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TECAL ATTACHE MEXICO

ERIC STARVO GALT o JEMES EARLY RAY y otros alias.

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DURANGO, Dgo.

Como se dice que éste individuo estuvo en ésta ciudad del 17 al 19 de octubre del año anterior, me presenté con el señor Rogelio Quiñonez jefe del Servicio Secreta de és ta capital para revisar las listas de pasajeros que se - hospedaron en los hoteles en dichas fechas fijándonos en los nombres que usa. Las listas son irregulares y muchos de los hoteleros no mandan completas las relaciones por - lo que se checaron los hoteles Campo México-Courts, Posada Duran, hotel Casa Blanca, Roma, Reforma, San Luis. Del - Valle, Prince, Torreón, Capri, Paris, Sombrerete, Reyes, María del Pilar, Del Norte, Imperial, Colonial, Nacozari, Central, Metropolitan, Soria, Oasis, Matar, Gallo y Estación mostrando las fotos a los administradores, gerentes, empleados, camareras, mozos y donde había, servicios de - bar y restaurant. No se logró que identificaran al tipo.

Antes de checar Durango y de paso por Tampico, Tam. a - Xalapa, chequé Tamiahua, Túxpan, Papantla, Poza Rica, Tecolutla, Nautla y Casitas, Ver. mostrando las fótos a los policías, choferes, lancheros, cargadores, hoteleros, carteros y mensajeros. Todas estas diligencias ya las han estado practicando las autoridades por órdenes del Gobierno para la localización del asesino del Dr. Luther King.

Durango, Dgo. mayo 14/968.

PENDIENTE.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: June 4, 1968

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Bureau Request received 5/31/68

Qc360 Photocopy of lease form for Harkay Apartments signed "Eric S. Galt"

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Qc361 Photocopy of registration card for Hotel "Tropicana" No. 11133, bearing the signature "Eric Galt"

Result of examination:

Although handwriting characteristics noted indicate the common authorship of the questioned "Galt" signatures on Qc360 and Qc361 and the other signatures in this name, partly because of the indistinctness of the photocopies and partly because of the presence of some variations, a definite conclusion was not reached.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 10, 1968

XXX, LEGAT, Mexico City

RE: FUGITIVE PUBLICITY--CANCELLATION

As you know, JAMES EARL RAY, Identification Order No. 4182, is no longer being sought by this Bureau. Make certain that your publicity outlets are promptly notified of the cancellation.

John Edgar Hoover Director

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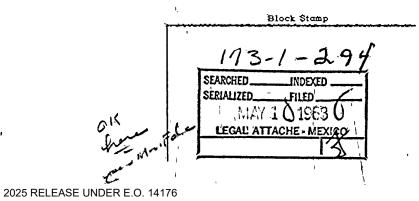
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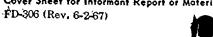
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COZUMEL, Q.R.MAYO 14/968

Continuamos la busqueda del sujeto en el Territorio de Quintana Rooempezando por la Isla de Cozumel, en donde checamos minuciosamente todos los hoteles, tales como: Hotel Cantarell"-Hotel Cozumel Caribe"-Hotel Playa Azul" Hotel Cabañas del Caribe"-Hotel del Capitan Candelas"-Hotel Lopez"-Hotel Yo li"-Hotel Martin"-Hotel Lindamar"-Hotel Codwell"-Hotel Isleño"-mostramos las fotos y se revisaron los libros de registro de pasajeros, sin que nadieidentificára, de los empleados al tipo buscado. Platicamos con el vefe de la-Oficina de Migración Sr. Daniel Sanchez Araujo, quien aseguró que el sujeto de las fotos no ha sido visto por aqui, tambien revisó las listas de control de extranjeros llegados a estte lugar a partir de febrero del año en cursopero no aparece nadie con los nombres del sujeto. Las fotos tambien les fueron mostradas al Comandante de Policia Sr.Roberto Delgado Villamil, al Cap.de Fuer to Cap. Constantino Nieto Palacios, asi como al Comendante del Resguardo Aduanal Sr. Miguel Angel Ruz Avila, pero nadie dijo haberlevisto hasta la fecha. Se checo los Apartamentos Polanco"(prop.Roberto Polanco)-y la casade Huespedes Kartin"-(prop.Ernesto Martin)-seguigios con la Administración de Correos a cargo del Sr Larrufo, en donde rostranos las fotos al jefe y a los demás empleados, sin resul tados. Se checó con los Chofres del Sitio Unico de Autos de alquiler, cuyo Secro tario es el Sr.Zctina. Tambien mostramos las fotos a los Lancheros que estan agrupados en "Agua Zafari"(al que encabezaba Alberto Gabilondo El Gitano",re_cientemente desaparecido en altamar, cuando a bordo de un pequeño Velero pasea_ ba a 3 Turistas Norteamoricanos, El Citano" fué muy buen amigo nuestro)-los que comandan a los lancheros son Sr. Barrera y Miguel Eroza, pero éllos no aportaron datos reales del sujeto. Mostranos las fotos tambien, a los encargados y dueñosde Bares y Cantinas:Bar La Cobra"(en el hotel Cantarell)-Bar El Mural"(hotel -Cabañas del Caribe)-Bar Nicte-ha" (hotel Isloño)-Bar y Restaurant Chichen-Itza" Bar La Opera"-Bar Santin"-Cantina Cartablanca"-Cantina Lindamar"-Cantina Loli_ ta, S"-Loncheria y Cantina Pepe. S"-en ninguno de éstos negocios obtuvimos pista alguna.

