

search recovered weapons in their possession. This was followed by white prisoners arming themselves which in turn was followed by a riot. Three Negro prisoners were killed and, in his opinion, if RAY did not knife them himself he would know who did knife them. RAY was a racist and hated Negroes.

RAY often talked of going to the Lake of the Ozarks when he got out of prison. RAY was particularly interested in Western Music and a number of orchestras from the Lake of the Ozarks had played at the penitentiary.

DOWDA stated RAY's dope habit was costing him from \$35 to \$40 per week for shots and he appeared to be well fixed and never wanting for anything. While in prison he used amphetamines which he took in shots in the "main line" and he had known RAY to give free amphetamines to prisoners who needed a shot.

NEAL AEBY was RAY's closest friend in the Missouri State Penitentiary and was responsible for bringing RAY in to the kitchen. AEBY, at this time, was chief cook.

DOWDA claimed he had not been contacted by RAY and had heard nothing to indicate RAY had attempted to contact him. RAY had talked about traveling all over the United States but never mentioned anything to indicate RAY was associated with anyone in the Atlanta, Georgia area.

JAMES C. FLETCHER, #72071 of the Missouri Training School for Men, had been in the Missouri State Penitentiary at the same time JAMES EARL RAY was there and he knew him from going back and forth to the dining room to eat. Everyone knew JAMES EARL RAY by his reputation as he had attempted to escape several times.

FLETCHER reported RAY missing at the time of his April, 1967, escape to Lt. BILLY TURNER. It was rumored at the time that RAY was going to the State of Georgia if he was successful in his escape.

FLETCHER had no knowledge or information concerning RAY's current location nor had he been contacted by RAY since his escape.

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ORVILLE ERNEST GANN was located at Dismas House, St. Louis, Missouri, at which time he advised his last Missouri State Penitentiary number was 69729. He first entered the penitentiary in August 1926 on a four-year sentence for burglary, re-entered the penitentiary in April 1931 on a 25-year sentence for murder, and the third time in April 1955 for a 20-year sentence for armed robbery. He was released on parole on April 9, 1968.

GANN knew JAMES EARL RAY casually while both were inmates at the penitentiary. During the period of this casual acquaintance, they had some slight association in the yard and personal association based on the fact that RAY worked on the food detail and sometimes served special dishes to GANN while GANN reciprocated by giving RAY special consideration in connection with his laundry service, since GANN was assigned to the laundry. He considered RAY to be a neat individual and clean.

Close associates of RAY at the penitentiary were identified to be CARL DRAKE, a tinner, and TED RICHARDSON.

At the time of RAY's escape, GANN was not confined at Jefferson City but was on the honor farm at Springfield, Missouri. He has no knowledge of where RAY would be now or whom he would seek out once he had escaped.

JOHN KENNETH HURTT is an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary, having number 75502. In 1966 he celled in the same hall at the Missouri State Penitentiary as did JAMES EARL RAY for two or three weeks. He was not close to RAY and knows of no close associates of RAY.

RAY was always "planning an escape" but HURTT does not know who helped RAY escape in April 1967, if anyone did help him.

He never heard RAY mention a bounty on the life of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, nor did he ever hear anything from RAY to indicate one way or the other his feelings toward the Negro race.

In return for sending about a \$15 money order to a stationery company under the pretext of ordering some paper, all done at the direction of RAY, he (HURTT) was given cigarettes in return by RAY for accomplishing this feat. RAY was always talking about the man who owned the stationery company, and it is this person whom HURTT thought RAY said lived in Kansas City. The name it was directed to he believes was PEPPER. The paper never came and when he asked RAY about delivery RAY told him the paper would be delivered directly to RAY.

HURTT further advised that he never heard of "COOLEY's Organization" and he has been in the Missouri State Penitentiary for the past 15 years. He also has no information to indicate RAY was involved with the sale of amphetamine in the penitentiary.

DONALD JOHNSON, Missouri State Penitentiary inmate 19987, believes that when he was in the penitentiary during the 1960-1966 era he believes he may have known who RAY was during that time but was not associated or acquainted with him personally.

He returned to the Missouri State Penitentiary in February 1967 and worked in the bread room of the penitentiary in the early part of the year and he was working the morning shift during the time RAY escaped.

He does not know whether or not another inmate aided RAY in his escape and he does not subscribe to the theory that RAY escaped in the bread box being delivered to one of the prison farms. He (JOHNSON) personally loaded

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the bread into the wooden bread box and took it down the elevator operated by an inmate to the dock and assisted in placing the box on the truck.

JOHNSON denied having knowledge of any plan by JAMES EARL RAY to escape and had no knowledge as to his possible whereabouts.

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JOHN PAUL VELANTI, South 18th Street, St. Louis, Missouri, was in the Missouri State Penitentiary from February, 1960, to December, 1964. He does not believe he was ever housed in the same hall as RAY and therefore was not that familiar with him.

He described RAY as a quiet type, seldom noticed. RAY did not gamble or play sports or do anything to attract attention to himself.

He recalls RAY's face from having seen him at the penitentiary. RAY's escape attempts attracted no attention to RAY as there were frequent such attempts by numerous inmates.

He has no knowledge of RAY's present whereabouts.

