

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)
(ATTENTION: SA LABADIE)

DATE: 5/31/68

FROM : SA THOMAS C. ALLEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/20/68 Sergeant J. R. SMITH, Detective Bureau, Orlando, Florida, advised SA ALLEN that he had just received a phone call from a Mrs. HECKMAN (PH), home phone 41-3147, who reported that she and her husband operate the Swiss House Jewelry Store, in Orlando and that she had seen someone in her store who closely resembled subject RAY.

On 5/6/68 Mrs. ALYCE A. HECKMAN, Swiss House, Orlando, advised that about two weeks ago, exact date not recalled or identifiable, a white male came into the Swiss House while Mr. HECKMAN was in the back of the store. This unidentified white male walked toward Mrs. HECKMAN and when he came up close to the counter she stated, "Can I help you". At first this individual did not hear Mrs. HECKMAN and she had to repeat her question. The man asked for money and stated he wanted to get to Winter Park, Florida. This individual was described as wearing a white shirt, no tie, with the collar open, trousers, color not recalled and was not wearing a coat. The unidentified white male did not appear to be a bum, and there was no indication that he had been drinking.

Mrs. HECKMAN suggested to the man that if he needed money he might contact the police. The man laughed and walked slowly from the store. Mrs. HECKMAN did not see which way he went after leaving the store and has no knowledge of whether he was on foot or had some other means of conveyance.

She further described this individual as follows:

Age
Height
Weight

40s
5'11"
175 pounds - 180 pounds

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Build
Appearance

Medium
Had a small pot belly

Mrs. HECKMAN saw the Orlando Evening paper, the date of 5/6/68 and saw in it the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. Although she didn't mention it at the outset it became apparent that she had seen the May 3, 1968 edition of "Life Magazine" and in thinking back stated that the photo of RAY standing bore some resemblance to the person she had seen in the store although the hair was not similar.

At most the individual remained in the Swiss House two to three minutes and it was a matter of some two weeks between this time and the time Mrs. HECKMAN had seen the subject's photograph.

In an effort to further resolve this information recontact was had with Mrs. HECKMAN on 5/8/68 at which time she was shown a photograph from the Orlando Sentinel, dated 5/8/68, which photograph indicates that RAY may well be more mature in appearance than indicated by the previously available pictures.

Mrs. HECKMAN this time stated that the photograph of RAY somewhat resembled the person she had seen in her store but that she was making her identification largely through the similarity in the eyes. Mrs. HECKMAN was unable to furnish any further information, had no reason to believe that the man was from this area, but could not identify him through accent or other means. She has not seen this individual again.

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Re memo SA BURGETT, 4/10/68, which is serial 53.

On 4/10/68 ORMUND POWERS, Editor, Orlando Sentinel, Orlando, Florida, advised that on 4/9/68 at about 11:30 PM he dropped by the Brass Rail Bar in Orlando and had a beer before going home. At the bar he talked to a man named BOB and BOB stated that on 3/30/68 in Kissimmee, Florida, where he talked to a man named JOHN or GEORGE in a bar, close to the bus station. This JOHN or GEORGE, according to BOB, had a rifle and stated that he was going to kill Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. BOB was overheard to say that JOHN or GEORGE wore a cowboy hat, a white suit and a sports shirt. BOB said that this JOHN or GEORGE resembled some of the artist's conception of the killer in the KING case. When BOB asked this JOHN or GEORGE why he didn't report the matter to local authorities he stated that "white people would kill him if he reported the information".

On 4/10/68 the bartender at the Brass Rail, one P. J. "BOB" HAWKINS, residing 7724 Grezillea, Orlando, stated he recalled an incident on 4/9/68 and the discussion in question but that at the moment he can't identify the BOB concerned with this matter, but feels he is not a regular customer. HAWKINS said he did not overhear the conversation which took place about the Kissimmee incident.

On 4/11/68 Mrs. NORA RUSSELL, Barmaid, Art's Bar, Kissimmee, advised that she was on duty 3/30/68 but does not recall the incident in question. She could not identify the artist's conception of the KING killer.

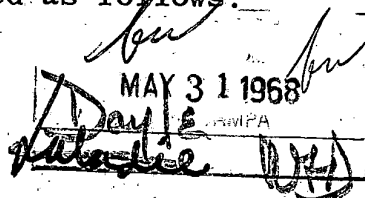
On 4/11/68 COP DON ADAMS, stated that he could not identify JOHN or GEORGE and knows of no one in the Kissimmee area who resembles the artist's conception of the KING killer.

On 4/12/68 ROBERT J. WESTROM (PROTECT), 671 North Orange Avenue, Orlando, advised as follows:

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He went to Kissimmee, Florida by bus on 3/30/68 and while waiting for the bus to return to Orlando he went into a bar, determined to be Art's Bar, between 5:30 and 6:00 PM. In this bar he engaged in conversation with a man whose name he recalls as possibly GEORGE. WESTROM and GEORGE talked about political matters and eventually during their conversation, GEORGE made the statement that he already had a rifle and that "KING would be dead in a few days". WESTROM stated this man did not say that he was going to kill KING.

He described GEORGE as follows:

Race	White
Age	30-35
Height	5'11" (not certain of height)
Weight	130
Hair	Sandy
Peculiarities	Narrow face, long pointed nose
Dress	Wore cowboy hat, wore loose fitting whitish suit, sports shirt with wide stripe, silkish in appearance, no tie.

WESTROM saw the artist's conception of the KING killer in the Orlando Evening Star on 4/11/68 and said that the artist's conception does bear some resemblance to the man he recalls as GEORGE. WESTROM stated that he could not make any definite statement that the artist's conception was this person; that there was nothing in particular by way of similarities other than there was just an overall favoritism between the artist's conception and GEORGE.

During the conversation GEORGE said that he was moving from Kissimmee, but when pressed for details he became quite evasive.

WESTROM said that GEORGE and the barmaid had "words" over the possible shortage on change and that she might recall him for this reason. WESTROM stated this was the incident he spoke of at the Brass Rail in Orlando, the evening of 4/9/68.

