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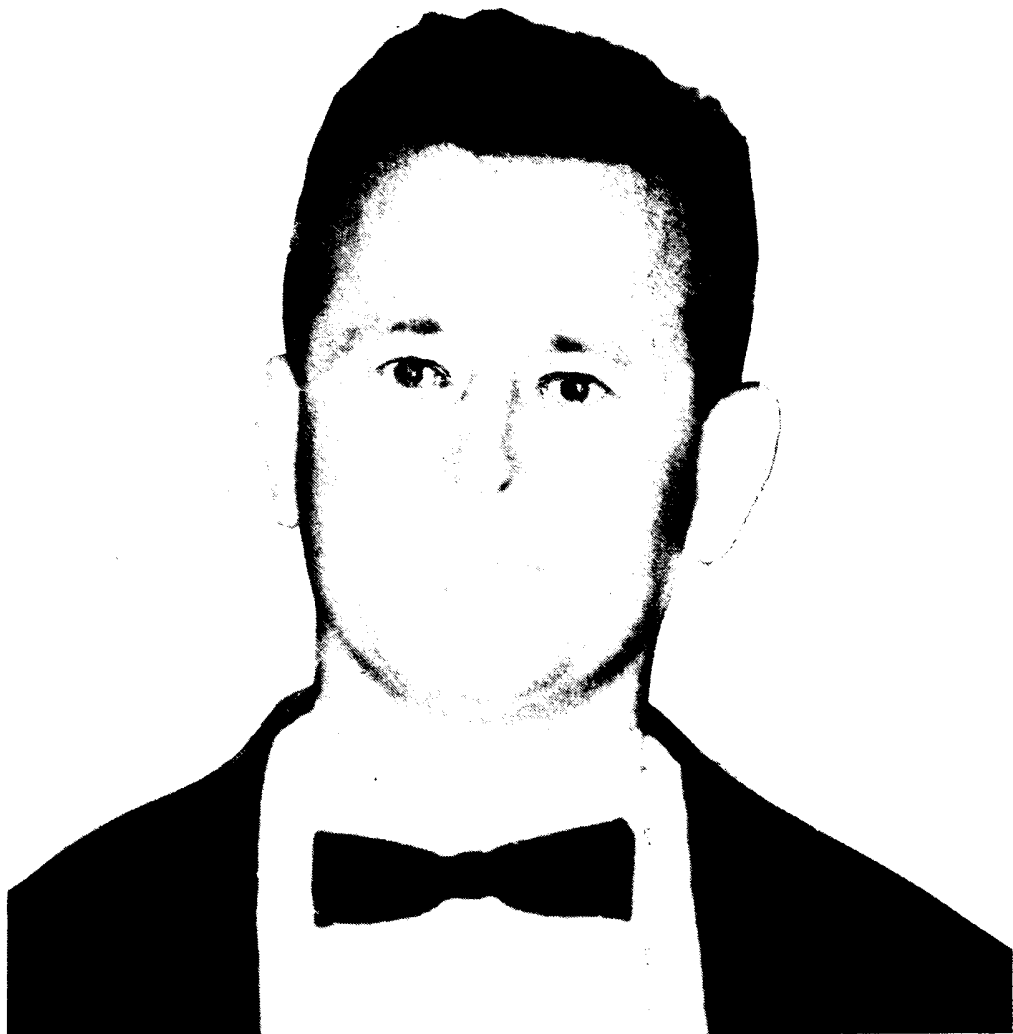
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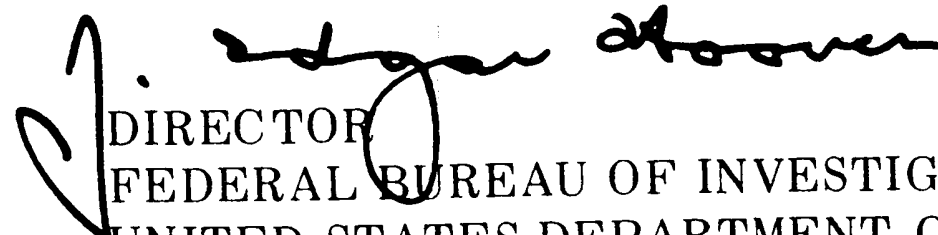