En Cozumel, Q.Roo. fuimos informados por el Sr. Miguel Angel Ruz, quien in dicó, que existe un lugar cercano a las Ruinas de Tulun, Q.R. adonde acuden Ngr-teamericanos que les gusta la Caza y la Pezca, llamado Bocade Paila", en éste lu gar no existe vigilancia de autoridades y está suy lejos de población alguna está acondicionado con casas para los Turistas, siendo regenteado por el Sr. Antonio Conzalez; lugar suy propicio para esconderse. Acudimos a: Boca Paila Fishing Lodge", en donde fuimos atendidos por el Sr. Gonzalez, quien despues de observar las fotos del sujeto que le mostramos, aseguró que núnca le ha visto por estos lugares, pero tomará toda clase de precauciones por si llegára ése individuo a presentarse por aqui, avisandonos inmediatamente, le dejamos una foto reciente.

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ISLA MUJERES, Q.ROO.MAYO 17/968

Checamos perfectamente en ésta Isla, los hoteles: Hotel Zazil-Ha"-Hotel San Luis"-Hotel El Zorro"-Hotel Martin"-Hotel Rocas del Caribe"--Hotel Xulha"-Hotel Rios"-HotelRoca Mar"-Hotel Las Palmas"-Hotel Adonoy-Martinez"-Hotel Cabañas Isla Mujeres"-Posada del Mar"-Meson del Pescador" mostramos las fotos del sujeto, a empleados de la Administración y camaris tas, pero nadie le identifico. Visitamos al amigo de la Oficina de Migración Sr. Ruben Dario Romero, quien informó tener ya ordenes superiores, para que esté al tanto por si el sujeto llegase por aqui(solo tiene la foto que seha publicado en los periodicos, le dejamos una reciente)-Kostramos tambienlas fotos del sujeto, en la Administración de Correos a cargo del Sr. Maria_ no Trinchan, quien preguntó a los empleados por el individuo mencionado, pe_ ro no le han visto, dijeron. Las autoridades de Policia (Comandante Sr. Ruben-Moza)y Capitan de Puerto David Aguilar, tampoco identificaron al tipo de las fotos.Les fueron mostradas las fotos a los choferes de autos de alquiler ' y a empleados de tiendas y comercios en general:tienda El Teniente"-tienda -Casa Paulita"-tienda Casa Zoila"-tienda El Zorro"-tienda Casa Castilla"-.Tam bien le fueron mostradas las fotos al Sacerdote Católico: Thomas Macarthy, asi como al Sr.Antonio Peña Osorio(prop.do la casa de Huespedes Peña", donde vive el sacordote)-. Nuestro amigo en ésta Isla, Sr. Juan Padilla, quien trata con mu chos Turistas extranjoros (encargado del Hotel Rocas del Caribe)-al serle mos tradas las fotos del sujeto, aseguró que no ha llegado por aqui.