When reinterviewed, VELANTI admitted he ran a poker game and lottery at the penitentiary, having numerous inmates working for him. He knew all of them personally, but JAMES EARL RAY never worked for him.

KENNETH LEE WADE, FBI number 568 123 B currently incarcerated San Quentin Penitentiary advised he was confined to the Missouri State Penitentiary from 1958 through 1965 on a robbery charge. He knew JAMES EARL RAY from about 1960 until 1965. RAY came to the Missouri State Penitentiary with a man by the name of RAY PRUETT and they were "fall partners." WADE meant that he, WADE, and PRUETT were convicted at the same time, but PRUETT fought the conviction and did not enter the penitentiary until a later date and the entrance was timed with that of RAY.

The three of them lived in "K Hall" and RAY and WADE worked in the prison bakery.

RAY, PRUETT, WADE, BOBBY BURNS and GLEN SHURNICK (phonetic), were selling amphetamine and other stimulants to the inmates.

WADE estimates that the five of them made about \$1,000 a month or more selling these pills each month. They paid a guard \$100 to bring the jar in and after expenses cleared, about \$1,000.

RAY had a friend who sent him narcotics, but WADE did not know any more about this matter.

He described RAY as closed mouth who never discussed with anyone and would not discuss any ideas or plans he had about escaping.

He stated RAY does not like Negroes and was capable of killing Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

PRUETT, who was a cell block mate, worked in the library and would bring books to RAY, who liked to read about foreign countries.

BURNS and SHURNICK each got 75 years so they are still in the Missouri State Penitentiary.

Money earned in the penitentiary could either be in currency and/or script, such as commissary chits. Money could be sent out by guards who were bribed by the prisoners to act as couriers involving items leaving or entering the prison, but WADE would not identify any guard as he still might be in use by the present penitentiary inmates. RAY would earn \$1.50 per month from his bakery work and \$15 or \$20 a month would be furnished to RAY by friends or the family outside of the prison for his personal use in purchasing commissary items.

WADE did not know how RAY handled his prison earnings.

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MILTON ZAVALCOFSKI, Moberly Training Center for Men, #01658, served from November 1960 until April 1968 at the Missouri State Penitentiary as a portion of his 20 year sentence for armed robbery. Subsequently he was transferred to his current place of confinement.

He knew JAMES EARL RAY as an inmate and remembers his hiding in the penitentiary as well as his escape.

He could furnish no information concerning his present whereabouts or close associates.

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CHARLES CALVIN BOOKMAN possesses FBI #892355 and resides in Room 201, Belmont Apartments, 948 South Figueroa, South Los Angeles.

BOOKMAN served time at Leavenworth with JAMES EARL RAY, becoming acquainted during the latter part of 1956 when both were in the kitchen of the trusty farm. He believes RAY was from the Biloxi - Gulfport, Mississippi, area and was able to pilot an airplane.

In August 1967 BOOKMAN returned to Los Angeles, California, from a trip and met JAMES EARL RAY at the Amber Room, Figueroa Hotel, Los Angeles. He estimated this to be August 12, 1967. RAY went with him to his room in the Belmont Apartments and he did not hear again from him until April 19, 1968, at around noon or 4:00 P.M. when he received a telephone call and states the person calling was JAMES EARL RAY.

Interview of BOOKMAN contained many inconsistencies and conflicts in his story and therefore no credibility could be given to the alleged phone call received by him from JAMES EARL RAY.

BOOKMAN has stated that he will contact the FBI should he again hear from JAMES EARL RAY.

The substance of the telephone call allegedly received from JAMES EARL RAY on April 19, 1968, was that he was "hotter than a cow marshal's pistol" and made a request of BOOKMAN for money, which was denied.

JOHN R. KELLER possessed Leavenworth Prison #72614-L.

He was located at 2150 Apache Boulevard, Mesa, Arizona, and stated he formerly served time at Leavenworth from 1955 to 1957. He denies any knowledge or association with JAMES EARL RAY and disclaims recognition of the photograph of RAY as a former inmate at Leavenworth. He states he has no knowledge of RAY's present whereabouts.

WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI #4558766, was located at Quincy, Illinois, and disclaims having seen JAMES EARL RAY since he was incarcerated at Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1957. He has no information concerning the current whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY nor his close associates.

When arrested with RAY in 1955, he fabricated the name WILLIARD J. MC BRIDE as the individual from whom they purchased stolen money orders obtained in the Kellerville, Illinois, Post Office burglary. He also used the name VERNON ELMO RIFE on his first arrest.

RIFE stated that RAY was prejudiced against Negroes in a general way and he has never known RAY to belong to any organization or to make any threat against Negroes.

Both he and RAY were sentenced on July 1, 1955, to Leavenworth and RIFE was released in 1960.

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DYRELL DENNIS, located at the Towne Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, listed her home address to be 1151 Wilcox, Los Angeles, California. When initially contacted on April 25, 1968, she advised she had no knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY and through viewing his photographs said she did not know him or anyone named ERIC STARVO GALT.

