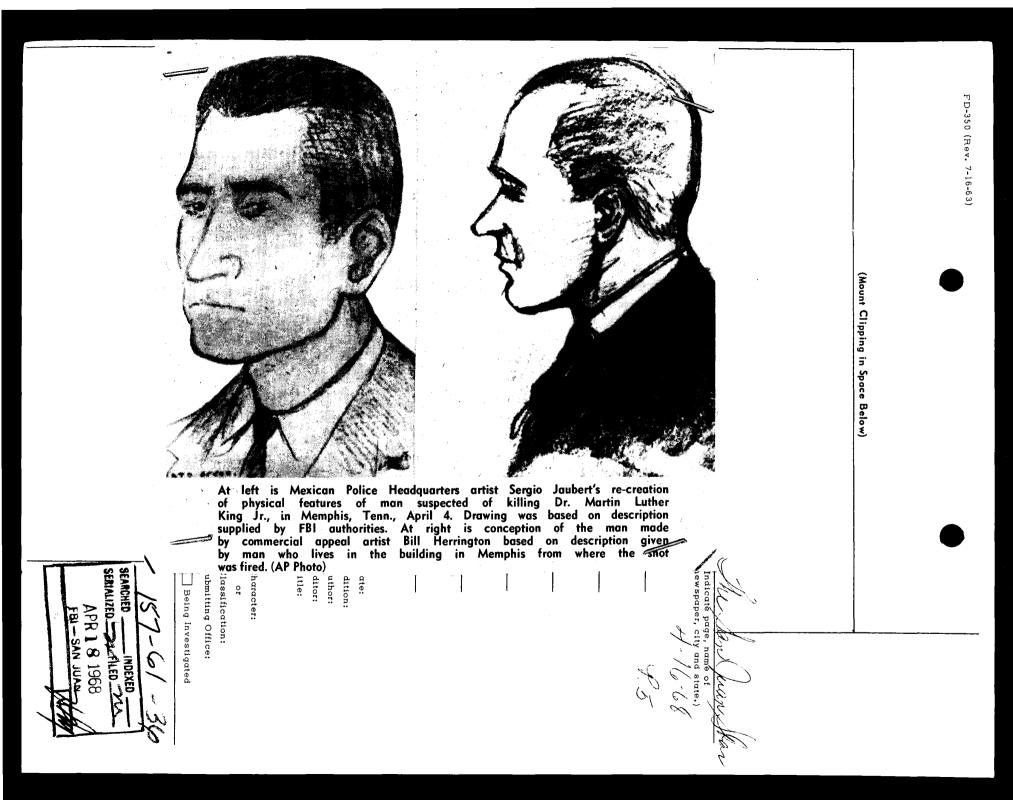
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# FBI Ordena Captura de Eric Starvo Galt

WASHINGTON (UPI)- El Negociado Federal de Investigacio-nes (FBI) emitió ayer orden de captura contra Eric Starvo Galt acusandolo de asociación ilícita en el caso del asesinato del lí-der negro Martin Luther King

Es la primera confirmación oficial de haber existido una conspiración para el asesinato de King en Memphis, el 4 de

El secretario de justicia, Ramsey Clark, anunció que las au-toridades federales han entrado en acción para aprehender a Galt bajo el cargo de haberse asociado ilicitamente con otras personas para privar a King del ejercicio de sus derechos constitucionales. Este sería el único rucionales. Este seria el unico-cargo que podría dar jurisdic-ción al FBI y a las autoridades en el asunto, ya que los cargos por el delito de asesinato podrian ser presentados unicamente por el estado de Tennessee donde ocurrió el crimen, dentro de su propia jurisdicción

El FBI ha dado a conocer dos fotografías de un individuo identificado como el propio Galt, y conocido también por los nombres de Harvey Lowmyer y John

En la demanda presentada en Birmingham (Alabama), el FBI setala que Galt y un individuo qu

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Esta es la fotografía Eric Starvo Galt cuya captura ha ordenado el FBI bajo acusación de conspirar para asesinar al Dr. Martin Luther King. — (Fotos UPI, de los archivos del FBI).

ciación que continuó hasta el 5 de abril de 1968, para dañar, oprimir, amenazar o intimidar a Martin Luther King. El FBI éste decía ser su hermano, dijo también que la asociación

asociaron ilicitamente, aso- ilicita comenzó en Birmingham a partir del 29 de marzo de 1968, y que Galt compró en Birmingham un fusil, alrededor de la fecha del 30 de marzo.