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Re TP tel to Bureau, Memphis and Birmingham,
4/10/68.

On 4/10/68, LEON SMITH, 4311 West Morse Boulevard, Winter Park, Florida, located in a tavern at Winter Park furnished the following information to SA THOMAS C. ALLEN:

On Sunday night, 4/7/68, SMITH was at the Rainbow Club, Eatonville, Florida in the early morning hours when he met an unknown white male, whom he had seen sitting in the Rainbow Bar for an hour or so. This unknown white male came over to the table where SMITH was sitting, pulled out a check and after identifying himself with a checkbook and a bus ticket to Miami, tried to get SMITH to cash the check. SMITH declined to cash the check. This individual then left with E. L. BING, owner of the club and was gone for some time. Upon his return to the club this unknown white male and SMITH then went to SMITH's Eatonville motel, woke up SMITH and tried to get him to cash the check. SMITH also refused to cash the check. Some time after this on 4/8/68, SMITH, the unidentified white male and a man named GEORGE drove in GEORGE's white 1964 Chevrolet station wagon to the Greyhound Bus Station, Orlando, Florida. At the bus station the unknown white male, talked to the ticket agent about buses to Miami and was told to wait until 9:00 AM.

The unknown white male was described as follows:

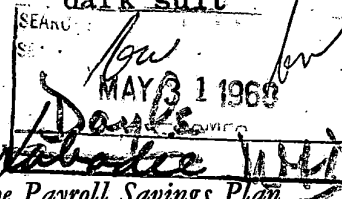
Age	45-50
Race	White
Sex	Male
Weight	160-175
Height	6'-6 1/2"
Hair	Gray, brownish
Build	Slender
Clothes	Wore brown wingtip shoes, dark suit



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Peculiarities

Had crippled left leg

Mr. SMITH also recalled that this individual drank Ancient Age whiskey.

He recalled that the check was for \$60, was drawn on a bank at Chattanooga, Tennessee. Mr. SMITH did not recall further details.

The artist's conception of the KING killer was shown to SMITH and he said that it showed some similarity to the man seen in the Rainbow Club in that the hair showed a similarity but that he could not make a definite statement.

On 4/10/68 BEN SMITH, age 32, owner and operator, Smith's Eatonville Motel, Eatonville, Florida, furnished SA ALLEN the following information:

On 4/11/68, at about 3:00 AM, LEON SMITH (not related) came to the motel with an unknown white male and awakened BEN SMITH. SMITH said that he talked to this unknown white male only a matter of a few minutes through a cracked door; and that he was not interested in cashing the check and so informed the white male.

SMITH said that he would say that this individual was described as follows:

Age	late 30s, early 40s
Race	White
Build	Slender
Height	Taller than LEON SMITH
Dress	Wore white shirt, dark trousers.

SMITH stated that he was somewhat irritated with LEON SMITH for waking him up in the early hours of the morning and that he was displeased that he had wakened him to try to get him to cash a check.

SMITH viewed the artist's conception of the KING killer and said that in his opinion this was not the person he had seen at his Eatonville Motel.

On 4/11/68 NORRIS REYNOLDS, Station Manager, Greyhound Bus Station, Orlando, advised that he did not see the unknown white male referred to as having been

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observed at the Rainbow Club, Eatonville.

REYNOLDS said that one R. A. PETERSON would have been the ticket agent to have logically talked to this unknown white male.

RA. PETERSON, 7723 Linaria, East Orlando, Orlando, Florida, on 4/11/68, furnished the following information:

PETERSON first saw the unknown white male in question at the bus station on 4/11/68 some time after the Miami bus departed at 5:00 AM. This man talked to PETERSON about cashing a personal check, which check he exhibited to him. The name of the bank was not recalled. The man did say he was from Dalton, Georgia and exhibited a driver's license showing a Dalton, Georgia address. PETERSON declined to cash the check and the man did not persist.

PETERSON described this man as follows:

Age	30-35
Race	White
Weight	200
Height	6'2"-6'3"
Build	Tall, slender
Peculiarities	Had noticeable limp
Clothes	Wore white turtle neck sweater with coat, which was possibly too big, matching trousers.

PETERSON last saw this man asleep on one of the front benches of the bus station at about 7:45 AM.

PETERSON was shown the artist's conception and he said this could possibly have been the man at the bus station although he could not be certain. He said there are some similarities in the hairline. ISS. GODWIN, ticket agent, Greyhound Bus Station, Orlando, stated he was not on duty during the hours in question. He was shown the artist's conception but could furnish no information.

On 4/11/68 CHARLES WILSON, Dispatcher, Greyhound Bus Station, could not identify the artist's conception of the KING killer.

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WILSON stated that logically the unknown white male could have taken one of the following buses:

Leaving 8:15 AM, run 311, an express driven by A. J. "JOHNNY" STROUD, who resides at Miami, Florida and can be located at the Operations Office, Miami.

Bus leaving 9:20 AM, run 363, driven by CHARLIE TITUS, who also resides at Miami.

Bus leaving 10:10 AM, driven by WARREN EADS of Orlando, run 632.

Miami Express, leaving 11:15 AM, run 23, driven by WILLIE RAGAN, who resides at Jacksonville.

On 4/11/68 WARREN EADS, driver on Bus 632, was shown the artist's conception, but stated he could not identify him and does not recall anyone resembling him getting on the bus on the morning of 4/8/68.

On 4/12/68, FRANK (NMN) MILLER, 910 Eaton Street, Eatonville, Florida, advised SA ALLEN that on Monday, 4/8/68, approximately between 2:00 and 3:00 AM, he was in the Rainbow Club with "ROCK" RIVERS and a male Negro named "ALEX" when he saw the unknown white male in question for a few moments. Somebody had refused to cash a personal check for this white male. The white male wanted to know where he could get the check cashed and MILLER told him he didn't know. MILLER saw this unknown white male for less than 5 minutes.

MILLER was unable to describe the unknown white male or state anything about his apparel, and as he was shown the artist's conception, stated he was not able to say whether or not this was the unknown white male he had seen at the Rainbow Club.