Subsequently, she was recontacted on April 27, 1968, at the Belmont Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She advised she had resided at the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, from March 1 to March 9, 1968. One night in the Sultan Room, Hollywood Boulevard, she was approached by a man who introduced himself as ERIC (Last Name Unknown). She described him as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Late 30's or early 40's
Height	5'10"
Build	Slender
Hair	Salt and pepper
Eyes	Light blue
Wearing apparel	Dressed very neatly
Characteristics	Appeared very nervous; pointed facial features; spoke with a nasal twang.

This person drank screwdrivers and claimed to have worked with computers. He had in his possession a large sum of money in \$10 and \$20 bills. She talked him into giving her a \$20 bill after which they left the Sultan Room and went to another club where they continued to drink and then went to ERIC's room, #403 in the St. Francis Hotel. As they drank he told her on more than one occasion that he could become violent. She began to fear that he might possibly be a psychopath and decided against having relations with him. Under pretext, she left the St. Francis Hotel.

Subsequently, she again encountered ERIC at the Sultan Room at which time he asked for and she returned his \$20 bill.

She stated she has not seen this person since that time.

ANITA LOUISE KATZWINKEL, Apartment 9, 1727 North Garfield Place, Hollywood, California, was unable to identify photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT as anyone she knew. She also did not know CHARLES J. STEIN.

KATZWINKEL stated she has never made any obscene films although SUE HARRIS had told her that she had made a nude film with a female named LOU (Last Name Unknown).

GINGER DAY, also known to her as GINGER NANCE, like the news broadcasts concerning GALT, favored beer and vodka and would listen only to country and western music.

KATZWINKEL has no knowledge of the location of JAMES EARL RAY, known as ERIC STARVO GALT.

MARIE MARTIN, residing at the St. Francis Hotel, room 201, Los Angeles, California, listed her original name to be MYRIAL TOMASO, and she has also used the names MARIE DENNINO and MARIE MARTINELLO. She is a cocktail waitress at the Sultan Room in the St. Francis Hotel.

She first met a person who introduced himself as ERIC GALT on approximately December 4, 1967, in the Sultan Room. He had been drinking at the bar and carried on a conversation with her while she was waiting on other customers.

She obtained GALT's agreement to drive her cousin, RITA STEIN to New Orleans, Louisiana, to pick up RITA's two children and return them to Los Angeles. GALT agreed to make the trip if MARIE MARTIN and RITA STEIN and her brother, CHARLES STEIN, would register to vote and list the political party sponsoring former Governor GEORGE C. WALLACE as their political candidate.

The day after the group registered for the WALLACE political party, MARIE MARTIN, RITA STEIN and CHARLES STEIN were issued registration receipts. Subsequently, MARIE MARTIN went to her room and brought a box of clothing

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down to GALT's car which she had requested to be delivered to her mother, LORRAINE CALLAWAY, at New Orleans. At this point, RITA and CHARLES STEIN and GALT left.

About one week later, she again saw GALT at the St. Francis Hotel, and he gave her a \$20 bill after asking her if she were short of money. GALT told her he had visited some friends who lived in the Industrial Canal area of New Orleans near Chef Menteur Highway. GALT became a regular customer at the Sultan Room and on her recommendation, he moved into the St. Francis Hotel.

On February 14, 1968, GALT came to her room and they arranged to trade television sets. He took her portable set and gave her his set and a \$20 bill. He told her he was going south and agreed to drop off another package at her mother's house at New Orleans.

She said that GALT used Spanish phrases on occasion, though he told her he could not speak Spanish. He told her he had lived in Mexico for about six years and knew a girl in Guadalajara.

Referring back to her portable television set, she described it as a 21 inch General Electric set of plastic material with built in rabbit ear antennas and a handle on top.

The last time MARIE MARTIN saw GALT was on the day they traded television sets, February 14, 1968.

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RITA STEIN resides at 5666 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, California, and first met ERIC S. GALT in mid-December 1967 at the Sultan Room, St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California. In conversation with GALT relative to her two children residing at her mother's home in New Orleans, Louisiana, she was able to determine that GALT would drive to New Orleans in his own car and return the children to Los Angeles. He agreed to take her brother, CHARLES STEIN, with him on the trip. Conditions for making this trip were that she, her brother and her cousin, MARIE MARTIN, all register with GEORGE WALLACE's party in California.

The following morning GALT drove the three of them to a location where they registered for the WALLACE party. Following this, they all returned to her residence, after which her brother left for New Orleans with GALT.

She next saw GALT when he returned with her two children approximately one week. He entered her house upon his return but stayed only a few moments and then departed. He returned again the next day to bring one of her children's toy blackboard which had been left in his car the previous day.

Following this, she saw GALT in the Sultan Room in mid-January 1968 and had no conversation with him. This was the last time she saw him.

A photograph of ERIC S. GALT obtained from the International School of Bartendering, Los Angeles, California, when displayed to RITA STEIN, reflected that this indeed was the ERIC S. GALT known to her.

JEROME WALLIS VERNON, known also as Jay Wallis Vernon, resides in Apartment B, 1246 Woodbury Court, Upland, California.

He operated the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, Los Angeles, from January 16 to March 23, 1968, and a man by the name of GALT was a regular customer at the laundry. He believes GALT came in each Saturday afternoon.