> El Director del FBI, J. Edgar Hoover, dijo que un fusil calibre 30.06 equipado con mira telescópica fue encontrado inmediatamente en una calle cercana poco después del asesinato de King, en Memphis. El fusil, se-gún informó el FBI fue comprado en Birmingham el 30 de mar-

> El FBI identificó a Galt como el propietario del automóvil blanco, un Mustang Ford con placas del estado de Alabama que fue encontrado abandonado en Atlanta, el 11 de abril.

El FBI dijo que Galt compró el automôvil a un ciudadano par-ticular en Birmingham, el 30 de agosto del año pasado y que ha-bía recorrido 19,000 millas (30, 000 kilómetros) entre esa fecha y principios de abril de este año, que fue abandonado.

Hoover indicó que Galt había llevado el automóvil a Los Angeles, Nueva Orleáns, Birmingham y Méjico, así como a Mem-phis y Atlanta. En Memphis permaneció dos días, el 3 y el 4 de abril, y luego salió con des-

tino a Atlanta. El FBI dijo también que sus investigaciones habían revelado que Galt dijo haber trabajado en una ocasión como cocinero en un vapor fluvial del Río Mississippi. Le gustaba bailar mu-cho y en 1964 y 1965 tomó lec-ciones de baile en Nueva Orleáns, así como en Birmingham, durante septiembre y octubre de 1967, y en Long Beach (Ca-lifornia), desde diciembre de 1967 hasta febrero pasado.

Galt dejó Los Angeles el 15 de diciembre, según el FBI, e hizo viaje a Nueva Orleán en su automóvil blanco, donde tuvo contacto con una firma de construcciones, pero luego regresó a Los Angeles, a principios de este año, donde tomo un curso

de "Barman".

El FBI se negó a decir dónde había obtenido la fotografía de Galt que tiene en su poder y agregó que se trata de un indi-viduo de porte mediano al que le gusta vestir muy bien, de cabellos castaños, ojos azules y nariz recta, con muy buenos

Se le atribuye también el hábito de origen nervioso de tirar-se con la mano de ez en cuando se con la mano de lez en cuando el lóbulo de la ordia. Además, su oreja izquierda sobresale más que la dereche que la derecha.

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El FBI dijo también que per-sonas que conocen a Galt lo describieron como un individuo retraído que hablaba con una inflexión de voz propia de la gente del campo, lo que hace pensar que pudiera ser una persona de poca educación. Es da-do también a la lectura de novelas del Oeste.

El FBI agregó que podría andar armado y que debe considerársele peligroso.

Cuando vivió en Birmingham, Galt mantuvo una caja fuerte para depósito en un banco de

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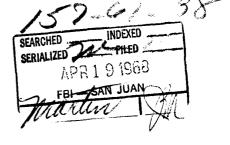
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Sgt.E.ORTIZ, PDPR, San Juan International Airport ROBERT ARNOTT, Supervisor, U.S. Customs, "T.E.MOLINA, Supervisor, INS, "R.M. EVANS, Operations Mgr., PAA, ".

MOLINA was advised that a F-2stop would be placed against GALT. He indicated that he would alert all personnel regarding GALT.

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GIL GREEN is now in Puerto Rico. He attended the funeral of GILBERTO CONCEPCION DE GRACIA with MELIX OJEDA and PINTO GANDIA.

It is the consensus among labor leaders in Puerto Rico that PINTO GANDIA and JUAN ANGEL SILEN are individuals who might be involved in the recent bombigs in Puerto Rico.

ARMANDO ROMAN is expected to furnish information in the near future regarding the POC convention to be held in New York City in July, 1968.

No information was available regarding the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

# FBI Presses Massive Hunt

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) —The tails at all about a man with FBI pressed one of the most whom Galt may have conspired massive manhunts in its history Thursday for shadowy Eric Starvo Galt, charged in the sniper slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

But little more was known publicly about the alleged assassin of the civil rights leader than when his name first arose a week ago. It was learned, however, that a man registered as Eric S. Galt in a Memphis motel a day before King was killed.

Police agencies continued their "no comment" handling of queries\_including questions about a newspaper report that the search had spread outside the country, to Mexico or Cuba. And they were silent on any dein the slaying.