MILLER stated that he does not know the last name of "ALEX", but said that he would help the agent contact "ALEX", but failed to do so.

On 4/12/68, Mrs. CHARLES ANDERSON, Anderson Roofing Company, Lockhart, Florida, advised that FRANK MILLER is one of her employees and that he is not too reliable and she mentioned that "ROCK" RIVERS formerly

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worked for the Anderson Roofing Company and that he is even less reliable.

On 4/12/68 and also on 4/11/68, further efforts were made to locate and interview "ROCK" RIVERS and "ALEX" LNU, at Eatonville, but these efforts were unsuccessful.

BEN SMITH, operator of Smith's Eatonville Motel advised that MILLER, RIVERS and "ALEX" were all "barflies" and he wouldn't believe any of them.

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TO: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

REJKAIRTEL FIVE TWENTY-EIGHT LAST.

IN VIEW OF FACT THAT PROJECT TO REVIEW DRIVER'S
LICENSE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA WILL BE AT COST OF THREE
THOUSAND DOLLARS TO BUREAU, YOU SHOULD NOT INSTITUTE CHECK
OF DRIVER'S LICENSE FOR MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY, SIXTY-EIGHT.
YOU SHOULD, HOWEVER, INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE STOPS ARE
MAINTAINED CONCERNING SUBJECT AND HIS KNOWN ALIASES IN
EVENT APPLICATION FOR DRIVER'S LICENSE IS MADE UNDER THESE
NAMES. ADVISE BUREAU IF REVIEW OF RECORDS INVOLVES ANY
UNDUE PROBLEM OR WILL INVOLVE EXTENSIVE UTILIZATION OF
PERSONNEL.

AIR MAIL TO MEMPHIS, MIAMI AND TAMPA.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

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Re San Antonio airtel to Director, 5/21/68.

On 5/29/68, Mrs. BEATRICE PERDEW, 414 Ave. "E" S.E., Winter Haven, Fla., advised that she received a telephone call to her home, telephone #294-5795 on 12/17/67, from her son TOM A. PERDEW, who is in the U. S. Air Force. Mrs. PERDEW advised that her son was stationed in San Antonio, Texas in 12/67.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

MURKIN - COST DATA

ReTPairtel, 5/2/68.

Tampa Office cost figures for the month of May, 1968 estimated as follows:

1. NUMBER OF MAN HOURS

A. Special Agents

Regular Hours - 110 Hours
Overtime Hours - 20 Hours
Total Man Hours - 130 Hours

B. Clerical Employees

Regular Hours - 15 Hours
Overtime Hours - 0
Total Clerical Man Hours - 15 Hours
OVERALL TOTAL - 145 Hours

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2. TOTAL ESTIMATED MILEAGE

A. Bureau Cars - 436 Miles

B. Personal Cars - 0

3. ANY UNUSUAL OR OUT OF ORDINARY COSTS - 0

4. PEAK NUMBER OF SAs WORKING ON CASE
DURING THE MONTH - 17

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Number of man hours for SAs represents actual hours worked as furnished by agents at COB each day.

Clerical man hours estimated by Chief Clerk.

Mileage figure is actual mileage traveled as determined by each SA, at COB each working day.

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TO : SAC Tampa (157-3231) P

DATE: 6/4/68

FROM : SA Thomas B. McNelly

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 6/3/68 Frank Wetzel, manager of Perdue Radio, 2425 East Colonial St., Orlando, Fla. telephonically contacted this Agent and stated that he might have information pertinent to this matter.

The following investigation was conducted by this Agent and SA Gordon Tindall on 6/3/68

Frank Wetzel was interviewed at his place of business and advised the following: An employee of his radio shop, Pernell Ezzell a white male age 36, had been acting nervous two months before and subsequent to the King shooting. From Feb. '68 until he last saw Pernell Ezzell in the middle of May '68, Pernell's brother Thomas had been staying at Pernell's home, 636 22 St. and had no apparent means of support. Pernell was not at work on the day King was shot but did return the following day.

Wetzel stated that possibly Pernell and

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Thomas Ezzell were involved in the King murder, for he heard Pernell state that he was in Memphis, Tenn. the day of the shooting and now Pernell is in Los Angeles, Calif.

Fay Ezzell of 636 22ND St. Orlando Fla. advised that she is the wife of Pernell Ezzell and gave the following information concerning him.

Pernell is an alcoholic who spends most of his time under the influence of alcohol or in a hospital receiving treatment for acute alcoholism. He is very deeply in debt to credit card companies and recently had his car repossessed. During March and April of 1968 Pernell was intoxicated most of the time and the wife would not allow him in the house. As a result he lived in different motels and hotels. During the middle of May Pernell went to his mother's home in Clinton, N.C. and from there he went to L.A., Calif. where he has phoned her from. During each call she could not understand him as he sounded under the influence of alcohol.

She described Pernell as follows

DOB	
POB	Fayetteville, N.C.
Race	White

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height 5' 10"
weight 190 pounds

She described Bernell's brother, Thomas Ezzell
as follows:

Race white

Age approx 32-33

height 5' 6"

weight 140

Residence c/o Arrie Ezzell
Rt 4, Box 236
Clinton, N. C.

At the conclusion of both interviews, Watzles
and Mrs. Ezzell were shown I.O. 4182 (James Earl
Ray) and stated they could not identify Ray as ever
having been acquainted or seen by either.

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DATE: 6/6/68

FROM : SA JESSE R. HAGY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuRadiogram, 6/6/68. *(Serial 482)*

On 6/6/68, writer placed a Lookout Notice with

U. S. Customs, Tampa (per Margarite Knight).

Immigration and Naturalization Service (per P. S. Willmore)

on name RAMON GEORGE SNEYD

ACTION: Prepare Stop Card on above name reflecting placement of Lookout notices with Customs & INS.

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*These stops
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URGENT JUNE 6, 1968
 TO ALL FIELD DIVISIONS
 FROM DIRECTOR
 MURKIN.