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He first saw GALT on Saturday, January 20, 1968, and last recalled seeing him on March 16, 1968. GALT would always leave a bundle of laundry consisting of underwear, T-shirts and dress shirts, and he would pick up the finished laundry the following Saturday. Photographs of the T-shirt and shorts recovered near the scene of the assassination were similar to the ones brought in by GALT, according to VERNON, but he could not be sure whether the two pieces belonged to him. The laundry markings on the underwear were identified by him as being similar to the mark used by his laundry.

GALT always paid for his laundry in cash, using \$10 and \$20 bills.

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GINGER LEE NANCE (nee CUNNINGHAM) resides 405 First Street, Dixon, Illinois. On the first Saturday or Sunday of May, 1967, she and ANITA KATZWINKEL left Dixon, Illinois, and proceeded to Los Angeles, California, where they established residence at the Palms Apartments on Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood.

After about three weeks, she and KATZWINKEL moved to 1535 Serrano and resided there for about a month and a half.

In June, 1967, she hitchhiked back to Dixon, Illinois, accompanied part of the way by her boy friend, JIM LEEHY. She cannot recall writing her name and address on any paper nor did she give any name and address on a paper to any of the people who gave her a ride in a car. She did enjoy several rides across country during her hitchhiking trip in Mustangs.

She stated that SUE HARRIS and ANITA KATZWINKEL were working as prostitutes in California, working out of SUE's apartment.

NANCE further advised the name ERIC S. GALT is unknown to her.

CHARLES J. STEIN resides at 5666 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, California, and first met ERIC S. GALT at the Sultan Room of the Saint Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on December 24, 1967. His sister, RITA STEIN, was present along with his cousin, MARIE MARTIN, at the time of the meeting.

GALT offered to drive STEIN to New Orleans to pick up RITA's two children, and return them to Los Angeles.

The morning after the initial meeting, the three of them registered at GALT's request in the political party of GEORGE WALLACE.

STEIN and GALT traveled to New Orleans along the southern route through Yuma, Tucson and El Paso. While en route, GALT made several telephone calls, mostly while traveling through Texas and these calls were made from pay telephones.

GALT mentioned that he had recently returned from Mexico where he had formerly had a part ownership in a bar and that his former partner, a Mexican, had bought out his interest in the bar. This bar was located near a seaport or boats.

At New Orleans, GALT expressed the desire not to stay at STEIN's mother's residence, but to stay at a motel and he was directed to a motel in the 1000 block of Charter Street (determined to be the Provincial Motel), New Orleans. They had driven straight through from Los Angeles, arriving on December 17, 1967.

On the following day, he met GALT in the street near the residence of CLOVINA ALONZO, 1907 $\frac{1}{2}$ Royal Street, STEIN's mother, and GALT told him he had contacted the individuals he needed to contact and wanted to begin the trip back to Los Angeles. Subsequently, he telephoned STEIN and delayed the departure due to a storm blocking their present route.

They returned to Los Angeles on December 19, 1967, with RITA STEIN's two children. GALT paid for all expenses of food and gasoline in cash.

STEIN stated that a girl, with blond hair, about 5'2", by the name of JERI, according to information developed by he and LOUIS LOMAX, a Los Angeles newspaper man, had lived with GALT while GALT resided in Los Angeles. JERI is presently in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and had used several names in the past, one of which he believed to be DYRELL.

STEIN further stated that he learned, following his initial meeting with GALT, that GALT must have thought he was being set up for a robbery because MARIE MARTIN told STEIN that GALT had made the comment following STEIN's departure from the Sultan Room that "He would hate to have to kill someone."

When STEIN loaded his suitcase into the trunk of GALT's Mustang, he noticed GALT's blue suitcase there, as well as what appeared to be a Kodak camera box. This box was yellow and black in color, two and one-half feet long and a foot wide.

Driving through New Orleans, STEIN told GALT he was grateful to him for driving down to pick up the children of RITA STEIN, but GALT mentioned that he was not doing anyone a favor because he had business to conduct in New Orleans, himself, and he mentioned an Italian-sounding name, which he cannot recall, but is a well-known name in New Orleans and the street he mentioned gave STEIN a mental picture of the Chalmette-Industrial Canal area of New Orleans.

Near El Paso, Texas, GALT purchased a used tire for the Mustang at a tire store. Later in the evening of the same date, December 16, 1967, STEIN recalled that he awoke from a sleep and found they had stopped and GALT was making a lengthy telephone call from a public coin box telephone booth. He believes this call was made somewhere in the vicinity of Houston, Texas, and since it was dark, he could recall the light in the telephone booth shining down on GALT while he made the call.

Later in the day, after arriving at New Orleans and GALT's going to the Provincial Motel, STEIN went for a walk with his sons through the French Quarter and over near the new Trade Mart Building on Canal Street. Later in the day, during the evening, GALT commented that he had seen STEIN and the two boys earlier that day near the Trade Mart Building while he was having a beer at a bar in the area. This was at the home of his sister, MARIE LEE, that the conversation with GALT took place.

On the evening of December 19, 1967, GALT, STEIN and RITA STEIN's two children departed New Orleans for Los Angeles. They drove straight through, arriving on December 21, 1967, in the morning.