A murder warrant was issued here Wednesday night for the 36-year-old Galt, five hours after the FBI charged him with conspiracy to violate the civil rights of King. The FBI warrant charged him with conspiring with a man "whom he alleged to be his brother.

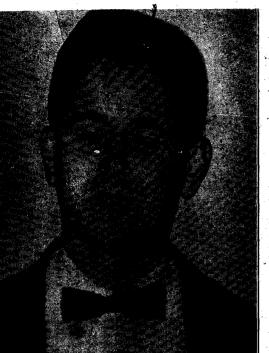
King was killed by a single bullet the night of April 4 as he leaned over the second-floor railing of a Memphis motel. Police have said the shot was fired from the common bathroom of a low-cost hotel across the street.

The FBI said Galt had used the names of Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard. A man regis-tered as "John Willard" checked into the hotel just three hours before King was killed.

Ivan B. Webb, night desk clerk at the Rebel Motel here, said a man registered there uner the name of Eric S. Gait on Alril 3. Webb said a white mustany bearing Alabama license plates and Mexican tourist (See GALT, Page 14)

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Eric Galt, suspect in an alleged conspiracy over the assassination of Martin Luther King. The picture on the right shows eyes painted in by an FBI artist.

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### GALT

(Continued From Page 1) stickers was parked near the room occupied by Galt. A similar car has been impounded in Atlanta, Ga., and the FBI said that car belonged to Galt. A white mustang is believed to have been the getaway car after the slaying.

The FBI declined comment on the possibility that a man who had checked into another motel April 3 might have been Galt's brother.

In Washington, Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark described Galt Wednesday night as white, a neat dresser, of apparently limited education and a man with a taste for vodka and beer.

He also was described as an avid dancer with a liking for country and western music.

Police recovered a 30.06 Remington rifle with telescopic sight soon after King was killed. The weapon had been abandoned in a doorway near the scene of the shooting.

The Birmingham News said in a copyrighted story Thursday that a gun which the FBI said had been purchased in that city had been identified in ballistics tests as the 30.06 rifle which killed King.

The newspaper also said the

search for Galt has spread outside the United States and that it is believed the man has fled to Mexico or Cuba.

"There's no positive trace. He just vanished," the newspaper quoted its source as saying.

The photograph released by the FBI was obtained from the International School of Bartending in Hollywood, Calif., where Galt was graduated March 2 after a four-week course.

The FBI report said Galt took dancing lessons in New Orleans, Birmingham and Los Angeles. Rod Arvidson, general manager of the National Dance Studios in Los Angeles, said he recognized Galt from a composite drawing in a newspaper and called the FBI.

Arvidson described Galt as shy and quiet. "He's certainly no mixer," he said. "He had trouble coordinating one foot with another."

Arvidson said the man who enrolled as Eric S. Galt took 50 to 60 lessons in social dancing at a cost of about \$500. The lessons ended in mid-February.

Arvidson said Galt told him he operated a restaurant-bar in Mexico but that Galt failed to respond when Arvidson put questions to him in Spanish.

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COMPLAINANT, FELIPE HERNANDEZ.

RE TEL ADVISES JOE LNU, MARRIED TO MERITA CASULL,
HAS SAME GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF PUBLISHED PHOTOGRAPH
OF ERIC STARVO GALT. ALSO STATES JOE LNU LEFT
PUERTO RICO ON APRIL THIRTEEN, LAST, AND BELIEVED TO BE
RESIDING IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

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ON MORNING OF APRIL NINETEENTH INSTANT LIEUTENANT FELIX VEGA, LARES, PUERTO RICO, ADVISED A COMPLAINTANT FELIPE HERNANDEZ, WHO RESIDES AT CARRETERA DE LARES A ARECIBO NUMBER ONE TWO NINE, ENTRADA PARA CALLEJON, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ERIC STARVO GALT THE PHOTOGRAPH OF CAPTIONED SUBJECT APPEARING IN COLOR OF CAPTIONED SUBJECT APPEARING IN THE EL MUNDO NEWSPAPER CONTAINS THE SAME GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF AN INDIVIDUAL KNOWN AS JOE (LAST NAME UNKNOWN), WHO IS MARRIED TO MERITA CASULL, FORMERLY OF BARRIO VAYANA DE HATILLO, PUERTO RICO. HERNANDEZ STATED JOE AND MERITA ARRIVED IN PUERTO RICO ON APRIL SIX, AND LEFT ON APRIL THIRTEEN LAST. THEIR PRESENT ADDRESS IS BELIEVED TO BE ONE ZERO THREE FIVE DEKALB AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. DURING THEIR STAY NEAR LARES, JOE WAS KNOWN TO HAVE FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CASH