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Handwritten signatures and initials are present over the stamp.

FOR INFO ALL OFFICES AND NOT TO BE DISCLOSED TO ANYONE OUTSIDE OF OFFICE IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THROUGH INVESTIGATION THAT SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY RESIDED IN CANADA FROM APRIL 8, 68 UNTIL MAY 6, 68 UNDER NAMES PAUL BRIDGMAN AND RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. SUBJECT DEPARTED CANADA FOR LONDON, ENGLAND ON MAY 6 LAST AS SNEYD AND IS BELIEVED USING CANADIAN PASSPORT IN THAT NAME. SUBJECT BELIEVED TO BE WEARING GLASSES.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS REVIEW OF DRIVER'S LICENSE BUREAU RECORDS AS REQUESTED IN BU RADIOGRAM MAY 21 LAST MAY BE DISCONTINUED.

OFFICES COVERING ENTRANCE INTO THE UNITED STATES SHOULD PLACE APPROPRIATE STOPS WITH BORDER AND CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES UNDER NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. NO INDICATION WHATSOEVER SHOULD BE GIVEN THAT THERE IS ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN SNEYD AND KING ASSASSINATION. YOU MAY ADVISE AUTHORITIES THAT INDIVIDUAL USING NAME SNEYD IS BEING SOUGHT BY FBI FOR UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT FOR CHARGE OF ROBBERY.

FOR INFO BORDER OFFICES THERE IS ACTUAL PERSON RESIDING IN

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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MURKIN - BUREAU RADIOGRAM JUNE 6, 1968 - CONTINUED

TORONTO CANADA WHO IS EMPLOYED BY TORONTO POLICE DEPARTMENT
NAMED RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND DATE
OF BIRTH USED BY SUBJECT IN OBTAINING PASSPORT. THIS IS FOR
YOUR INFORMATION IN EVENT BORDER STOPS DISCLOSE THAT INDIVIDUAL
NAMED SNEYD IS ENTERING YOUR TERRITORY.

COPIES MAILED TO WFO

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RECEIVED 2:45PM

DECODED RJR

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Re WFO Airtel to Bureau, 5-31-68, which is TP 157-3231-474.

"Rebel Florida" is Club Rebel of Florida, TP file 145-148. Suggestion is made that the file be reviewed at Tampa.

SA BALL, who has access of the membership list of Club Rebel of Florida, reviewed this list but did not find subject's name or any of the names he has used.

On 6-5-68, TP 313-C advised SA BALL that Club Rebel of Florida is inactive; that he does not recall subject's name as a possible member or correspondent. Source stated that he has never heard of "Jean Marie" as a pen-pal club.

On 6-5-68, Postal Inspector WAYNE RITCHIE, Orlando, advised that PO Inspector ROBERT E. MARQUETTE of Tampa handles the obscene pen-pal clubs in Florida and has the file on the former Club Rebel of Florida.

RITCHIE said that a logical lead would be to contact Inspector MARSH of Dallas, Texas, who has a case on The Club Swing of Kileen, Texas. This is the present name of Club Rebel of Florida. Club Rebel became associated with the Sigma Epsilon which in turn became The Club Swing.

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Review TP 145-148.
Contact Post Office Inspector MARQUETTE at TP.re above.
Have Dallas check on The Club Swing thru MARSH.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date June 3, 1968

As the result of investigation previously conducted JUNE TAYLOR on May 24, 1968, voluntarily appeared at the Columbia, South Carolina Federal Bureau of Investigation Office and advised as follows:

She is presently NORMA JUNE SPELLMAN and her maiden name was JEFFCOAT. She has been married five times and is also known by the following names:

NORMA JUNE HUTCHINGS
NORMA JUNE EDWARDS
NORMA JUNE TAYLOR
NORMA JUNE CABEEN
NORMA JUNE SPELLMAN

She is presently employed as a waitress at the Starlight Lounge, Assembly Street. In early 1965 she was living at 2930 Chestnut Street, Columbia, South Carolina, with her friend, JOHNNIE BLACKWELL, who was then employed at The Lounge on Lady Street, Columbia, South Carolina. She was then employed at the Red Rooster, Columbia, South Carolina. During this period she, TAYLOR, met a white male known to her only as SONNY BILLINGS. BLACKWELL was then dating an individual who reportedly had just been discharged from the Army by the name of BARBER (First Name Unknown). BILLINGS lived at the above address with JUNE TAYLOR for about one or two weeks during which period she dated him four or five times. During this period BILLINGS and BARBER reportedly left Columbia, South Carolina in a red Chevrolet convertible which car belonged to BILLINGS. They reportedly went to New York or somewhere up North to take BARBER home and after several days BILLINGS returned alone to Columbia, South Carolina. BARBER only visited Columbia, South Carolina, on one occasion after this and she saw him at The Lounge in Columbia. SONNY BILLINGS after above mentioned trip, left Columbia, South Carolina, for six or eight months and returned for one weekend

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On 5/24/68 at Columbia, South Carolina File # Columbia 44-299

by SA MULDROW B. MILLS
SA ROBERT R. JOHNSON MBM:pe1 Date dictated 5/28/68

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during 1965 which was the last she has seen of him.

JUNE TAYLOR said that during this period she does not recall ever knowing two men by the name of JAMES and EDDIE and she could furnish absolutely no information concerning such individuals. She does not recall ever visiting a VFW Club in Columbia, South Carolina, with BARBER and BILLINGS and she could furnish no information concerning BARBER having sticks of marijuana in his possession. She does not recall ever knowing an individual who owned a 1964 or 1965 Continental and she could furnish no information whatsoever concerning the attempt to purchase a machine gun or a conspiracy to murder MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to her and she was unable to identify this person as anyone known to her.

She advised she and JOHNNIE BLACKWELL have never double-dated with BILLINGS and BARBER.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, COLUMBIA (44-299) (P)

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Re Columbia airtel to Memphis, 5/22/68, and
Kansas City airtel to Bureau, 4/27/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are fifteen (15) copies and
for Tampa and New Orleans one (1) copy each of FD-302
showing interview with JUNE TAYLOR, aka, at Columbia, S. C.,
regarding information furnished by CARLOS LEE BILLINGS,
Medical Center for Federal Prisons, Springfield, Missouri,
4/26/68.