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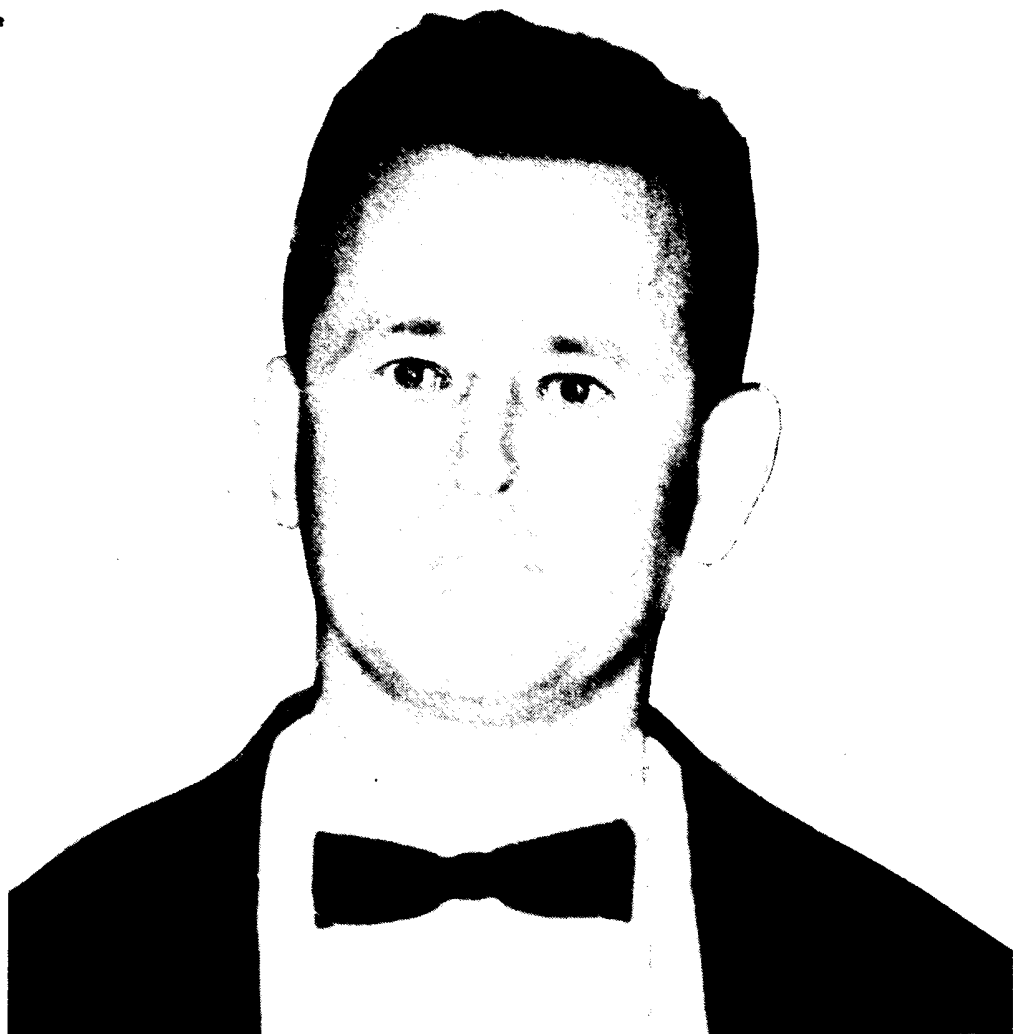
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA JOHN JAMES O'BRIEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO:ME)