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ON HIS PERSON, ACTED EXTREMELY NERVOUS AND WAS FREQUENTLY

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OBSERVED COVERING HIS FACE WITH HIS HAT. JOE DESCRIBED FIVE FEET SEVEN
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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY TO ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY POUNDS,
SMOKES CAMEL AND CHESTERFIELD BRAND CIGARETTES.

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#### NEW YORK

#### AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

WILL CONDUCT LOGICAL INVESTIGATION AT BROOKLYN
ADDRESS TO FULLY IDENTIFY AND DETERMINE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS
OF JOE AND MERITA.

#### SAN JUAN

#### AT LARES, PUERTO RICO

IS CONTACTING FELIPE HERNANDEZ FOR FURTHER DETAILED. INFORMATION.

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SAC (157-61) TO

4/20/68 DATE:

FROM:

BARRY W. DONLIN, SPC

SUBJECT:

ERIC STARVO GALT

At 12:20 PM, instant date, one MIGUEL ANGELO OLIVO, telephonically advised that his mother recognized the picture appearing in the El Mundo Newspaper of GALT as that of a man that was riding the bus to the Airport last Monday, 4/15/68. The man enterred the bus on calle Loiza at the LLorren Torres housing project and rode the bus to the airport. Approximately 30 minutes later the man took the bus back to where he had enterred the bus and was last seen walking down towards the beach, the street with the red light at the intersection and that runs parallel to the public park. The man was described as 5'8", Wearing white and blue checkered shorts, tennis shoes, dirty blond hair, blue eyes and approximately 35 years old.

OLIVO is the owner of  $\overline{\text{SUN}}$  SHOP which is lecated accross the street from the Swiss Chalet. OLIVO resides at GIrasol 3D2 Lomas Verde, Bayamon, and can be reached at 785-4658 and at his business at 724-8204.

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RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO SAN JUAN 4/19/68.

FEIJPE HERNANDEZ VEIEZ BAYOMEY, ARECIBO, PUERTO RICO, WHO REQUESTS THAT HIS IDENTITY BE PROTECTED, ADVISED THAT JOE (INU) AND WIFE MARITA CASSUL V UL VELEZ ARRIVED AT ARECIBO, PUERTO REPORTEDLY RICO ON 4/11/LAST. JOE SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN IN PUERTO

VELEZ HAD NO IN TORRESTION AS TO WHERE SOL THE BOY RICO ABOUT A WEEK, JOE AND MERITA REPORTEDLY LEFT PUERTO RICO DELEZ 4/15/68 FROM SAN JUAN AT ONE A.M. AJOE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: WHITE MALE, AGE THIRTY FIVE TO FORTY, APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED SIXTY TO ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY, BUILD HEAVY, LARGE STOMACH, HAIR DARK BROWN, EYES BROWN, REPEAT EYES BROWN. MERITA CASSULL VELEZ DESCRIBED AS WHITE FEMALE, AGE FOORTY TWO TO FOORTY FIVE, HEIGHT FIVE FEET FOUR INCHES WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED TEN, HAIR BLACK, EYES BROWN. BOTH JOE AND MERITA RESIDE AT TEN THIRTY FIVE DE KALB AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK . THE HOME OF MERITA'S FATHER BENITO CACULL . ADDITIONAL RELATIVES OF MERITA, GEORGE CASULL VELEZ AND HIS WIFE ANASASIA

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TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 4/19/68

ROM :

SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

SUBJECT:

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

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

WALTER TERRY RIFE, Kansas City SO #29636 FBI #

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

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TO

SAC, SAN JUAN (157-61)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM

SA JAMES R. MARTIN

SUBJECT:

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MANUEL GOMEZ ESTEVES, Distributor, Thermo-Seal tape, Quisqueya & Haiti Streets, Hato Rey, P.R., advised on 4/17/68 that is is the distributor in Puerto Rico for Thermo-seal tape and in addition to the U.S. Naval Station San Juan, P.R., he has the following customers who also have the Textile Marking Machines:

- (1) Califormia Dry Cleaning Co., Roosevelt & Torres St., Ponce, P.R.
- (2) Esquire Cleaners
  Carpenter Rd., & Quisqueya St.,
  Hato Rey, P.R.
- (3) Cadillac Linen & Supply
  Minillas, Santa Rosa, Bayamon, P.R.
  (across road from Western Watch Co.)
- (4) Tropical Dry Cleaners & Laundry
  Navarro Street, Rio Piedras, P.R.
  (on street behind Sears & Roebuck)
- (5) Princepado Modern Dry Cleaning Carpenter Road & Borinquen Ave., Hato Rey, P.R.
- (6) Band Box Laundry & Dry Cleaners St. Thomas, V.I.
- (7) La Croix Laundry & Cleaners Frederickstad, St. Croix, V.I.

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GOMEZ stated that DIMONT TRADING, Domanech Street, in the Professional Building, close to the Hospital de Maestreas, Roosevelt, Hato Rey, P.R., may be a distributor of Thermo seal tape and have additional customers.

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LEAD: item 6 & 7 for St. Thomas, V.I., with copy of serial 18, and copy of photo.

Ponce, P.R. lead item 1, with copy of serial 18, and photo.

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Under no circumstances should anyone be told this investigation is in connection with captioned matter.

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THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE HAS JUST BEEN ISSUED AT WASHINGTON THIS AFTERNOON AND YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE IT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO THE LEADING NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO AND TV STATIONS IN YOUR DIVISION. EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO INSURE REPEATED AND WIDESPREAD DISTRIBUTION OF THIS INFORMATION. COPIES OF THE 1968 PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT ALREADY IN YOUR POSSESSION AND WANTED FLYERS SHOULD ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MEDIA CONTACTS. NO ELABORATION WHATSOEVER MAY BE MADE REGARDING THIS RELEASE. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING INVESTIGATIVE LEADS WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
APRIL 19, 1968

ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE

FBI HAS IDENTIFIED JAMES EARL RAY, AN ESCAPEE FROM THE MISSOURI

STATE PENITENTIARY, AS ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM A FEDERAL

COMPLAINT WAS FILED LAST WEDNESDAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE FATAL SHOOT
IN OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER SAID THAT A SYSTEMATIC AND EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH OF LATENT FINGERPRINTS UNCOVERED IN THE DR. KING CASE AGINST THE FINGERPRINTS OF THE OVER 53,000 PERSONS FOR WHOM "WANTED NOTICES" HAVE BEEN POSTED IN THE FILES OF THE FBI'S IDENTIFICATION DIVISION LED TO THE DETERMINATION THAT GALT AND RAY ARE IDENTICAL.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT RAY, WHO IS 40 YEARS OF AGE, WAS REPORTED MISSING FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, SINCE APRIL 23, 1967. HE HAD BEEN RECEIVED AT THAT INSTITUTION ON MARCH 17, 1960, TO SERVE A 20-YEAR SENTENCE FOLLOWING CONVICTION IN ST. LOUIS FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND FOR OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE OWNER.

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IN M3",53.754, 1966, WHILE SERVING THIS SENTENCE, HE WAS CONFINED FOR A TIME IN THE MAXIMUM SECURITY WARD AT THE STATE HOSPITAL AT FULTON, MISSOURI.

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, RAY HAS A KNOWN ARREST RECORD

DATING BACK TO 1949. PRIOR TO THE 1960 CONVICTION FOR WHICH HE RECEIVED

THE 20-YEAR TERM, RAY HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF BURGLARY IN LOS ANGELES,

CALIFORNIA, IN 1949; ARMED ROBBERY IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, IN 1952; AND

FORGING UNITED STATES POSTAL MONEY ORDERS IN MISSOURI

IN 1955.

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

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

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT DURING HIS CRIMINAL CAREER, RAY
HAS ALSO USED THE NAMES OF JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES WALTON, W. C.
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ON T	E PALM OF	HIS RIGHT	HAND.		•			•

RAY HAS CLAIMED THAT HE ATTENDED SCHOOL THROUGH THE 10TH

GRADE IN ALTON, ILLINOIS. HE HAS HAD THE REPUTATION OF BEING A "DRIFTER"

SINCE LEAVING SCHOOL. HIS VOCATIONAL EXPERIENCE INCLUDES WORKING AS A

BAKER, LABORER AND COLOR MATCHER.

IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ESCAPE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE

PENITENTIARY, AN FBI COMPLAINT WAS FILED IN JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI,

ON JULY 20,1967, CHARGING RAY WITH UNLAWFULLY FLEEING FROM THE STATE

OF MISSOURI TO AVOID CONFINEMENT. HE HAS BEEN A FEDERAL FUGITIVE

SINCE THEN.

ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT FBI HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., OR THE NEAREST FBI OFFICE.

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#### UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

: ALL AGENTS TO

DATE:

4/22/68

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN

SUBJECT:

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All agents are requested to immediately contact CI's, PCI's, SI's and PSI's and exhibit photo of JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric Starvo Galt as appearing on the Wanted flyer in an effort to develop information concerning RAY's whereabouts.

Attached are two photos of JAMES EARL RAY.

Only positive information should be reported to case agent.

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## BUSCADO POR EL FBI

# DERECHOS CIVILES - CONSPIRACION ERIC STARVO GALT

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



Fotografía tomada en 1968

Ojos: Azules o café

Tez: Mediana

Raza: Blanca

También conocido por: Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard

### DESCRIPCION

Edad: 36, nacido el 20 de julio de 1931 (fecha no confirmada por documentos de

nacimiento)

**Estatura:** 5'8" (170 cm.) hasta 5'11" (177.5 cm.)

**Peso:** de 160 hasta 175 libras (73 - 80 kg.)

Talla: Mediana

Cabello: Castaño, posiblemente corto

Profesion: Dijo que es marino

Rasgos Característicos: La oreja izquierda sobresale perceptiblemente. Es persona de índole solitaria. Se dice que frecuentó cursos de baile. Se dice también que completó un curso de barman.

### **PRECAUCION**

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

Una orden Federal de arresto se emitió el 17 de abril de 1968 en Birmingham, Alabama, acusando a Galt de conspiración para interferir con un Derecho Constitucional de un ciudadano (Título 18, Código de los EE. UU., Sección 241).

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

DIRECTOR

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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CPO Box BT San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936 April 19, 1968

> FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - APRIL 19, 1968 -

Attorney General Ramsey Clark aucounced today that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has identified James Earl Ray, an escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary, as Eric Starve Galt, against woom a Federal complaint was filed last Wednesday in connection with the fatal shooting of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

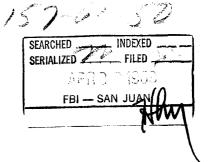
Director J. Edgar Hoover said that a systematic and exhaustive search of latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against the fingerprints of the over 53,000 persons for whom "Wanted Notices" have been posted in the files of the FBI's Identification Division led to the determination that Galt and Ray are identical.

Mr. Hoover said that Ray, who is 40 years of age, was reported missing from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City. Missouri, since April 23, 1967. He had been received at that institution on March 17, 1960, to serve a 20-

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year sentence following conviction in St. Louis for armed robbery and for operating a motor vehicle without permission of the owner. In September, 1966, while serving this sentence, he was confined for a time in the maximum security ward at the State Hospital at Fulton, Missouri. According to Mr. Hoover, Ray has a known arrest record dating back to 1949. Prior to the 1960 conviction for which he received the 20-year term, Ray had been convicted of burglary in Los Angeles, California, in 1949; armed robbery in Chicago, Illinois, in 1952; and forging United States postal money orders in Missouri in 1955. He has served terms in the Los Angeles County Jail in

1949; in state prisons at Joliet and Pontiac, Illinois, in 1952-54; and in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1955-58.

Ray was an enlisted man in the United States Army from February, 1946, to December, 1948, at which time he was given a general discharge due to ineptness and lack of adaptability for military service. While in the army, he received a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and breaking arrest.

Mr. Hoover said that during his criminal career, Ray has also used the names of James McBride, James Walton, W.C. Herron and James O'Conner. He is a white male; claims to have been born in Illinois; is approximately 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighs about 163 to 174 pounds. He has blue eyes and brown hair. There is a small scar on the center of his forehead and a scar on the palm of his right hand. Ray has claimed that he attended school through the 10th grade in Alton, Illinois. He has had the reputation of being a "drifter" since leaving school. His vocational experience includes working as a baker, laborer and color matcher. In connection with his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary, an FBI complaint was filed in Jefferson City, Missouri, on July 20, 1967, charging Ray with unlawfully fleeing from the State of Missouri to avoid confinement. He has been a Federal fugitive since then. Ray should be considered armed and extremely dangerous. Anyone having information concerning him should immediately contact FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C., or the nearest FBI office. - 3 -