De regreso a la ciudad de Mérida, checamos en Puerto Juárez, Q.Roo.don_de mostramos las fotos al Delegado Sr. Fausto Flores Pinzón (empleado de la planta Congeladora de Pescado, instalada en Pto. Juárez)—asi como a los dueños de pequeños comercios de Refrescos y comida, pero no le reconocieron. En Puerto Morelos, Q.Roo. mostramos las fotos al Teniente del Ejercito: Angel Alfonso-Jimenez, jefe de la Partida Militar que cuida de ése lugar y sus contornos.

En las Ruimas de Chichen-Itzá, Yuc. checamos en el hotel Mayaland", don_de fuimos atendidos por la Sra. Sara Regil, quien a su vez mostró las fotos alos empleados, sin que nadie dijera haberle visto por aqui.

CHETUMAL, Q.ROO.MAYO 19/968

En esta Ciudad Puerto (Capital del Territorio)-fueron checados minucio samente los hoteles:Los"Cocos"-Baroudi"-Jacarandas"-Chetumal"-El Dorado"-El-Iris"-Bahia"-El Central"-Posada La Esmeralda"-Posada Campeche"-Posada Manza_ no"-Posada America"-Posada Mayoli"-Hospedaje El Abrigo"-ninguno de las perso nas encargadas identificó al sujeto de las fotos "Continúamos nuestro chequeo en la Administración de Correos a cargo del Sr.Juan Ansaldo Castro-Oficina de Migración a cargo del Sr.Ramón Moreno-Policia Comandancia, a cargo del Te_ niente Corl.Gil Garcia Sanchez-Aduana Maritima, a cargo del Sr. Ramón Alonso -Marin y Eiden Azueta (amigos nuestros)-Capitania de Puerto a cargo del Cap. -Carlos Suárez Alanís, siempre mostrando las fotos del sujeto a los ditintos empleados; nadie le identificó, ni existe posibilidad de que haya estado por éstos lugares dijeron. Checamos con los dueños de Lanchas (a las órdenes del -Secretario: José León y su segundo: Mateo Mendez, sin que ninguno recordára alhombre buscado. Platicamos con dueños y empleados de comercios, cantinas y Res taurantes.tales como: Restaurant Pullman"-Hadad"-Campeche"-Perez Quintal"-Mi_ ramar"y Cleopatra", sin resultados.

Existiendo la posibilidad de que algunos Norteamericanos esten esta - cionados por el runbo de Rio Hondo, Q.Roo. checamos todo el contorno (Rio Hondo se le llama a la Rivera del rio, desde Chetumal hasta La Unión", donde hay va rias rancherias)—hicimos el recorrido el lancha, tocando siempre los ranchos: Sta. Elena (aqui está una caseta iduanal y empleado de Ligración; al mando de: Ramón Patron (Aduanal) y Carlos Figueroa (Migración) les mostramos las fotos — Juan Sarabia"—Xaxan"—Palmar"—Ramonel"—Allende"—Sabidos"—Alvaro Obregón"—Chu naba"—Agua Blanca"—Esteroflanco"—La Unión"; por el lado Hexicano, no hay ningún

Norteamericano estacionado, solamente a la altura de Chunaba", Q.Roo. pero en lado Beliceño, estan estacionados un grupo de Menonitas (agricultores que an tes estuvieron en Durango, Mex.), el lugar se llama: Bulocrick"; mostramos las fotos del sujeto a algunos de los Menonitas que pasaban (que encontramos en Sta. Elena, Q.Roo. procedentes de Bulocrick) - pero no les era conocido ése individuo dijeron.