On 4/18/68 the following information was furnished telephonically by EDWARD A. JOYNER, 4017 Vasconia Street (835-8781):

On Friday night, 4/5/68, he picked up a hitchhiker at Gainesville, Florida and brought him as far as Ocala, Florida. This individual resembled GALT, whose picture and sketch appeared in the newspapers recently. This man said at that time that he is a guitarist, country style and he had been playing at Nashville, Tennessee. This young man who did not furnish a name, had a southern accent and his talk was somewhat countrified or rural. He noted that this man did not have a musical instrument with him and later he thought this was strange and made him suspect that this story was fictitious.

JOYNER said he is employed as a travelling salesman but he can be reached through his wife at the above listed telephone number.

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*Correct name
I show Galt's photo done
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TO DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)
 SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

From SAC TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN; CR OO: MEMPHIS

EDWARD A. JOYNER, 4017 VASCONIA, TAMPA, FLORIDA ADVISED TODAY ON 4/5/68 picked up hitchhiker, south of UN. OF FLORIDA, GAINESVILLE, FLA on Route 441 AND DROPPED HIM OFF at CORNER BROADWAY and PINE STREETS, Ocala, FLA. JOYNER stated hitchhiker, name unknown, facially resembles ERIC GALT and closely resembles photo of ~~James~~ JAMES RAY seen on TV this date. JOYNER stated furnished name of JOHNNY GORE, 1385 NORTHLAND, MT. DORA, FLA. to hitchhiker as he expressed interest in joining country band.

JACKSONVILLE contact JOHNNY GORE, 1385 NORTHLAND, MT. DORA, FLA. for information re. hitchhiker who resembles subject.

*James Earl Ray aka, should be
 considered armed & dangerous*

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 2. File

Approved: Sue by phone
 Special Agent in Charge

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2:43 PM 4-20-68 URGENT BAW

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

KANSAS CITY

MEMPHIS (44-1987)

TAMPA (157-3231)

FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947) 1P

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE TAMPA TEL APRIL NINETEEN, LAST.

INSTANT DATE, CHARLES LYON, MANAGER, HARRY'S AUTO
PARTS, FOUR ONE TWO ZERO INECROT, LOUISVILLE, ADVISED
HE MANAGES AUTO PARTS FOR HARRY KNIERIEM, A PROMINENT
WELL RESPECTED BUSINESSMAN IN LOUISVILLE VICINITY. BOTH
LYON AND EMPLOYEE, JERRY HESTER, STATED KNIERIEM BEARS
ABSOLUTELY NO RESEMBLANCE TO PHOTOS OF SUBJECT. BOTH
ADVISED KNIERIEM IN LOUISVILLE AT TIME OF SHOOTING OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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OTHER OFFICES ADVISED

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LOS ANGELES/ PHOENIX/ TAMPA
FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-450) 2P

MURKIN. CR.

RE BUREAU TEL TO ALL SACS, APRIL NINETEEN, NINstant.

MRS. EUNICE TAYLOR, MANAGER, INSURED DRIVEAWAY SYSTEMS,
MINNEAPOLIS, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED SHE HAD JUST HEARD THE
RELEASE MADE CONCERNING JAMES RAY IN CONNECTION WITH MURKIN.
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TO DIRECTOR

LOS ANGELES/ PHOENIX/ TAMPA

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-450) 2P

MURKIN. CR.

RE BUREAU TEL TO ALL SACS, APRIL NINETEEN, INSTANT.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : S-C, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SDC AL L. WITH

SUBJECT: MURKIN;
CR. (OO:ME)

At 6:00 PM this date this office was contacted by Mr. JOHN D. MURPHREE. Mr. Murphree advised that he is an instructor at the Orlando Jr. College, Orlando, Fla. and resides at 230 Reading Way, Winter Park, Fla., telephone 644-3001. In connection with captioned matter Mr. Murphree furnished the following:

Between the hours of 5 and 5:30 PM, 4/18/68, while having a prescription filled at the Walgreen Drugs Store at Colonial Dr. and Pumbo Ave., Orlando, he noticed an individual come in the store who, according to Murphree, bore a striking resemblance to subject being sought in this matter especially the nose and eyes of this individual. Murphree indicated that the only feature questionable re this individual was the fact that this individual was bald. Murphree advised that this ~~individual~~ individual was having a prescription filled and that he was probably given a prescription number very close to one given him if the pharmacists use a chronological system in the issuance of prescription. Murphree advised that he was given prescription number 332841.

Supervisor Belanger advised and no actions deemed advisable this matter.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Tampa

(157-3231)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA BROOKE D. ROBERTS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

CR

OO: Memphis

On 4/15/68 Mrs. RUBY JOHNSON, 150 Seminole St., Lake Alfred, Florida advised that on 4/12/68 she saw an individual whom she believes to be identical with her former brother-in-law, whom she heard was killed during a hurricane several years ago in the New Orleans, La. area. She stated that as she understands it his wallet was found on a beach after the storm and no body found. She stated that he was from the Memphis, Tenn. area and has a brother residing in the Atlanta, Ga. area. She stated that he was married to her sister about 20 years ago and was named TERRY LLOYD. She stated that he was a white male and is, if still alive, 50 years of age. She stated that he is known in the Blytheville, Arkansas area. She stated that the individual she saw was walking from an old white car to a rooming house in the Lake Ida section of Winter Haven, Florida.