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JAMES, JAMES HC BRIDE, JAMES O'COMPER, JAMES WALTON, JAMES
WALYON, JIM - FUGITAVE: UPAC - ROBARRY FIRST, BUFILE EIGHTYFIGHT
FOUR ONN SIVEN THREE ZERO, OO NANSAS CITY, KC PILE EIGHTETCHT
MINE FOUR KOUR NINE, DETERMINED TODAY BY BUREAU TO BE IDENTICAL
WITH ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM PEDERAL COMPLAINT FILED
APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST IN CONNECTION WITH FATAL SHOOTING OF DR.
MARTIN JUTHER KING, JR.

JAMES EARL RAY, INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY,

JEFFERSON CITY, MO., MISSED AT PPN APRIL TWENTYTHREE SINTYSEVEN.

INVESTIGATION INDICATED RAY CONCEALED NIMSELF IN A BREAD BOX

AND ESCAPED FROM TRUCK MAKING DELIVERY TO AN AUXILIARY FARM,

SERVING TWENTY YEARS ON CHARGE OF ARNED ROBBERY - FIRST DEGREE:

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AND FOR OPERATING A VEHICLE WITHOUT OWNER'S CONSENT. ON JULY FOR ALL TWENTY SIXTYSEVEN COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY AUSA WILLIAM A. KITCHEN, WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY, MO., FILED BEFORE USC. JEFFERSON CITY, MO., CHARGING RAY WITH VIOLATION TITLE EIGHTEIN, SEC. ONE ZERO SEVEN THREE, USC. WARRANT ISSUED.

INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY CHICAGO, SPRINGPIELD, ST. LOUIS, AND KANSAS CITY OFFICES IN UNPRODUCTIVE EFFORT TO LOCATE THIS PUGITIVE, KANSAS CITY IS INSTITUTING A FULL AND COMPLETE REINVESTIGATION OF THIS ENTIRE CASE, AND CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, AND ST. LOUIS, WHICH HAVE CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION, ARE ALSO INSTRUCTED TO COMMENCE TODAY AN IMMEDIATE AND INTENSIVE REINVESTIGATION IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND DATA, PELATIVES, AND ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT, WHO MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO ASSIST IN HIS LOCATION.

IN THIS CONNECTION, JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ON MARCH SEVEN FIFTYFIVE BURGLARIZED THE US POST OFFICE AT KELLERVILLE, ILL., AND STOLE SIXTYSIX BLANK US POSTAL MONEY ORDERS WHICH THEY PASSED DURING MARCH FIFTYFIVE IN NUMEROUS STATES, WITH THE RESULT THAT BOTH WERE SENTENCED IN USDC. KANSAS CITY, NO.. ON JULY ONE FIFTYFIVE TO USP. LEAVENWORTH,

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

PHOTOS OF JAMES FARL RAY AND WALTER-TERRY RIFE
ARE BEING FORWARDED AMED TO BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES.

FOLLOWING IS DESCRIPTION OF JAMES HARL RAY AS FURNISHED BY FBL HO.

AT DECATUR, OUINCY, OR ALTON, ILL., APPROX, TIVE FOOT TEN;

ONE SEVENTYFOUR LBS IN SEPTEMBER SIXTYSIX, RUDDY COMPLEXION,
BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, MEDIUM BUILD; DCCUPATIONS LABORER AND
BAKER; SCARS AND MARKS—SMALL SCAR ON CENTER OF FOREHEAD AND
SCAR IN PALM OF RIGHT HAND. ADDRESSES—ST. LOUIS, MO., MARCH
BIXTY; TWO ZERO ONE FIVE PARK, ST. LOUIS, MO., OCTOBER FIFTYNINE;
QUINCY, ILL., JULY FIFTYFIVE, MARCH FIFTYFIVE, AND APRIL FIFTY;