BACALAR Y CARRILLO PUERTO, Q.ROO. MAYO 20/968

Nuestros amigos de la Aduana en Chetumal, nos indicaron que muy se guido se estacionan Norteamericanos por los rumbos de Bacalar y Carrillos-Puerto,Q,Roo.asi que ocurrimos a ésos lugares, en donde platicamos en Baca lar,Q.Roo.con el Sacerdote Católico:Padre José Early,quien tiene aqui cosa de 7 años y conoce muy bien toda la región, le mostramos las fotos del suje to, pero dijo que éso individuo le es completamente desconocido, que solo le ha visto en los periodicos, que efectivamente en ocasiones por aqui se de_tienen algunos Norteamericanos que van de paso a Chetumal, o solo quieren conocér éstos lugares, procedentes de Mérida, pero al de las fotos no creé que haya estado por aqui.En Carrillo Puerto, Q. Roo. platicamos con el Sacerdo te:Padre James Hilgeman, encargado de la Iglesia del hugar, a quien mostramos las fotos, pero no le ha visto, en cambio dijo, que actualmente estan estacio_ nados aqui los Norteamericanos:Pedro Lorvo, quien en distintos años ha veni_ do por temporadas a pasear y pescar en Puerto Vigia(ahora alla esta, pero no tienen siquiera parecido con el de las fotos)-el otro es:David Wells Jortson éste individuo es Pintor, y desde hace varios años viene a pasarse temporadas largas a Bacalar, es persona de buena conducta; desde luego que el hombre queestan buscando, no ha sido visto por aqui, pero le tendremos informado si aca_ so hiciera su aparición por éstos lugares (le dejamos una foto reciente). ISLA AGUADA, CAMP. MAYO 24/968

En las cercanías de éste lugar, están ubicados 2 centros de caza y pes ca, para extranjeros pudierase decir, ya que generalmente son las únicas perso nas que ocurren a éstos sitios, para descansar y hacer deporte y tratar de pa sar inadvertidos para todo mundo, además la estancia aqui es muy cara, se trata de: "El Tarpon Tropical", propiedad de Andy Growich (norteamericano) y de La Cabaña", propiedad del Sr. Tomás Baldo (Mexicano)—entrevistamos a éstas perso—nas y les mostramos las fotos del sujeto, pero no le identificaron, dijeron—que en verdad mucho extranjero llega a éstos centros de recreo, sobre todo de EE. UU. a veces no sabemos quienes son, ni cual sea su verdadera identidad, pero se les recibe y se les sirve, por que llegan y pagan nuestros servicios; en ca so de que Ray llegase por aqui, o que tengamos rumores de su estancia por és_tos contornos, lo haremos sabér inmediatamente.

PUENTO ANGEL, OAX. MAYO 28/968

Checando éste lugar en busca de alguna pista del sujeto, primero entra vistamos a la Srita. Evangelina Ziga, encargada de la Agencia de Correos, mos_tramos las fotos de sujeto, la entrevistada creé que no ha llegado a venir a-Pto.Angel.dijo que seguido llegan Norteamericanos a pasarse temporadas, y devez en cuando se llegan al correo para depositar correspondencia, o reclamarasi que élla tiene oportunidad de verles en algunas ocasiones; ahora casi notay aqui Turistas extranjeros, los que estan aqui ya tienen tiempo y son:James Sullivan(esposa Bernarda), viven en lacasa de Paula Castillo, dice ser pensio<u>na</u> do de la guerra pasada; Alphonso Arnold y George Sitriw, éstos dos estan montan do un campanento para dedicarso a la pesca del Tiburón, antes estuvieron en el Pto.de Acapulco, Gro. (viven en campamento en la playa)-Las autoridades Aduana_ les, Sr. Carlos Bejarano, Cap. de Puerto Leonardo Ziga Morales (tambien tiene el cargo de Migración)-óstas personas vieron las fotos del sujeto, sin aportar da to alguno de su paradero. Aqui los 2 unicos hoteles que hay son: hotel de Beto-Arreola",y el de Apolonio Cervantes", los que dijeron que el sujeto no ha sido visto por aqui. En ocasiones el Sr. Mario Jarquin renta su casa que tiene cerca de la playa,a Americanos, le mostramos las fotos, pero no creé que haya estado.

(CONTINUACION CASO ESP."RAY")

Tambien tomamos informes con el Sr.Gonzalo Cruz, propietario de una de las enrramadas ubicadas en la playa (comedores al aire libre)-alli llegan en - su mayoría todos los Turistas a tomar sus alimentos, le mostramos las foto del sujeto, pero dijo que le es desconocido; lo mismo dijeron las dueñas de las enrramadas: Serafina"-Doña Carmen" y Lola". Por último preguntamos a - los Lancheros: Fernando Valenzuela-Adelino Cortez y otro llamado Layo", és_ tos vieron las fotos, pero no le han visto dijeron.

Al regreso a Caxaca, pasamos por la población de Pochutla (cercana a Fuerto Angel, alli en ocasiones se estacionan algunos Americanos, pero en - ésta vez no hay ninguno, según expresó nuestro viejo amigo, el Administra - dor de Correos Sr. Efraín Parra Burgoa.