Mrs. JOHNSON advised that she was furnishing the above information for information purposes as she thought it unusual to have seen an individual so closely resembling LLOYD, if not him.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

AND TAMPA

FROM: LOS ANGELES (44-1574)(P) 2P

MURKIN

RE SAN DIEGO TEL TO BUREAU, LOS ANGELES, BIRMINGHAM AND
MEMPHIS APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST AT ONE THIRTY FOUR PM.

FOR INFORMATION TAMPA, RE TEL FURNISHED INFORMATION ALICE
PRESBER, LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, (CONCEAL) STATED ERIC E. WINTER,
ORANGE, CALIFORNIA, NOT IDENTICAL TO GALT PHOTOGRAPH, WAS "RACIST"
AND TRAVELING IN FLORIDA, LOUISIANA AND OTHER UNKNOWN SOUTHERN
STATES AT TIME OF MURKIN. PRESBER SAID NO INFORMATION KNOWN WINTER
INVOLVED IN INSTANT MATTER BUT "HAD TO TELL SOMEONE ABOUT HIM IN
EVENT HE WAS INVOLVED".

ERIC ELLWOOD WINTER, FOUR FOUR FOUR PLUM LANE, ORANGE, CALIF.,
ADVISED APRIL NINETEEN INSTANT HE HAD BEEN ON BUSINESS SURVEY TRIP
TO EUROPE, RETURNED TO NASSAU BAHAMAS ON APRIL TWO LAST. HE
DEPARTED NASSAU FLIGHT ONE TWO SEVEN BAHAMAS AIRWAYS ABOUT TWO PM
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APRIL THREE LAST. ARRIVED MIAMI, FLORIDA ABOUT THREE THIRTY PM SAME DATE. HE DROVE PERSONAL OWNED AUTOMOBILE LEAVING MIAMI AND ARRIVING ABOUT ONE PM APRIL FOUR LAST TO VISIT FRIENDS, MR. AND MRS. JAMES CRAWFORD, ONE SIX FOUR SIX GROVE STREET, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA. HE DEPARTED CRAWFORD'S RESIDENCE ABOUT NOON, APRIL FIVE LAST VIA PERSONAL OWNED AUTOMOBILE, ARRIVING ORANGE, CALIFORNIA, ABOUT THREE THIRTY AM APRIL ELEVEN LAST. WINTER, NOT IDENTICAL TO GALT PHOTOGRAPH, DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OR INVOLVEMENT IN MURKIN.

WINTER DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED], DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND, ALIEN REGISTRATION NUMBER SIX SEVEN FOUR ONE FIVE EIGHT SIX, FIVE FEET EIGHT ONE HALF INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE POUNDS, AVERAGE BUILD, BLACK HAIR, RECEEDING IN FRONT, HAZEL EYES, MEDIUM COMPLEXION. OCCUPATION EDUCATIONAL TECHNICAL ANALYST OF STOCK MARKET, WIFE: MERLE W. WINTER, SAME ORANGE ADDRESS.

TAMPA AT CLEARWATER VERIFY WINTER AT CRAWFORD'S RESIDENCE AS STATED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA S. J. Labadie

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Butel 4/18/68 - 8:54 PM

RE: STOPS

On 4/19/68 stops placed on ERIC STARVO GALT, with aliases, at following and with identified persons.

1. P. S. WILLMORE, Officer in Charge, I. & N. S. TAMPA

Give all data to Inspectors - Lookout list checked on arrivals all persons from foreign arrivals, with photos.

2. SAM JOHNSON, ARNOLD J. SCHNEIDER, U.S. Customs,

TAMPA, with wanted flyers, and to be given all and include Angel Perez, Bill Stunder, Jerry Mancuso who cover banana docks and Horseshoe Point.