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HOTEL DUINCY, QUINCY, ILL, MARCH PIFTYFIVE; VICTOR HOTEL, DUINCY, ILL, MARCH FIFTYFIVE, AUGUST PIFTYFOUR; ONE FOUR TWO NIME CHERY, HANNIBAL, MO., MARCH FIFTYFIVE; EIGHT FIVE TERES WEST FULLERTON, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY FIFTYTWO; EIGHT ZERO FIVE ALBY STREET, ALTON, ILL., JULY FIFTYONE, EPC-SIXTEEN, M OVER M, NIME OVER FOUR, U OVER W, OOO OVER IOI, TWELVE, REP NIME OVER TWELVE, NCIC FPC-OVE SIX ONE THREE ONE ONE ZERO ZERO ONE TWO ONE TWO PIL ONE TWO IN I ONE SEVEN, MILITARY RECORD-JAMES PARL RAY, SN

ENLISTED US ARMY FEBRUARY

NINETEEN FORTYSIX AT EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL., AND SERVED ON ACTIVE, EUTY UNTIL DECEMBER TWENTYTHREE FORTYFIGHT, AT WHICH TIME GIVEN GENERAL DISCHARGE AS PRIVATE FIRST CLASS AT CAMP KILMER, N.J., BY REASON OF INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. RECORDS ALSO INDICATE RAY TRIED AND CONVICTED BY SPECIAL COURT-MARTIAL FOR DRUNK IN OWARTERS AND BREAKING APREST FOR WHICH SENTENCED TO BE CONFINED AT HARD LABOR FOR THREE MONTHS AND FORFEIT FORTYFIVE DOLLARS MONTHLY FOR FOUR MONTHS. RECORDS ALSO INDICATE HE RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR GONOPRHEA AND SYPHILIS WHILE A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY.

FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF VALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI NO.

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FOUR FIVE FIVE EIGHT SEVEN SIX SIX, AS OBTAINED FROM FILES OF USP, LEAVENWORTH: WHITE MALE, AGE FORTYFOUR, BOB

FIVE FOOT MINE AND ONE HALF, ONE SIXTYONE SEX, BROWN HAIR, BYES BEUE GRAY.

KANSAS CITY IS SETTING OUT ALL PERIMENT LEADS TODAY BY:
TELETYPE AND TELEPHONE POLLOWED UP BY TELETYPE CONFIRMATION.
ALL LEADS MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTYFOUR HOURS WITH BUREAU.
KANSAS CITY, AND HEMPHIS BEING KEPT ADVISED BY APPROPRIATE
COMMUNICATION OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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

AM COPIES SENT ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU, AND SAN JUAN.

SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH DEADLY WEAPON, HAS BEEN CONFINED IN STATE HOSPITAL, PULTON, WO., IN SIXTYSIX, AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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	ReButel to ME 4/17/68.
requested	For information of all offices, the Bureau by retel of the Memphis Division as follows:
	"Please furnish following information on above ompiled or estimated through 4/30/68, and thereafter umulative totals through the end of each month until notice:
1)	Number of man hours spent on case broken down as to regular hours, overtime hours, and total man hours by following employees (separate figures for each class of employees shown):
	A. Special Agents
	B. Clerical Employees
2)	Total mileage (estimated or actual) traveled by Bucars used on case. Include mileage for cars traveling to and from other field offices on special assignment and any personally-owned cars.
1	Any unusual or out-of-ordinary costs, such as cost
3)	of chartering airplane, rental of special office space, leased telephone lines, etc. These should be itemized and cost of each item shown.
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4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case during month for which report is submitted.

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

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

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YOU ARE REMINDED THAT ALL LEADS IN THIS CASE MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, AND ALL LEADS MUST BE SET FORTH BY TELEPHONE OR TELETYPE. ALL BORDER OFFICES COVERING ENTRY INTO MEXICO AND CANADA AND EXIT THEREFROM SHOULD INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE STOPS ARE MAINTAINED RE SUBJECT AND ALL NAMES KNOWN TO BE USED BY HIM AT RESPECTIVE OFFICES OF U.S. IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PATROL. YOU SHOULD ALSO INSURE THAT PREVIOUS STOPS PLACED WITH ANY FACILITY SHOULD INCLUDE ALL NAMES USED BY THE SUBJECT.

DISTRIBUTE SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES OF WANTED FLYERS

AND IO'S TO NARCOTIC INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES IN ORDER THAT

THEIR INFORMANTS MAY BE CONTACTED. YOU SHOULD CONTACT

ALL CRIMINAL INFORMANTS AND APPROPRIATE RACIAL AND SECURITY

INFORMANTS. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY BEING ADVISED

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