PUERTO ESCONDIDO, OAX. MAYO 31/968

Como su nombro lo dice, en verdad que este lugar está muy lejos dela civilización, y para llegar alli hay que hacerlo por avión, o por un mal camino de tierra en Troca, el lugar carece de vigilancia Migratoria, por lo consiguiente pensamos que os un lugar muy adecuado para que el sujeto, sellegara por alli y tratar de pasar inadvertido, consiguientemente checamos los pocos hoteles que existen, tales como: hotel Mirador Carlitos", (informó Administrador Sr. Simeon Hernandez)-hotel Esperanza" (Admor. Sr. Victoriano -Peña)-hotel Las Palmas" (Admor. Sr. José Luis Tello)-hotel y Restaurant Paci fico"(Prop.Sr.Daniel Bramlett)-y la casa de hucspedes del Sr. Lanuel Ortiz éstas personas y algunos empleados, vieron las fotos que mostramos del su jeto, pero aseguraron que por aqui no ha llegado nuestro amigo. En la Agen cia de Correos informó la Sra.Adriana Carmona Diaz, le es desconocido el sujeto.El Capitan Hunberto Rojas, funge aqui como Cap.de Puerto y encargado Aduanal y de Migración, quien dijo que ya tiene antecedentes de la búsqueda del sujeto, por lo que está al pendiente, pero por ahora no hay noticias desu estancia por éstos lugares. Aqui está recien llegado el 540 Batallón de-Infanteria, a cargo del Coronel:Daniel Gutierrez Sanchez, preguntamos y mos_ tramos las fotos a algunos de los soldados, pero no le identificaron. Mostra mos las fotos al Sr.Efrén Perez encargado de la Cooperativa de pescadoressin resultados. Checamos los Restaurantes: Estelita"-Rincon del Pacifico"- -Miramar"-La Palmita"-Bar El Puerto"-Bar Los Icacos", sin resultados. Tambien platicamos con el Sr. Miguel Meráz, dueño de una en rramada en la playa (dondehace poco tiempo vivieron la pareja compuesta por una Modelo Canadiense yun Norteamericano, quien la asesinó)-Meráz dijo que el tipo de las fotos no ha sido visto por aqui. El Dr. Manuel Quijas, es dueño de una casa por la pla ya, que en ocasiones la renta a los turistas, le mostramos las fotos, pero no le ha visto.FIN DEL RECORRIDO ack

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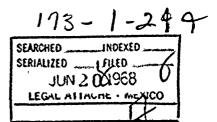
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Mr. ORELLANO found in the current cross directory that "Radio Central of America" is also listed at this same address with the telephone number 46-75-31.

Mr. ORELLANO said this building is located opposite the Consulate for Guatemala.

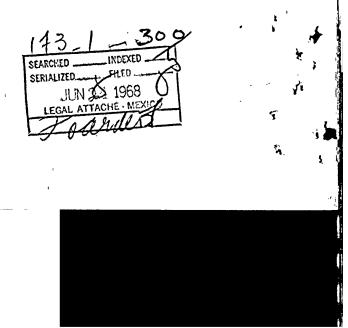
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Title: | JAMES EARL RAY;

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 (\mbox{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

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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.

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

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, Ingle-wood, 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.

9/6/67

Records of the Drivers License Division,
Department of Public Safety, State of
Alabama, Montgomery, revealed that Alabama
driver's license 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 hand-writing 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 finger-print 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.

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 selfhypnosis 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 March 10, 1928. RAY had appointments with Dr. FREEMAN on November 27, November 30, December 4, December 6, December 11, and December 14, 1967. 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 Orle ans, 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:

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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 67, the name of ERIC S. GALT.

12/19/67

1150

ERIC GALT, CHARLES J. STEIN, and RITA
STEIN'S 2 daughters, and 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.

12/28/67

By letter dated December 28, 1967, ERIC S. GALT, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, advised Mr. JOHN ACORD, Chairman, American - Southern Africa Council, 800 Fourth Street, S.W., Washington, D. C., that he was considering immigrating to Rhodesia and desired answers to certain questions. GALT indicated that:

- "(1): The U. S. government will not issue a passport for travel to Rhodesia.
- "(2): Would their be any way to enter Rhodesia legally (from the Rhodesian government point of view)

"I would appreciate any information you could give me on the above subject or any other information on Rhodesia."