3. U.S.C. Guard - NO NEED, AS their stops come out of Wash. D.C.

4. JOHN E. PROBST, MANAGER, and R. KURAL, Customer Service, PAAC - AMERICAN Airlines, Airport - searched records negative. wanted flyers furnished. (2 flights a week to Mexico).

5. JAMES JENNINGS, PASSENGER AGENT, AIR-CANADA, DAILY FLIGHTS to and from Canada.

6. Sgt. Peter Ayala, Airport Police - given W.F.'s.

SUGGEST STOP CARDS BE MADE SO CAN BE CANCELLED.

1. #4 ~~62~~ 7
2. #4 ~~62~~ 7

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SAC, TAMPA

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO:ME)

ReButel to all SACs, 4/19/68, advising that ERIC STARVO GALT identified as JAMES EARL RAY. Shortly after receipt of retel, I received a telephone call from RICHARD COX, WESH TV, Orlando (phone 644-8898). He advised he had received a wire story concerning RAY and had also received a photograph of RAY and that a visual comparison of the photographs of RAY and GALT would indicate that both persons are not identical. He wanted to know which photograph the station should use. I told him I would call him back.

I then contacted CLEM MC GOWAN, Chief of the Civil Rights Section, SOG, and he referred me to Inspector in Charge, TOM BISHOP, Crime Records Division. BISHOP advised that both photos were of the same individual, however, the photo of RAY was taken in 1960 and his appearance and looks have changed considerably in the past eight years and the 1968 photo of GALT is the photo that should be shown inasmuch as this is the current likeness of subject RAY. He said there would be no objection if the TV station wanted to show both photographs, but it would not be desirous to show only the 1960 photo.

I then advised Mr. COX of the above and he said that they would show the 1968 photo.

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(Sat duty)
2. *Salvatore* *SM*

JFS:cj
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240PM URGENT 4-19-68 SAA

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 4P

MURKIN

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.

Will have done this

[Signature]

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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 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 FROM 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 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, 1946, 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 MERRIDE~~, ~~JAMES WALTON~~, W. C. ~~MERRON~~ AND ~~JAMES O'CONNOR~~. HE IS A WHITE MALE; CLAIMS TO HAVE

*James J. M. Bude
87-25434
NT*

*James Henry Walton
26-6394**

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BEEN BORN [REDACTED], 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.

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URGENT 4/18/68 GJM

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN.

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Customs, PAA, Air Canada
Airport Police, Tampa. #*

*Ritchey advised @ 9:40 P
Gorman advised @ 9:30 P
Barnett advised @ 9:55 P
Hefley advised @ 9:45 P
Brumble advised @ 9:47 P
R. Smith advised @ 9:50 P
Vance advised @ 7:15 A*

CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS

COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORIES TO INSURE THAT
THERE IS FREQUENT REFERENCE TO PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT AND HIS
CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE. IF NOT ALREADY DONE, PHOTOGRAPHS
SHOULD BE SHOWN OR DISTRIBUTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND
OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCIES IN YOUR AREAS TO INSURE THE
BROADEST POSSIBLE PUBLICATION OF SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH AND
BACKGROUND.

OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF ENTRY OR EXIT FROM
COUNTRY INSURE THAT SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH AND BACKGROUND
HAVE BEEN WIDELY DISTRIBUTED AND/OR APPROPRIATELY
DISPLAYED AND THAT STOPS ARE BEING MAINTAINED.

OFFICES COVERING DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS
FLIGHTS SHOULD ALSO RENEW STOPS AND DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPHS
OF SUBJECT APPROPRIATELY. SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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RJT

FBI MIAMI

*SAC advised @ 9:04 P
#14 advised @ 9:06 P
SA Labadie advised @ 9:10 P
#4
Labadie SM*

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*Wanted by
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this photo. Photos to each
agency. Stops placed by
Labadie.*

JK...JLC

FBI JACKSVLE

CO...RCN

FBI-COLUMBIA

SV...SPT

FBI SAVANNAH

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KANSAS CITY IS SETTING OUT ALL PERTINENT LEADS TODAY BY
TELETYPE AND TELEPHONE FOLLOWED UP BY TELETYPE CONFIRMATION.
ALL LEADS MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS WITH BUREAU,
KANSAS CITY, AND MEMPHIS 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 IDENTICAL.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN.

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