It is to be noted that considerable investigation
was conducted prior to locating JUNE TAYLOR who could
furnish no information pertinent to this investigation.

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Memorandum

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TO : SAC (157-3231)

DATE: 6/7/68

FROM : SA Charles D. Vance

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re your memo 5/15/68

Capt. Frank Daniels, in charge of Detective Bu., Clearwater PD advised that James Earl Ray is not considered a suspect in any of their crimes, as his description does not fit any of their unsubs. He added they have not had any major crimes in the city recently.

Capt. Carl McMullen, in charge of Detective Bu., Pinellas SO, advised that Ray's photo has been exhibited to witnesses in their major unsolved crimes but no identification has been made. He added that Ray's photo will be exhibited in any major robbery that will occur in this area.

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FBI JACKSVLE

6:02 PM EDT URGENT 6/5/68 JLC

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM JACKSONVILLE (44-769) 1P

MURKIN.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE, JUNE ONE, LAST, REGARDING REVIEW OF DRIVERS LICENSES FOR STATE OF FLORIDA.

AUTHORITIES, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, WERE ADVISED THE BUREAU WAS NOT GOING TO SEARCH THE SIXTY THOUSAND DRIVERS LICENSES APPLICATIONS AT THIS TIME.

MAJOR C. W. KEITH VOLUNTEERED A SEARCH TO BE MAKE BY HIS PERSONNEL AT THE ONE HUNDRED TEN EXAMINING POINTS ON APPLICATIONS THAT HAVE NOT MATERIALIZED. HE ANTICIPATES SENDING A WANTED FLYER OF RAY TO EACH OF THE EXAMINING STATIONS WITH THE REQUEST THEY MAKE A SEARCH BY NAME AND ALIASES OF THE APPLICATIONS AND THESE WANTED FLYERS WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL THE EXAMINERS FOR FUTURE USE.

JACKSONVILLE WILL FURNISH MAJOR KEITH NECESSARY WANTED FLYERS FOR THIS USE.

STOPS HAVE BEEN PLACED AT THE DRIVERS LICENSE DIVISION, TALLAHASSEE, OF SUBJECT'S NAME AND KNOWN ALIASES.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MIAMI

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)

SUBJ: MURKIN
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(OO: Memphis)

Re previous communications with the Bureau relative to review of Florida Drivers License Applications and Bureau teletype to Jacksonville dated 6/1/68.

Enclosed herewith for Miami and Tampa is 1 copy each of Jacksonville teletype to the Bureau, dated 6/5/68, which is response with pertinent information to the Bureau's inquiry in their teletype of 6/1/68.

Miami and Tampa will note that Department of Public Safety, Tallahassee, is furnishing Wanted Flyers to their 110 examining points so that applications for new licenses might be reviewed by their personnel as volunteered by Major KEITH. In view of this procedure, if a suspect is developed in this search, the examining station will refer this suspect to the FBI Division Headquarters covering the area of the examining station.

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100PM URGENT 6/8/68 GJM
TO ALL SACS
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861

MURKIN

SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY APPREHENDED AT LONDON,
ENGLAND, JUNE EIGHT INSTANT. DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE
AND REMOVE ALL STOPS.

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REPORTING OFFICE MEMPHIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 6/5/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/4 - 5/31/68
TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, Jim - FUGITIVE IO #4182, WF #442-A; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA JOE C. HESTER	TYPED BY mnr
		CHARACTER OF CASE CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY	

NON-PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY

REFERENCES:

Reports of SA JOE C. HESTER dated 4/17/68 and 4/30/68 at Memphis.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Additional copies of this report have been designated for the Bureau in order that dissemination may be made to Legats, Ottawa and Mexico City.

It should be noted that during interviews with certain of the subject's associates and former prison mates, their stories have varied from time to time. Some of their stories may have varied after this report was prepared. This is recognized but could not be avoided. Any more recent information obtained from them will be set out in subsequent reports.

LEADS:

All offices will continue to conduct investigation in this matter and will set out all leads which appear to be appropriate.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA JOE C. HESTER

Office: MEMPHIS

Date: JUNE 5, 1968

Field Office File No.: 44-1987

Bureau File No.: 44-38861

Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis: JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G, escaped Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) 4/23/67, and on 7/20/67 a complaint was filed before USC W. C. SHELEY, Jefferson City, Mo., charging RAY with unlawful flight to avoid confinement in violation of Title 18, USC, Section 1073. On 4/17/68 an authorized complaint was filed against ERIC STARVO GALT for violation of Title 18, USC, Section 241, charging that he did conspire to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in the free exercise and enjoyment of his rights secured by the Constitution of the United States. Complaint was filed before USC, Birmingham, Ala., by SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE, and a warrant was issued for the arrest of GALT. Recommended bond is \$50,000. On 5/7/68 Shelby County GJ, Memphis, returned a secret indictment charging JAMES EARL RAY with murder in the first degree. Chronological listing of subject's activities from 4/67 to 4/68 set forth and reflects he resided briefly at Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada. He traveled to Birmingham, Ala., purchased a 1966 Ford Mustang, then traveled to Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, for a brief residence, and then to Los Angeles, Calif. Subject made 2 round trips by automobile from Los Angeles to New Orleans and in 3/68 established residence in Atlanta, Ga. Using the name HARVEY LOWMEYER, a Remington, Model 760, rifle was purchased 3/30/68 Birmingham, Ala. At 6:00 P.M., 4/4/68 Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was shot and killed by a single bullet fired from the bathroom of a nearby rooming house while he was standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel, Memphis. Same Remington rifle identified above recovered at scene along with other items and personal belongings of the subject. Results of Laboratory examinations of all evidence described herein. Interviews of relatives of JAMES EARL RAY, fellow prisoners, and associates set forth. Subject is described as a loner with no close associates, reportedly on amphetamine, and selling drugs at MSP while incarcerated there. Identification record and description also set forth. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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I. CRIMES COMMITTED FOR WHICH
FEDERAL PROCESS OUTSTANDING

The subject, JAMES EARL RAY, was received at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), Jefferson City, Missouri, March 17, 1960, from the St. Louis City Circuit Court to serve a sentence of 20 years after conviction for robbery first degree by means of a dangerous and deadly weapon (2 counts) and for operating a motor vehicle without permission of the owner. He was given sentences of 20, 7, and 5 years, all to run concurrently.