Mr. ACORD replied to GALT's letter with a form letter enclosing literature on Rhodesia.

The FBI Laboratory determined that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on the typewritten letter dated December 28, 1967, was prepared by the writer of signatures in this name appearing on other items submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

1/8/68

ERIC S. GALT purchased a Bank of America Money Order #0799 18037 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$15 and was made payable to Locksmithing Institute.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on specimens previously submitted.

1/19 - 3/2/68

ERIC S. GALT, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, made application to attend the International School of Bartending, 2125 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on GALT's application to attend the International School of Bartending and his signature on the installment note dated January 19, 1968, were prepared by the writer of this signature appearing on other items previously submitted.

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from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

1/20/68

The JEROME WALLIS VERNON operated the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, from about January 16, 1968, to March 23, 1968. He said that a man named ERIC GALT was a regular customer who came in each Saturday afternoon with a bundle of laundry which usually consisted of underwear, T-shirts, and dress shirts. He believes he first saw GALT on Saturday, January 20, 1968, and he recalled seeing him for the last time on about March 16, 1968. VERNON was shown the laundry marks on the T-shirt and undershorts abandoned by the killer in front of 424 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968. identified the laundry marking on the undershorts and T-shirt as being similar to the mark used at his laundry. Found in the records of the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company was laundry list #3065 in the name of E. GALT with Thermo Seal sticker 02B-6.

IT IS NOTED THAT UNDERSHORTS AND T-SHIRT ABANDONED BY THE KILLER AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL 4, 1968, CONTAINED A THERMO SEAL LAUNDRY MARK 02B-6.

The Los Angeles Division forwarded to the FBI Laboratory a piece of paper and a cloth square, each containing 12 samples of laundry marking printed by a Thermo Seal marking machine manufactured by the Textile Marking Company, Syracuse, New York, and obtained from the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaners, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

The FBI Laboratory advised that these 12 laundry tapes are similar to the laundry tapes in color, construction, and composition to the laundry tapes appearing on the undershorts and T-shirt abandoned at 424 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, by the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Five of these tapes have the same length (1 1/16") as those appearing on the undershorts and T-shirt. The other 9 are longer, either 1 3/32" or 1 1/8" in length.

The FBI Laboratory advised that no significant differences were noted between the laundry tapes appearing on the undershorts and T-shirt when compared with some of the laundry tape specimens submitted by Los Angeles indicating that they may have originated from the same machine.

1/21/68

On January 21, 1968, ERIC GALT rented Room 403 of the St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Holly-wood Boulevard, Los Angeles, for a monthly rental rate of \$85. GALT remained a tenant there until March 17, 1968.

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ERIC S. GALT, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, sent a typewritten letter dated January 21, 1968, to DALE LEROY DYKEMA, 3325 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, receiver for the apartment building located at 1535 North Serrano, advising DYKEMA that GALT had moved from the Serrano address.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on this letter dated January 21, 1968, was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name on other items submitted.

1/29/68

ERIC GALT purchased a Bank of America Money Order #0799 18288 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$4.25 and was made payable to Free Press, Newspaper.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC GALT signature appearing on this Bank of America Money Order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted.

The following advertisement ran in the February 2 - 8, 1968, issue of the "Free Press":

It is noted that 406 South Second Street, Alhambra, California, is the address of a mail forwarding service which was subscribed to from February 1, 1968, to March 1, 1968, at a cost of \$3 by ERIC GALT, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles.

1729/68

ERIC GALT purchased a Bank of America Money Order #0799 18289 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$3 and was made payable to Mr. HEDGPETH.

C. M. HEDGPETH is the operator of a mail forwarding service. GALT engaged this mail forwarding service for the purpose of

forwarding all mail to him in care of the St. Francis Hotel under the names ERIC S. GALT, ERIC S. or ESG. In connection with this service GALT executed a Post Office form #1583 dated February 1, 1968, authorizing the mail forwarding service to forward mail to GALT. GALT also directed a typewritten letter to this service signed ERIC S. GALT and received by HEDGPETH on January 30, 1968.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC GALT signature appearing on the above described Bank of America Money Order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted.

The Laboratory concluded that the signatures ERIC S. GALT appearing on the Post Office form #1583 and the typewritten letter received by the mail forwarding service were prepared by the writer of the GALT signatures on other specimens submitted.

1/31/68

ERIC S. GALT purchased a Bank of America Money Order #0799 17281 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$7.50 and was made payable to the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted.

2/13/68

A 1966 white Mustang bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-38993 which was later determined to be registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, Birmingham, Alabama, was serviced at the H. Beckman Chevron Service Station, 1506 North Normandie Avenue, Los Angeles, California. The mileage at the time of this service charge was noted to be 34,185 miles.

It was also ascertained that this vehicle was serviced at the Cort Fox Ford Company, 4531 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, with mileage noted to be 34,291 miles; however, no date of servicing was noted.

2/17/68

Mrs. PATRICIA ANDERSON, 2800 Glenview Avenue, Los Angeles, California, received a letter dated February 17, 1968, from ERIC S. GALT. This letter was addressed to her under her maiden name, PATRICIA SCHUBERT, and is as follows:

"2-17-68

"DEAR MISS:

"I AM ANSWERING YOUR LISTING IN THE LOCAL SWINGER SINCE I THINK I SHARE MOST OF YOUR INTERESTS, WITH EMPHASIS ON FRENCH CULT. AND SWING SESSIONS. I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM MEXICO AFTER FIVE YRS. AND THE FEW FEMALES I HAVE MET DON'T GO FOR THE SWING PARTIES AND IT TAKES TWO TO SWING. THE SAME ROUTINE GETS BORING, DON'T YOU THINK. WILL CLOSE UNTIL I HERE FROM YOU.

"SINCERELY
"ERIC S. GALT
"5533-HOLLYWOOD BLVD.
"HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.
"90028.
"PH. 464-1131."

"The Local Swinger" is a correspondence club operating from P. O. Box 3802, Downey, California. "The Local Swinger" placed an advertisement in the Los Angeles "Free Press" offering to send a list of local swingers to anyone who paid the price of \$1. In addition, it was understood that for each letter sent to "The Local Swinger" the sender would have to pay \$1. During February 1968 ERIC S. GALT sent \$1 and a request for a list of swingers and thereafter sent 5 letters to 5 individuals.

PATRICIA ANDERSON, nee SCHUBERT, is the only one of these thus far identified. She has made available a photograph which GALT enclosed in his letter to her. PATRICIA ANDERSON has never subscribed to "The Local Swinger" nor has she ever written to pen pal clubs or subscribed to the Los Angeles "Free Press." She has never met GALT and has had no further correspondence from him.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on the type-written letter dated February 17, 1968, was prepared by the individual who prepared this signature in this name appearing on numerous other items submitted.

2/26/68

ERIC S. GALT purchased Bank of America Money Order #0799 19430 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$6.44 and was made payable to Futura Books.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

2/26/68

ERIC S. GALT purchased Bank of America Money Order #0799 19701 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order is in the amount of \$7.50 and was made payable to Locksmithing Institute.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

2/26/68

ERIC S. GALT purchased Bank of America Money Order #0799 19704 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$5.25 and was made payable to "Locksmith Ledger."

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

2/26/68

ERIC S. GALT purchased Bank of America Money Order #0799 19702 from Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$6.44 and was made payable to Tiffany Enterprises.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on this money order is too distorted for an identification with these previous signatures but similarities were noted.

2/26/68

ERIC S. GALT purchased Bank of America Money Order #0799 19703 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$9.98 and was made payable to Tiffany Enterprises.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signature in this name appearing on other specimens submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

2/26/68

By letter postmarked February 26, 1968, addressed to Tiffany Enterprises, 8512 Whitworth Drive, Los Angeles, California, ERIC S. GALT, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California, ordered one pair of Japanese handcuffs.

It is noted that Tiffany Enterprises is a mail order business but that they do not stock these Japanese handcuffs, so it was necessary for them to have the order filled by the International Police Equipment Company, 806 South Robertson Avenue, Los Angeles. These handcuffs were shipped to GALT on March 16, 1968.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on the typewritten letter dated February 26, 1968, was prepared by the writer of the "GALT" signatures on other specimens previously submitted.

3/2/68

On this date GALT was graduated from the International School of Bartending, 2125 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, and a photograph made that date has been discovered. Approximately a week after GALT's graduation he was telephonically contacted by the director of this school, who indicated he had employment for GALT as a bartender. GALT declined stating that he was leaving town within 2 weeks to visit his brother and did not wish to take employment. GALT indicated he would later return to Los Angeles.

3/8/68

ERIC S. GALT, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, purchased a U. S. Postal Money Order #1,916,211,078 at Los Angeles, California. This postal money order was in the amount of \$15 and was made payable to the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls. New Jersey.

The FBI Laboratory advised that on the basis of the available writings attributed to the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, it was concluded that the questioned handprinting and handwriting appearing on U. S. Postal Money Order #1,916,211,078 were prepared by this individual.

3/17/68

A change of address order listed for ERIC S. GALT with the St. Francis Hotel dated March 17, 1968, advised that his old address of 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, had been changed to General Delivery, Main Post Office, Atlanta, Georgia. This change of address was indicated to be temporary until April 25, 1968.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on the Post Office change of address order submitted by the Los Angeles Division was prepared by the writer of the signature in this name appearing on other specimens previously submitted in this matter.

3/21/68

As well as can be established, it was on or about this date that the subject left at 4019 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, a box of clothing belonging to MARIAN de GRASSE. It is noted that MARIAN de GRASSE is the daughter of MARIE MARTIN, one of the subject's associates in Los Angeles. Additional information concerning MARIE MARTIN is set out elsewhere in this report. It is also noted that 4019 Royal Street, New Orleans, is the residence of THERESA STONE and that THERESA STONE is the cousin of CHARLES STEIN and MARIE MARTIN.

3/24/68

On this date the subject as ERIC S. GALT rented Room 2 in a rooming house at 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, which rooming house is operated by JIMMY DELTON GARNER.

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3/28/68

ERIC S. GALT, 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, purchased a U. S. Postal & Money Order #5,615,057,923 at Atlanta, Georgia. This postal money order was in the amount of \$7.50 and was made payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey.

The FBI Laboratory, concluded that, on the basis of the available writings attributed to the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, it was concluded that the questioned handprinting and handwriting appearing on U. S. Postal Money Order #5,615,057,923 was prepared by this individual.

3/29/68

On this date an individual who gave his name as HARVEY LOWMEYER, 1907 South 11th Street, Birmingham, Alabama, went to the Aeromarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, Alabama, where he purchased a Remington, Model 700, caliber .243, rifle with a 2x-7x-Redfield telescopic sight mounted thereon. He also bought a box of 20 rounds of .243 Norma ammunition. He left the store carrying this rifle in a cardboard box in which had originally come a rifle from the Browning Manufacturing Company. He was given the Browning box because the rifle with the mounted sight would not fit in the Remington box in which the rifle had originally been shipped. LOWMEYER paid cash.

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The man calling himself LOWMEYER telephoned first and later that day returned with the newly purchased .243 rifle to Aeromarine Supply Company and explained that following a conversation with his brother he had decided to exchange this rifle for a Remington, Model 760, 30-06 caliber. This exchange was accomplished on the afternoon of March 30, 1968, with LOWMEYER leaving the store with a Remington, Game Master rifle, Model 760, SN 461476, on which was mounted the Redfield telescopic sight,

SN A17350. He again left with this gun in the Browning cardboard box. The .243 caliber ammunition was exchanged for a box of 30-06 ammunition. LOWMEYER indicated ho wanted to use the 30-06 rifle to hunt in Wisconsin.

Investigation at Birmingham disclosed that LOWMEYER is unknown at 1907 South 11th Street and is unknown in that general neighborhood.

3/20/68

On this date the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, received a change of address from GALT indicating his new address to be 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

The Newark Division forwarded to the FBI Laboratory 4 green payment coupons to the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, showing payment for lessons #6 through #9. Coupons #6 through #8 bore the handprinted address of 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, and the handprinted name of ERIC S. GALT. Coupon for lesson #9 bore the handprinted address of 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the questioned handprinting appearing on the green payment coupons was prepared by the individual responsible for preparing other handprinting on specimens in this case attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

It is unknown by officials of the Locksmithing Institute the exact manner in which GALT furnished the above described change of address.