After this trip, STEIN did observe GALT on a couple of occasions in the Sultan Room of the Hotel Saint Francis. On one of these occasions, GALT mentioned the fact that he had "just finished bartending school." Sometime after this, either RITA STEIN or MARIE MARTIN

mentioned to STEIN that GALT was going to New Orleans again, and his comment was that GALT liked hamburgers because that was all he ate on the trip to New Orleans.

STEIN did advise that he had helped LOUIS LOMAX, the newspaper reporter, identify DYRELL DENNIS, who is now in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who allegedly dated GALT on one occasion while he resided in Los Angeles. STEIN feels that LOMAX "Used" him for publicity purposes, identifying STEIN as the "Key to the case." This upset STEIN because he felt whoever shot KING might take a shot at him.

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JOHN EUGENE GAWRON, residing at 1807 South 11th Street, St. Louis, Missouri, was born on [REDACTED], at Chicago, Illinois, and estimates that he has spent about 45 years of his life in penal institutions.

Paroled in 1954 to a Soldier's Home, Quincy, Illinois, GAWRON became acquainted at a tavern in Quincy with LUCILLE RYAN who was separated from her husband, JERRY RAYNES. LUCILLE had a daughter named CAROL, then living with her; a son named JERRY, who was also living with her; a son named JIMMY (JAMES EARL RAY), who was then serving a Federal sentence in the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas; a son named FRANKLIN DENNIS RAYNES, deceased; a daughter named MELBA, who was in a mental hospital in Jacksonville, Illinois; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], who was in a Catholic orphanage located at Alton, Illinois; and a son named JOHN (JACK), who was serving a sentence in the Illinois State Penitentiary, Menard, Illinois.

GAWRON, allegedly involved in a burglary at Quincy, Illinois, in 1956, had his parole revoked and was returned to the Illinois State Penitentiary, but in 1959 he escaped from this institution. After a few days, he went to the home of LUCILLE RYAN (RAYNES) where her mother, MARY MAHGR, was operating a rooming house, and GAWRON resided with LUCILLE at 1913 Hickory, St. Louis, Missouri.

During a period of several months in 1959, he was closely associated with JAMES EARL RAY and taught him to be a burglar and they went together on a number of burglaries, estimated to be twelve. They were committed outside St. Louis in the northern part of Missouri, in Iowa, and in Illinois. GAWRON taught JIMMY (JAMES EARL RAY) to always wear gloves on any kind of a job, and he was surprised that he would now go on any job without wearing gloves at the risk of leaving fingerprints.

Together they spent a great deal of time, and in St. Louis they frequented a tavern known as Ruby's Bar, later known as the Haven Bar, Lafayette Street, just west of 18th.

RAY generally drank bourbon, which he mixed with sweet soda. He did not drink beer or smoke. When meeting any girl for the first time, he (RAY) had a tendency to lisp or stutter in his speech. When RAY wanted a girl, GAWRON usually found a girl for him and on such occasions, his relationship with the girl was only brief and temporary at some second or third rate hotel room.

RAY dresses extremely well when he has money, likes good food, and buys expensive clothes, but he always chooses a second or third rate hotel or a cheap rooming house in which to live.

GAWRON, RAY, and JAMES OWENS, with whom RAY was arrested and sentenced to the Missouri State Penitentiary, cased the Kroger Store in East St. Louis, Illinois, for a robbery. GAWRON declined to participate because of the danger involved.

The following day RAY and OWENS were arrested and subsequently RAY was transferred to the Missouri State Penitentiary. GAWRON has not seen RAY since that time.

In 1961, GAWRON, ALBERT PEPPER, and JOHN RAY, brother-in-law and brother of JAMES EARL RAY, respectively, were arrested at Louisiana, Missouri, and while his parole was revoked, the other two persons received sentences of ten days in jail. He does not believe that JAMES EARL RAY knows ALBERT PEPPER, who is married to RAY's sister.

GAWRON is on friendly terms with JERRY RAY and CAROL RAY PEPPER. All of RAY's family referred to him as "Uncle JACK," although he has no family relationship. The PEPPERS have two young sons, [REDACTED]. The PEPPERS operate the Grapevine Tavern, and JOHN RAY is active in the operation of this tavern at St. Louis, Missouri.

GAWRON stated that insofar as he knows, the subject has not been in St. Louis since his escape from the

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Missouri State Penitentiary in view of the fact he is too well known. GAWRON has not seen JAMES EARL RAY since 1959.

GAWRON believes JAMES EARL RAY trafficked in drugs or barbiturates at the Missouri State Penitentiary and also had a loan shark business there. On three different occasions, he made purchases of inhalers, normally used for colds, at the request of RAY. His request, though originating from RAY in prison, was relayed to him by CAROL PEPPER. On each of these occasions, GAWRON purchased a gross of these inhalers (probably Benzedrine) and on three separate occasions, he was contacted by a guard from the prison at Jefferson City, Missouri, who would pick up the inhalers and take them to RAY at the prison. Reportedly, the guard told GAWRON that each trip was worth a "C" to the guard.