The subject, who was MSP inmate #00416, was assigned to the Bakery Unit of the Food Service Department. Just prior to the 5:00 P.M. count on April 23, 1967, he was discovered missing and could not be found within the penitentiary. It was not until some 10 days later that prison officials determined that the subject had escaped by being concealed in a large bread box being taken by open truck from the main prison to Renz Farm, a prison farm that lies outside the prison walls and about 5 miles north of the main prison. This method of escape has not been positively verified and remains largely a matter of conjecture.

Federal assistance was requested to locate the subject, and on July 20, 1967, a complaint was filed before U. S. Commissioner W. C. SHELEY at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging the subject with Unlawful Flight to Avoid Confinement following a conviction for robbery first degree, this being in violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073.

On April 24, 1968, an amended complaint was filed by SA ROWEN B. AYERS before U. S. Commissioner SHELEY.

At about 6:00 P.M. on April 4, 1968, while standing on the second floor balcony outside Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry Street, Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was struck in the right side of the face by a single bullet. Investigation disclosed that this shot was fired from the bathroom of a rooming house located at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, which bathroom was located at the rear of the rooming house and which had a window overlooking the Lorraine Motel. It is 207 feet from the bathroom window to the spot where KING was shot.

It was determined that on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, a man using the name JOHN WILLARD rented Room 5B at 422½ South Main Street, paying one week's rent. After hearing the rifle shot at about 6:00 P.M. on April 4, 1968, other tenants in the rooming house observed the man known as WILLARD fleeing from the rooming house carrying a large package which was subsequently abandoned by him on the sidewalk in front of 424 South Main Street. Further investigation disclosed that WILLARD fled from the scene in a white Mustang parked a few feet south of 424 South Main Street.

Found abandoned in front of 424 South Main was a 30-06 Remington, Model 760, rifle, a small plastic suitcase containing numerous toilet articles, undershorts, a T-shirt, binoculars, a newspaper, an after shave lotion bottle, 2 cans of Schlitz beer, and a brown and green bedspread in which all of these items were partially wrapped.

Investigation at motels in the vicinity of Memphis, Tennessee, to identify persons who might be driving a white Mustang automobile disclosed that ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, had spent the night of April 3, 1968, at the Rebel Motel, 3466 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, and was driving a Mustang with Alabama license 1-38993. Subsequent investigation at Birmingham, set out in more detail elsewhere in this report, indicated that ERIC STARVO GALT was responsible for the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and on April 17, 1968, Assistant U. S. Attorney R. MACEY TAYLOR, Birmingham, Alabama, authorized the filing of a complaint against ERIC STARVO GALT for violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241, charging that GALT did conspire to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in the free exercise and enjoyment of his rights secured by the Constitution of the United States, namely, the right to freely travel from state to state. Assistant U. S. Attorney TAYLOR recommended bond be set in the amount of \$50,000.

This complaint was filed by SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE before U. S. Commissioner MILDRED F. SPRAGUE, Birmingham, on April 17, 1968, and Mrs. SPRAGUE issued a warrant of arrest for ERIC STARVO GALT.

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On May 7, 1968, a Shelby County Grand Jury, Memphis, Tennessee, returned a secret indictment charging the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, with murder in the first degree. While this indictment has not been made public, the local press is aware of its existence and has commented on it.

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II. CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF KNOWN
ACTIVITIES OF JAMES EARL RAY SINCE
HIS ESCAPE AND LABORATORY EXAMINATION
OF EVIDENCE ATTENDANT THERETO

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4/23/67

JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G, escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), Jefferson City, Missouri.

7/18/67

A man using the name ERIC S. GALT signed a lease for an apartment in the Harkay Apartments, 2589 Notre Dame East, Montreal, Canada. The apartment was to rent for \$75 monthly, and one month's rent was to be forfeited in the event the lease was terminated prior to January 18, 1968.

GALT is not known to have made any telephone calls from the telephone in the hall, #532-0094, and interviews have been unproductive with other tenants, nearby stores, garages, parking lots, and other places where GALT might have parked his car.

An employee at the apartment house has reported that during GALT's stay he was visited on one occasion by 2 women, both described as being aged 40 to 42, one woman had black hair, the other had reddish brown hair. They reportedly stayed overnight, one left the following day, and the other stayed for a few days.

7/24/67

ERIC GALT purchased a Canadian Postal Money Order #C31,600,648, from Station "C," Montreal, Canada. This money order was in the amount of \$9 and was made payable to Futura Books, Inc., 4533 Lennox, Inglewood, California.

On July 26, 1967, a Canadian Money Order in the amount of \$9 was received at Futura Books, Inc., Inglewood, California, from ERIC GALT, 2589 Notre Dame East, Montreal, Canada, as payment for three books entitled "Sexual Anatomy," "Unusual Female Sex Practices," and "Sex Feeling in Men and Women." Futura Books is able to state that the ad answered by GALT had appeared in "Men's Real Adventure" magazine. This order was received and mailed on the same date, July 26, 1967.

7/28/67

ERIC GALT purchased a Canadian Postal Money Order #C31,600,868 at Station "C," Montreal, Canada. This money order was in the amount of \$17.50 and was made payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey.

A photostat copy of this money order was examined by the FBI Laboratory. The FBI Laboratory reported that the photostat copy of this money order lacks the quality necessary for a satisfactory comparison; however, some differences were noted between the writing appearing on the face of this item when compared with writing appearing on other specimens submitted in this case under the name of ERIC GALT.