GAWRON recalls being told by JOHN RAY that JAMES EARL RAY was in Omaha, Nebraska, during well, making good money as some sort of a salesman. This was in June, 1967. Shortly thereafter, JOHN RAY told GAWRON that JAMES was now in Los Angeles, California. GAWRON had no knowledge as to how JOHN RAY and CAROL PEPPER would have come into possession of information relative to the location of JAMES EARL RAY in June, 1967.

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The following is subject's identification record as furnished by the FBI Identification Division on April 23, 1968, under FBI # 405 942 G:

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	2/19/46		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, Calif.	James Earl Ray #B-119908	10/11/49	suspicion of burglary	
PD, Los Angeles Calif	James Earl Ray #139648	10/11/49	suspicion 459 Penal (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years probation served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 12/30/49 Cs129438
SO Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	4/18/50	vagrancy	
PD Alton, Ill.	James Earl Ray #7514	7/23/51	no operator's license - no City License	released to pay later
PD Chicago Ill	James Ray #D90696	5/6/52	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago Ill	James Ray #131165	5/9/52	robbery	6/13/52 sentenced to penitentiary 1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary, Joliet, Ill.	James E. Ray #32419	6/13/52	robbery	1 to 2 years

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State Peni- tentiary Pontiac, Ill.	James E. Ray #19121	7/7/52 1952 in transfer from Joliet	robbery	1 to 2 years 3/12/54 discharged
SO Edwards- ville, Ill.	James Earl Ray #2640	8/30/54	burglary & larceny	
PD Hannibal Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	3/23/55	investigation of breaking & entering Post Office	
State High- way Patrol Macon, Mo.	James Earl Ray #B-3376	3/23/55	cashing stolen pos- tal money orders	released to Postal Inspec- tor Kansas City Mo., 3/24/55
USM Kansas City, Mo.	James Earl Ray #12018	3/28/55	forgery U.S. Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody Attorney General
SO Kansas City Mo.	James Earl Ray #29637	3/28/55	forgery - Government	3/7/55, 3 years and 9 months
U. S. Peni- tentiary Leavenworth, Kan.	James Earl Ray #72498-L	7/7/55	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months 5/20/58, conditional re- lease 3/31/59, maximum 4/5/58, conditional re- lease on charge of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
PD St. Louis, Mo.	James Earl Ray #81071	10/10/59	suspicion of robbery	

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PD St. Louis Mo.	James Earl Ray #81071	10/16/59	suspicion of robbery stealing & fugitive other authorities	
State Peni- tentiary Jefferson City, Mo.	James Earl Ray #00416	3/17/60	"TC" operating motor vehi- cle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, con- current)

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The following is a description of the subject,
obtained from sources set out elsewhere in this report:

Name:	JAMES EARL RAY, aka
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Date of Birth:	March 10, 1928
Place of Birth:	Alton, Illinois
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	163 - 174 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Social Security No.:	334-22-6876
Army Serial Number:	16 163 129
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: May 20, 1968

for
FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: MURKIN
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

Each Special Agent in Charge and Legal Attache is instructed to promptly remind their established cooperative news sources, in a discreet and tactful manner, of the existence of substantial reward money for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King. This money now totals at least \$100,000. The FBI should not, however, be publicized as the source of this reminder.

Done
While the Bureau's continuing policy is to encourage the public to furnish information to law enforcement authorities as a matter of good citizenship, without expectation of financial reward, it is fully recognized that monetary rewards are often necessary to motivate some individuals. The knowledge of the existence of the substantial rewards available in the Murkin case could possibly prove of value in the solution of this major investigation.

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Suspect Spent 9 Days in Lisbon

(New York Times News Service)

LISBON—The man identified as James Earl Ray, the alleged assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., lived in a third-class hotel in downtown Lisbon for nine days in May and then disappeared, it was learned here yesterday.

"That's the man who called himself Ramon George Sneya," declared the day clerk of the Hotel

Portugal, pointing to one of the photographs of Ray published in the Lisbon newspaper, *Diário de Notícias*.

Ray signed into the 45-room, busy commercial hotel on the evening of May 8 and left on the morning of May 17.

A spokesman for the Canadian Embassy in Lisbon also reported seeing a man who carried a Canadian passport in the name of Sneya.

"He came into the consulate and said that his name had been misspelled on the passport and that it should have been Sneyd," a Canadian consular official said. "He produced a birth certificate in the name of Ramon George Sneyd and asked us to change Sneya to Sneyd."

The Canadian consul said he pointed out that it was against embassy regulations to alter a passport and so issued a new pass-

port in the name of Sneyd on May 16.

"The man called Sneya did not spend much time in the hotel," Louis Gentil, the hotel clerk, said. "I was on the night desk then and saw Sneya come back generally very late at night. Sometimes he didn't come back at all."

Ray gave no profession on signing into the Hotel Portugal. He stated he was 36 years old and that he had come from Lisbon airport. He left no forwarding address when he left, according to the clerk.

He took a modest room on the second floor overlooking the noisy shopping street of Joao Das Regras. He paid a little more than \$2 a day for the room without breakfast.



The Real Sneyd

... Toronto policeman.

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Hotel employees said that he was generally alone. "Occasionally we would see him with girls and once he even asked if he could take a girl up to his room but it is against our rules," Gentil said.

Meanwhile, international police sources at Lisbon airport denied that the man called Sneyd had flown on a British European airways plane to London Saturday morning, where he was picked up by Scotland Yard detectives.

"Either he was in transit — and did not enter the country again — or else he was travelling with some other passport," a government spokesman said.

In London, the Daily Telegraph said a man giving the name of Raymond Sneyd called one of its reporters twice last week from London hotels seeking information on how to become a mercenary soldier in Africa. The reporter said he gave the man an address in Brussels, Belgium. Ray apparently was headed for Brussels when he was arrested.

Before coming to Lisbon, Ray had lived quietly for four weeks in seedy boarding houses in Toronto, Canada.

While American cities were rocked by the Negro riots that followed the assassination of the Negro civil rights leader, the fugitive Ray was hiding in rooming houses run by Chinese and Polish immigrants who spoke barely a word of English. The domicile run by a Chinese family was only a few blocks from Toronto's small Negro quarter.

In the polyglot district, Ray attracted so little attention that he might almost have been an invisible man.

Mr. and Mrs. Loo Sun, who let out rooms in their half of a three-story brick duplex at 962 Dundas Street west, recalled renting a second-floor rear room to Ray on April 19 for \$9 a week. He told them he worked in a hotel and that his name was Ramon George Sneyd.

He was neatly dressed. The only thing that struck the Suns as curious about the man was that he seldom used the room during the first week, disappearing for a few days at a time.

Ray received one visitor while there. Mrs. Loo Sun told police a "fat man" wearing a jacket delivered an envelope to the suspect. Canadian police are seeking the man.

He had arrived in Toronto April 8, four days after King was assassinated in Memphis. Police know this because that was the day he registered at Mrs. Fela Szapakowsky's boarding house at 102 Ossington Street, using the name Paul Bridgeman.

"He was a complete gentleman," Mrs. Szapakowsky recalled. "Every day he left the house at 8:30 a.m. and every day he returned at noon for lunch. He would leave again in the afternoon and return for supper. After supper he stayed in his room. He never had visitors. He didn't drink."

Ray's choice of aliases for his Toronto sojourn was quite felicitous. Paul Bridgeman is a consultant teacher for the local board of education. Ramon George Sneyd is a constable with about 14 years service on the metropolitan police.

How did Ray get these names? Police have checked out both Bridgemen and Sneyd and are convinced that neither man had ever heard of Ray. The police have a theory that Ray, plotting to obtain a Canadian passport so that he could get to Europe, went to a newspaper office and examined birth notices of 40 years ago. He wanted to assume the identity of a Canadian who was the same age as himself. That might account for his choice of Sneyd, who is 40. He might have picked Bridgeman's name out of a telephone book.

Ray's passport was delivered to the Chinese couple's rooming house by mail April

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

To Catch a Killer . . .

Many Americans had speculated that the suspected killer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had himself been slain by the mysterious forces behind the assassination.

The arrest of James Earl Ray in London ended that line of thinking but leaves unanswered the question whether a conspiracy actually arranged the slaying in Memphis. And the question, that if others are not involved with Ray, where did this unsuccessful and impecunious convict obtain the large sums of money he used both before and after the shooting?

Quick extradition and continued efficient police work should develop the facts that will explain this senseless killing. Along with identifying Ray's support, if any, investigation may uncover the underworld mechanisms by which this escaped convict operated.

Both the King slaying and the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy focused public attention on the problems of combating violence in this crowded world. In the Kennedy case, pat answers seemingly came with the immediate capture and identification of the killer. In the King case, many answers remain guesswork.

The King case most emphasizes

the complications involving modern police work. It took the cooperation of the police of four nations to snare Ray. In the United States, the Federal Bureau of Investigation checked 100,000 passport photos without result. Because Ray was known to have been in Canada, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police were asked to search passport records. The Canadians checked some 200,000.

Their patient hunt turned up a passport issued to Ramon George Sneyd, a real Canadian person, but displaying a photo of Ray.

Thereafter, the police search turned to travel facilities. It was learned that Ray had bought a ticket to London and later one to Lisbon. Police of Portugal alerted London when it was learned that Ray had obtained a second passport from the Canadian embassy. Scotland Yard men met the plane and relieved Ray of a loaded pistol exactly 65 days after the Memphis tragedy.

None of the marvels created by detective fiction writers can rival for effectiveness the persistent, plodding study of passport photos by an anonymous police worker who spotted Ray's likeness on Sneyd's passport.

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Re Milwaukee airtel to Tampa, 5/28/68.
 Cleveland airtel to Tampa, 6/4/68.

(CR) Mrs. GWENDOLYN BAILEY, Mgr., Credit Bureau of Lake Wales, Fla. advised her records reflect ROSS WEST STEVENS, wife KATHLEEN MAY, have been known to her files since 1956. She stated that STEVENS' employment is shown as chief cook, Wilson Marine Transit Co., Marine ~~Transit Co.~~ Transportation, Cleveland, Ohio, for 16 years, in 1962, earning \$10,000 per year. He also shows income from rental property. BAILEY advised that STEVENS lists his current address as 1021 Highway Drive, Lake Wales and a previous address on Hesperides Road. She said his credit is rated as Very Good, the last inquiry having been by Carte Blanche in 7/67. There is a ~~see~~ report from the credit bureau in Conneaut, Ohio, in 10/56, and in 12/62 the Lake Wales Bureau made a check with Wilson Marine and determined that STEVENS was a permanent employee, having been so employed since 1950.