ERIC S. GALT, 2589 Notre Dame East, Montreal, Canada, enrolled in the Locksmithing Institute, 1500 Cardinal Drive, Little Falls, New Jersey, a correspondence school whose records reflect that his first payment was received July 31, 1967, and the last payment was by money order dated March 28, 1968. During the period of his enrollment, GALT showed in addition to the Canadian address the following addresses:

1535 South Serrano
Los Angeles, California

2608 Highland Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

113 14th Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

The enrollment form of Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, dated July 31, 1967, in the name of ERIC S. GALT; the confidential information form of the Locksmithing Institute bearing the signature ERIC S. GALT; and the white envelope postmarked Montreal P.Q., VII, 1967, bearing the return address ERIC S. GALT, 2589 Rue Notre Dame Est., Montreal, Canada, Quebec, and handprinted address "Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, USA 07424" were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory.

The FBI Laboratory reported that the signature appearing on the confidential information form was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on items submitted in this case. It was determined that the handprinting appearing on the enrollment form and white envelope was prepared by the same individual who prepared handprinting on other items submitted attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

8/9/67

ERIC GALT purchased a Canadian Postal Money Order #C35,273,307 from Station "C," Montreal, Canada. This money order was in the amount of \$1 payable to E. Z. Formula, Hollywood, California. E. Z. Formula, 6311 Yucca Street, Hollywood, California, is a subsidiary of Barnett and Hersh and concerns only a magazine mail order business selling a single formula for making glass into a 2-way mirror. They maintain no receipt or record of shipment and are therefore unable to further verify receipt of an order from GALT.

8/26/67

Personnel at the Harkay Apartments, Montreal, Canada, are not certain as to the date ERIC S. GALT moved from that address; however, they are in agreement that it was shortly before Labor Day of 1967. Investigation at Birmingham, Alabama, has disclosed that on August 26, 1967, ERIC S. GALT registered in a rooming house known as Economy Rooms at 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama.

8/28/67

ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, rented a safe deposit box #5517 at the Main Office, Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama. GALT surrendered this box by notification to the bank by undated, handwritten letter wherein he stated he was moving to the state of Louisiana. The record of access to the safe deposit box, contract for box, ledger card for box, and the undated, handwritten letter from GALT were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory. The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature of ERIC S. GALT appearing on these items was prepared by the same individual who prepared the writing in the same name appearing on other items attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

8/29-30/67

ERIC GALT, in answer to an ad appearing in a local newspaper, contacted Mr. WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, 701 48th Street South, Birmingham, Alabama, regarding PAISLEY's offer to sell a 1966 white Mustang. On August 30, 1967, GALT met PAISLEY at the First National Bank Building, Birmingham, where GALT paid PAISLEY \$1995 in cash. A bill of sale was prepared indicating the car was sold to ERIC GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, telephone #323-9487.

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Records of the Drivers License Division, Department of Public Safety, State of Alabama, Montgomery, revealed that Alabama driver's license [REDACTED] was issued to ERIC STARVO GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature of ERIC STARVO GALT appearing on his application for Alabama driver's license was prepared by the same individual who prepared other signatures in the same name attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

9/12/67

ERIC GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, enrolled for 5 weekly classes in dance instruction at Continental Dance Club Studios, also known as the Friendship Club, Birmingham, Alabama. GALT attended classes on 4 consecutive Tuesday evenings but did not appear for the fifth class.

9/26/67

In September 1967 the Order Department - Modern Photo Book Store, Division of American Photographic Book Publishing Company, Inc., 166 Fifth Avenue, New York City, New York, received a coupon clipped from "Modern Photography Magazine," which coupon requested that Book #633 be sent to ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham. Book #633 referred to above is "Focal Encyclopedia of Photography." This department also received a letter dated September 26, 1967, signed ERIC S. GALT, with the same Birmingham, Alabama, address wherein GALT refers to his order for Book #633 and requested that the book not be sent as he was moving shortly and would send a corrected address later. Officials of the Modern Photo Book Store advised that they have received no further communications from GALT subsequent to the letter dated September 26, 1967.

The FBI Laboratory reported that the handwriting appearing on this coupon and letter was identical with the handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G. The FBI Identification Division advised that one latent fingerprint of value was developed on the coupon and that this latent fingerprint is identical with the left thumb print of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G.

9/28/67

ERIC S. GALT purchased Bank Draft #04012FPS from the Exchange Security Bank, 5 Points South Branch Office, Birmingham, Alabama, dated September 28, 1967, payable to Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, Illinois, in the amount of \$337.24.

10/2/67

ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, was issued 1968 Alabama license 1-38993 for a 1966 Ford Mustang, VIN 6T07C190647.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature of ERIC S. GALT on the application for the Alabama license was prepared by the same individual who prepared other items under the same name attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

10/3/67

The Superior Bulk Film Company, 442-450 North Wells, Chicago, Illinois, received an order from ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, for one Kodak Super 8 camera, Model M8; one Kodak Dual Projector, Model M95Z; one HPI Combination Splicer; and one 20 foot remote control cable for a total price of \$337.24. A bank draft was received with the order, and on October 3, 1967, a package was mailed to him via parcel post under invoice #179530. Since the Kodak Model M8 camera was not in stock, a Crestline Super 8 camera was substituted.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the handprinting appearing on this Superior Bulk Film Company order blank was prepared by the same individual who prepared other items submitted under the same name and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

10/5/67

ERIC S. GALT sent a typewritten note dated October 5, 1967, to Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, acknowledging receipt of items ordered from them and by which he returned the Crestline Super 8 camera. He indicated the camera ordered by him was a four speed camera while the substituted one was a one film speed camera. GALT indicated he was leaving for Mexico on October 7, 1967, but would later send his Mexican address to that company.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on this letter dated October 5, 1967, was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other items submitted in this case and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

10/18/67

Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, Illinois, mailed to ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, via parcel post a Kodak Super 8, Model D38, camera, under invoice #179530.