BILL STRUTHERS, Ident., Lake Wales PD, and BRENDA WIGGON, Records Section, Polk Co. SO, both advised that their records were negative with regard to ROSS WESLEY STEVENS.

STEVENS does not appear to be well known in the Lake Wales area, and inquiries regarding him were negative. No attempt was made to contact the wife.

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

DATE: 6/10/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM K. GARNER, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo, Supvr. #4, 5/22/68.

A review of the available directories in the Lakeland RA, determined that the only two charitable type missions are the Salvation Army in Winter Haven and Lakeland, Florida. Copies of the I.O. of JAMES EARL RAY were furnished to Mrs. AGNES KINGSLEY, SALVATION ARMY, 875 N. Kentucky, Lakeland, and Mrs. JANE FRASIER, SALVATION ARMY, 2nd Ave. and T St., Winter Haven.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-3231)

DATE: June 11, 1968

FROM : SA W.F. Doyle

SUBJECT: Murkin

Bill Stine, Seminole Bank contacted this office at 10:05 a.m. and requested that he be contacted by an agent.

Stine was immediately contacted by the writer and furnished the following information. Mrs. Elizabeth Acosta, 2421 Corrine St. advised him earlier this date that she believed that she had cashed travelers checks for James Earl Ray under the alias of Ramon Ray Sneyd.

Mrs. Acosta was also interviewed this date and furnished the following. She observed photographs and press accounts of the captured of subject Ray in the local press over the week-end of 6/8-9/68. This photo appeared to be very similar in appearance to a custom-



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for whom she had cashed travelers checks in mid. May of this year. Mrs Acosta fixed the date of this transaction as May 15 or 16 since she had returned to work from extended sick leave on May 15.

she recalled that the person for whom she cashed the traveler checks identified himself by presenting a passport, issuing country not recalled. Since this was the first time she had ever seen a passport she inquired of Betty Brown, the teller in the adjacent window and thereafter cashed the checks when Mrs Brown assured her that the passport was adequate.

Mrs Acosta described the person for whom she had cashed the travelers check as a white male, 5'10", weight unknown, hair brown, eyes - color unknown but right eye slightly crossed, no regional speech accent noted. Mrs Acosta was shown I.O. for Ray; however she was unable to identify it.

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Mrs Betty Brown, 903 1/2 Broad St.,
teller at the Seminole Bank was interviewed
at her place of employment on instant date.
she stated that she has absolutely no
recollection of being questioned by Mr
Acosta in mid-May as to whether a passport
was sufficient to permit the cashing
of a Travellers check.

In view of fact Ray is in custody
and press accounts reflect he was not
in the United States on the pertinent
period, it is recommended that no
further inquiry be conducted.

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TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)

DATE: 6/11/68

FROM : SA Dennis R. Bluhm

SUBJECT: MURKIN

A review was made 6/10/68 of micro-films of all checks that cleared through the Seminole Bank, 1933 E. Hillsborough Ave, Tampa during the dates 4/15-17/68. no traveler's check bearing the name SNEYD was located.

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ROUTING SLIP TO ALL FIELD OFFICES

FROM: *PCW* SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, aka -
FUGITIVE
CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY

OO: MEMPHIS

Re report of SA JOE C. HESTER 6/5/68 at Memphis.

Page 17, paragraph 4, line 6 - 12/17/67, should
be 12/7/67.

Please correct your copies.

SAC ROBERT G. JENSEN

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In view of subject's apprehension, any office having outstanding leads or requests for circularization in any publication of any kind should cancel outstanding request now.

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This is to advise Memphis as OO the Tampa Office continually checked out all suspects in captioned matter and all were eliminated, that all general investigative leads set forth by the Bureau to various offices concerning numerous checks concerning JAMES EARL RAY, ET AL, were accomplished, all with negative results. This included checks with all law enforcement agencies, voter registration records, credit bureaus, motor vehicle records, Drivers' License Bureau, city and telephone directories and financial institutions.

All stops placed with INS, U. S. Customs, Pan American Airlines, Air Canada Airlines and Tampa International Airport police were accomplished and they have all been cancelled.

No direct investigation in the Tampa Division connected with JAMES EARL RAY and in view of no leads outstanding, this matter is being considered RUC.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (62-NEW)
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Attached are 11 copies of an LHM concerning captioned individual.

Interviews of FRANK VITZELL and FAY EZEKEL were conducted by SAs THOMAS B. McHALLY and GORDON F. TINDLE. SA McHALLY contacted Dr. HERBERT COLLINS and checked records of the Orlando Police Department and the Orange County Sheriff's Office, both Orlando, Florida.

Copies of LHM have been disseminated locally to Secret Service, Jacksonville, Fla., via FD-376; to OSI, Robins AFB, Georgia; MI, Orlando, Fla., and KISS, Charleston, South Carolina.

The Bureau may wish to disseminate a copy of the LHM to CIA, as the subject alleged he is on the CIA payroll.

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