10/19/67

On this date ERIC GALT registered in Room 212 of the Hotel Rio, Morelos 86, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.

The Document Section of the FBI Laboratory examined 2 photostat copies of the registration card of the Hotel Rio in the name of ERIC S. GALT and concluded that the questioned writings appearing on the registration card were prepared by the writer of other specimens received in this matter which have been attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

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10/22/67

A typewritten letter dated October 22, 1967, signed ERIC S. GALT was addressed to Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, Illinois, indicating that he could not wait for the originally ordered Kodak camera and requesting that his refund be mailed to the Hotel Rio, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on the typewritten letter dated October 22, 1967, was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on items previously submitted in this case and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

11/6/67

ERIC GALT checked out of the Hotel Rio, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.

11/7-13/67

ERIC GALT during this period of time was registered in Room 417 of the Hotel Tropicano, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.

During most of the period that he was in Puerto Vallarta, GALT associated with a prostitute, IRMA MORALES, true name MANUELA AGUIRRE MEDRANO. She was located and interviewed, and she furnished a photograph of GALT taken in Puerto Vallarta about November 3, 1967. She claims not to have seen GALT nor to have heard from him since November 9, 1967.

11/19/67

On this date ERIC GALT rented Apartment #6 at 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California.

11/20/67

By typewritten letter dated November 20, 1967, signed ERIC S. GALT, the Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, Illinois, was requested to forward GALT's refund for the camera which he did not receive to 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California. GALT indicated in his letter that he would be at the Los Angeles address for 5 months.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on the typewritten letter dated November 20, 1967, was prepared by the writer of the signature in this name appearing on items submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

By letter dated November 30, 1967, mailed to GALT's Los Angeles address, Superior Bulk Film Company advised GALT that his refund check #32338 in the amount of \$142.89 had been remailed to GALT's Mexican address. The canceled refund check had not, as of March 29, 1968, been received by the company.

11/27 - 12/14/67

On this date Dr. MARK O. FREEMAN, Clinical Psychologist, 227 South Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills, California, received a telephone call from JAMES E. RAY, who said he wanted to overcome his shyness, gain social confidence, and to learn self-hypnosis in order that he could relax, sleep, and learn to remember things better. An appointment was made for him that same afternoon at the doctor's office, 9952 Santa Monica Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California. He gave his name as JAMES E. RAY and gave his address as 1535 North Serrano, telephone #469-8096. He furnished his date of birth as [REDACTED]. RAY had appointments with Dr. FREEMAN on November 27, November 30, December 4, December 6, December 11, and December 14, 1967. RAY canceled an appointment for December 18, 1967, stating he had received information from his brother that the brother had found a job for him as a merchant seaman at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dr. FREEMAN said that RAY paid in cash \$25 per visit. Dr. FREEMAN found that RAY was shy, introverted, and withdrawn but not psychotic or plagued with any deep-seated neuroses.

12/5/67-2/12/68

ERIC GALT, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, executed an enrollment agreement and contract for dancing instruction with the owner of the National Dance Studio, 2026 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach, California.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on an interview card #66429 dated December 5, 1967, of the National Dance Studio was prepared by the writer of this signature appearing on other items previously submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT. The Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on the National Dance Studio enrollment agreement and contract dated December 14, 1967, was too distorted for any determination to be made.

Investigation revealed that GALT first appeared at the office of the National Dance Studio on December 5, 1967, at which time he took two lessons and made payments of \$29. GALT appeared at the studio again on December 17, 1967, and took two lessons, again on December 12, 1967, and took two lessons, and on December 14, 1967, and took one lesson.

On December 14, 1967, GALT agreed to take a course of dancing of a total of 50 hours in lessons for a total amount of \$499. The course consisted of 25 private hour lessons and 25 party or group technique hour lessons. According to this agreement, GALT was to pay \$100 on account on December 14, 1967, and was to pay \$149 on December 18, 1967, and \$50 per week thereafter until the contract was paid in full. According to the records,

GALT did make a payment of \$100 on December 14, 1967, and on December 21, 1967, he made a payment of \$364.

According to these records, GALT took dancing lessons at the National Dance Studio on the following dates subsequent to December 14, 1967:

12/21/67
12/25/67
12/26/67
12/27/67
12/28/67
1/2/68
1/3/68
1/9/68
1/11/68
1/15/68
1/16/68
1/18/68
1/22/68
1/23/68
1/25/68
1/29/68
1/30/68
1/31/68
2/1/68
2/5/68
2/6/68
2/8/68
2/12/68

12/15/67

Under ticket #31053 GALT left laundry at the Avalon Cleaners and Laundry, Inc., 5662 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, which laundry was marked "20R-3" by a Thermo Seal marking machine. IT IS NOTED THAT BED LINEN FOUND IN THE WHITE MUSTANG ABANDONED APRIL 5, 1968, AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA, BORE THE LAUNDRY MARK 20R-3.

12/15/67

ERIC GALT and CHARLES J. STEIN, 5666 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, California, a new acquaintance, departed Los Angeles in GALT's 1966 white Mustang en route to New Orleans, Louisiana, to bring back 2 children belonging to CHARLES STEIN's sister, RITA STEIN. GALT's association with CHARLES J. and RITA STEIN is being set forth in a separate section of this report.

12/17 - 19/67

On December 17, 1967, ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, registered in Room 126, Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, and checked out of the motel before checkout time of 1:00 P.M. on December 19, 1967. At time of registration GALT indicated on the registration card that he was driving a Mustang with Alabama license 1-38993.

The FBI Laboratory determined that the Provincial Motel registration card was prepared by the writer of the registration card which was subsequently located at the Rebel Motel in Memphis, Tennessee, under the name of ERIC S. GALT.

12/19/67

ERIC GALT, CHARLES J. STEIN, and RITA STEIN's 2 daughters, KIM and CHERYL, departed New Orleans, Louisiana, in GALT's 1966 white Mustang to return to Los Angeles, California.

12/22/67

ERIC GALT picked up laundry which had been left on December 15, 1967, at Avalon Cleaners and Laundry, Inc., 5662 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles.