

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA ROBERT L. MC FALL

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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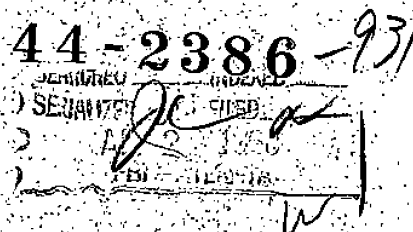
On 4/19/68 SAs ROBERT L. MC FALL and PAUL LEE MILLER contacted the Classified Ads Department of the Atlanta Journal in response to a telephone call concerning one of their ads. This ad reads as follows:

"NELLIE, please don't let me die.
I want to live. I love you."
RAY

It was determined through records that this ad was placed by a W. R. MOODY, 857 Meadow Rock Road Stone, Mountain, Georgia. The ad was to run from Wednesday, 4/17/68 through Sunday, 4/21/68.

SA ROBERT L. MC FALL contacted the Credit Bureau of Atlanta and determined that W. RAY MOODY, address same as above has lived in the Atlanta area for some time and has worked at the Post Office Department at the Federal Annex since April, 1960. His wife whose name is NELLIE is employed at Colonial Store, Ansley Mall, and has worked there since 1960 as a checker. Credit Bureau records also indicated that this couple was divorced in February, 1968, with the wife taking action against the husband and receiving custody of the couple's minor children.

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TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

FROM : SA JACK M. WEBRECK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

Re SA JAMES J. ROSE memo, 4/16/68 re ERIC STARVO
GALT, serial 459.

On 4/18/68, Mr. STEPHENS DEWEY GALT, 125 South
Ave., Cartersville, Ga., a rural mail carrier for 50 years
was interviewed and advised that he had a Shell Oil credit
card in the name of S.D. GALT. He could not name any suspects
in this matter. STEPHENS GALT was interviewed extensively
concerning his family tree and background and the results of
that interview were set forth in outgoing communication to
Albuquerque.

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FROM : SA JACK M. WEBRECK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

On 4/17/68, MANCO IRWIN, Brock Road, Rockmart, Ga., phone #684-6822, telephonically advised that on late Saturday afternoon, 4/13/68, he had gone to the residence of his ex-wife, ALVA LEE IRWIN, 12 Postel St., Cartersville, Ga. to give some support money to her for their daughter. He entered the residence and found an unknown man in the process of putting on his clothing and when this man saw him, he picked up a gun. Upon seeing this, IRWIN hastily left the residence. He did not recall what kind of a weapon it was other than it was a pistol.

On the preceeding night, he had seen the artist conception of the man allegedly responsible for the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and concluded that the man resembled the artist conception. He said that his wife works at EZ Mills on the first shift at Cartersville. He also advised that his son, BILLY JOE IRWIN, has been a Bureau employee-Clerk-in Washington, D.C. for approximately ten years.

On the morning of 4/18/68, MANCO IRWIN again telephonically contacted the Agent and advised he had seen a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT on television and he was further convinced that the man he had seen at his wife's apartment bore a strong resemblance to GALT.

On 4/18/68, Mrs. ALVA LEE IRWIN was interviewed at EZ Mills, Cartersville. She advised that there was no doubt in her mind that her husband had made the telephone call or made the report. She described her ex-husband as being an alcoholic who has been making harassing telephone calls to her at all hours of the day or night. She said that she has been dating several different men, one of whom was HAROLD PHILLIPS, a 38-40 year old male, residence unknown but who works at Lockheed-Aircraft, Marietta, Ga. and the man who had dated on the previous Saturday night was CARL COOK, a white male, in his early 30s of Acworth, Ga. employed at Days Chevrolet, Acworth.

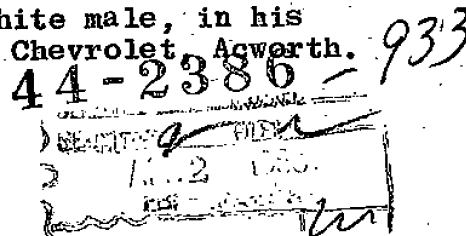
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She said that COOK is a small man about 5'6" in height, 130 lbs., in his early 30s and in her opinion bore no close resemblance to the picture of ERIC STARVO GALT published in that day's newspaper. She stated that COOK has been in the Acworth, Ga. area for a long period of time such as was the case with HAROLD PHILLIPS.

No further investigation being conducted on this aspect and this memo being submitted for information of file.

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1247 PM URGENT 4/22/68 MHM

TO DIRECTOR /MAIL/, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, PITTSBURGH AND ATLANTA
FROM JACKSONVILLE /44-769/ 1P

MURKIN.

RE JACKSONVILLE TELETYPE TO TAMPA AND TAMPA TELETYPE TO BUREAU,
APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST, ADVISING PERSON RESEMBLING PHOTO OF ERIC STARVO
GALT OBSERVED IN JACKSONVILLE APRIL FIFTEEN LAST, DRIVING HERTZ RENTAL
CAR, BEARING FLA. LICENSE THREE E FOUR EIGHT SEVEN ZERO.

RECORDS HERTZ CO., JACKSONVILLE REFLECT THIS CAR RENTED IMESON
AIRPORT, JACKSONVILLE, APRIL FIFTEEN LAST TO JOE S. RAGAN, JR., REPRESENTATIVE OF ELECTRO AIR CORP., OLIUIA AND SPROUL STREETS, MC KEES
ROCKS, PA., BY HERTZ CREDIT CARD [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND RETURNED APRIL SIXTEEN LAST.

RAGAN DISPLAYED GA. DRIVERS LICENSE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND GAVE ADDRESS SIX ZERO FOUR NINE DRIFTWOOD TRAIL, MABLETON, GA.

MRS. BETTY ARMES WHO MADE RENTAL AND MRS. IRMA ALTMAN, BOTH HERTZ
EMPLOYEES, IMESON AIRPORT, BOTH ADVISED VERY BUSY AT TIME OF RENTAL AND
UNABLE TO RECALL RAGAN OR RECALL WHETHER RESEMBLED PHOTO OF GALT.

PITTSBURGH AT MC KEES ROCKS, PA. CONTACT ELECTRO AIR CORP. AND
DETERMINE IF RAGAN LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF CO.

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10:24 AM EST URGENT 4/22/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR, ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1 P

MURKIN

BUREAU REQUESTED TO PROMPTLY FORWARD PHOTOGRAPHIC COPY OF
FINGERPRINTS OF JAMES EARL RAY, FBI NO. FOUR XERO FIVE NINE FOUR
TWO G, TO BE USED BY ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR A SEARCH,
THRU THEIR STRIP FILE (LATENT FINGERPRINT FILE).

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4/19/68

SA ALDEN F. MILLER

DARRYL LEE
MISCELLANEOUS

On 4/19/68 telephonic inquiry was made by one MR. NICK TOLBERT, the "Athens Daily News", 543-2512, Athens, Ga., regarding the above-captioned individual. MR. TOLBERT advised he had received information previously that DARRYL LEE had previously met with the FBI and had pertinent information re the KING case and other numerous alleged crimes based on a contact had with an unknown person in New York City by LEE.

Review of Atlanta indices fails to reflect DARRYL LEE is known to this office. Contact was had with SA RALPH E. WILLIAMS, Athens, Ga., RA, who advised that several days ago DARRYL LEE made an appointment to see him one afternoon at the Athens RA and simultaneously with this appointment a reporter of the "Athens Daily News" appeared also. SA WILLIAMS advised that he spoke with the reporter and she made inquiry concerning the FBI's progress in the KING case. She was informed that there was no comment to be made re this matter. She indicated that her paper had received an anonymous call from an individual who was a student at the University of Georgia was to furnish information that date relating to this matter and other matters of interest to the FBI. SA WILLIAMS advised following the departure of the news reporter he spoke with DARRYL LEE whose entire purpose for appearing at the FBI Office was to furnish information relating to a person he had met in New York City who had some unusual ESP and had predicted the death of KING and other crimes of national interest. SA WILLIAMS stated that LEE feared for his life and appeared to be in need of psychiatric care and in view of local newspaper reporters arriving simultaneously he felt that some unusual plot was being made to involve the FBI in some sort of news story. He advised that the results of the interview will be furnished the Atlanta Office in the immediate future.

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MR. TOLBERT was recontacted telephonically this date and informed that DARRYL LEE had not been arrested by the FBI in Atlanta in connection with the KING case or for that matter any other Federal case. He was further advised that we had no information at this time reflecting on DARRYL LEE's whereabouts nor was it admitted or denied that we had spoken with DARRYL LEE. MR. TOLBERT inquired as to where would DARRYL LEE normally be to which inquiry was stated that if DARRYL LEE is a student at the University of Georgia it is assumed that he would be there on the campus in Athens, Ga., as we had no information to indicate otherwise.

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FROM : SA ROBERT L. MC FALL

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: Memphis

DATE: 4/22/68

On 4/19/68 in response to an anonymous phone call SAs ROBERT L. MC FALL and PAUL LEE MILLER proceeded to 674, Apartment A, Lindbergh Drive, NE, Atlanta, Georgia to contact a THERESA A. OSORIO, who was to have with her a person who resembled ERIC STARVO GALT now known as JAMES EARL RAY.

Upon arriving at 674, Apartment a, Lindbergh Drive, it was determined that the apartment was vacant.

Mr. LARRY FARMER, 674 Apartment B, Lindbergh Drive, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, advised that the apartment was vacated on 3/31/68. He further advised that the girl staying there identified as THERESA OSORIO was a rather loose woman morally, and had entertained several males guests over the past few months. He further advised that Mrs. OSORIO's husband was in the United States Navy and is presently serving on board ship somewhere in the Carribean. Upon viewing the photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT he stated that this was not one of the men he had seen in that area.

Miss JULIA M. BROWN, 690 Lindbergh Drive, NE, Manager of the apartment complex, advised that THERESA OSORIO lived at 674 Apartment A, Lindbergh Drive, and had vacated the apartment on 3/31/68. She further stated that this girl had three minor children and was currently employed as a waitress at the Downtowner Motor Inn. She stated that the girl was good looking and had on several occasions entertained men, who she identified as friends. Miss BROWN could not identify the pictures of ERIC STARVO GALT as being one of the friends of THERESA A. OSORIO.

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Miss BROWN furnished information from the records maintained at her office concerning OSORIO, and these records listed a former address as 1002 Michigan Avenue, Charleston, South Carolina, DOB [REDACTED] character reference RUTH SANTI, 1822 Walton Avenue, Bronx, New York, telephone number CY4-5098.

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FROM : SA NED A. MYERS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 4/18/68.

On 4/19/68, T. J. HARRIS, Chief, Medical Records Section, Central State Hospital, Milledgeville, Georgia, advised there is no record of ERIC STARVO GALT, aka Eric S. Galt, Eric Galt, Harvey Lowmeyer, Harvey Lowmyer, or John Willard.

In view of information that subject identified as JAMES EARL RAY, no attempt was made to display photo to all pertinent personnel at the Hospital.

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1152 AM URGENT 4-22-68 MCP

TO DIRECTOR, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS CITY, ST. LOUIS, BIRMINGHAM,
ATLANTA, NEW ORLEANS.

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

MURKIN.

INCONNECTION WITH IDENTIFICATION JAMES EARL RAY AS SUBJECT
INSTANT MATTER, THE SOURCE OF HIS FUNDS BECOMES OF PARAMOUNT
INTEREST. PAST BACKGROUND OF RAY IS WELL KNOWN TO OFFICES
RECEIVING THIS TELETYPE. EACH OFFICE SHOULD REVIEW ITS UNSUB BANK
ROBBERY AND BANK BURGLARY MATTERS AND WHERE LATENTS WERE RECOVERED
SHOULD IDENTIFY THE CASE IN QUESTION AND REQUEST BUREAU SEARCH
THESE LATENTS AGAINST THE LATENTS RECOVERED IN MURKIN CASE.

POSSIBILITY ALSO EXISTS THAT RAY MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED
IN BURGLARY OR ROBBERY NOT WITHIN FBI JURISDICTION AND MAY BE MATTER
OF INTEREST TO LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS. RECEIVING OFFICES SHOULD
CONTACT MAJOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITHIN THEIR DIVISIONS AND
DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT ANY ARMED ROBBERIES OR BURGLARIES
PERPETRATED IN WHICH LATENTS RECOVERED OR IN WHICH UNSUB MAY FIT
GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT RAY. A AND D. END,

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386)

FROM : SUPV. CHARLES S. HARDING

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

DATE: 4/22/68

Attached to this memorandum is a photostat of Memphis teletype to the Bureau and other offices, 4/22/68.

LEADS:

SA HARRY LEE should handle the Unsub., Bank Robbery and Bank Burglary matters and the contact with the Atlanta Police Department.

Each Resident Agent should handle the contact with major law enforcement agencies.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 19, 1968

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JAMES P. RIORDAN, permanent address 97 Ward Street, Wallingford, Connecticut, presently residing in Room 316, Hotel Frances, furnished the following information:

He moved into Room 8 at 107 14th Street, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia, on March 17, 1968, and stayed there until April 1, 1968. He did not become acquainted with any other person at that address nor was he aware that anyone lived at 113 14th Street, N. E. It was his impression this building had just been painted and was vacant. He viewed a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT and could effect no identification.

RIORDAN recalled that after he had been living at 107 14th Street, N. E., for approximately one week, he started seeing a white Mustang parked under a tree at the rear of 113 14th Street, N. E. He saw this car almost daily until he departed the premises on April 1, 1968. He could not recall specifically whether he saw this vehicle on March 30, 1968, or not. At that time, he was driving an automobile himself and was parking it at the rear of 107 14th Street, N. E., and noted that the white Mustang was most frequently parked under a tree behind 113 14th Street, N. E. He was surprised at this because birds used this tree and any vehicle parked under it would have numerous bird droppings on the roof of the car. He parked his car there on one occasion and the top was covered with droppings. He did not notice the license tag of this car nor did he ever see anyone getting in or out of the car. There was no particular reason to notice the interior of the vehicle and other than being able to state that it was a white Mustang, he could furnish no information.

Since the publicity concerning GALT has hit the papers and he realized that he had been probably living in the same

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by *MAC* SA MARION E. CHEEK :rjb Date dictated 4/19/68

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vicinity with GALT, he has attempted to determine through cryptography what GALT's real identity is. In this regard, he stated that he was in the U. S. Air Force and worked in cryptography. He dropped the name of "STARVO" since, in his opinion, it is an unlikely name and formed a combination of the remaining letters, and came up with the name of CARL GEIST. He noticed in Atlanta newspapers that CARL GEIST is a Minister in Atlanta.

In addition to the above, RIORDAN pointed out that while living in the 14th Street and Peachtree Street, N. E., area, the only bars in that immediate area were Mike's Bar and the Redwood Lounge, both located in the 1000 block of Peachtree. He himself frequented these bars on a daily basis since he is a beer drinker and never saw anyone resembling GALT in these two bars.

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TO : SAC, 44-2386

DATE: 4-22-68

FROM : Complaint Clerk Jerry D. Roseberry

SUBJECT: MURKIN

MISS McDONALD, secretary to Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SCLC, called at 1:00 pm today and advised that she had received a phone call from a Mrs. MARY ALICE JONES, 2340 N. 10th St., Philadelphia, Penna., telephone [redacted] who claims she knows who killed Dr. KING. JONES insisted upon speaking to Mrs. KING, but McDONALD refused and asked to take message. JONES stated the same people who killed KING will also kill Mrs. KING if she goes to Philadelphia. JONES stated for this reason Mrs. KING should not come to Philadelphia.

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Memorandum

TO :

Routing Slip

FD-4 (Rev. 5-14-66)

Date: 4-19-68

FROM :

To:

☐ Director

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Att.:

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RE:

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☐ Clerk

☐ Rotor #:

ACTION DESIRED

☐ Acknowledge

☐ Assign _____ Reassign _____

☐ Bring file

☐ Call me

☐ Correct

☐ Deadline _____

☐ Deadline passed

☐ Delinquent

☐ Discontinue

☐ Expedite

☐ File

☐ For information

☐ Handle

☐ Initial & return

☐ Leads need attention

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

☐ Open Case

☐ Prepare lead cards

☐ Prepare tickler

☐ Recharge serials

☐ Return assignment card

☐ Return file

☐ Return serials

☐ Search and return

☐ See me

☐ Send Serials _____

to _____

☐ Submit new charge out

☐ Submit report by _____

☐ Type

Press releases dated 4-19-68 re Murkin case, were delivered to the following on 4-19-68

Radio Station WJH, 2146 Dodson Dr., E. Point,

Anne Adams, Receptionist, at 3:10 pm

Radio Station WBAD, 1119 Main St., Forest Park

Ref. DANTZLER, SAE, Announcer, at 3:56 pm.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM : SA PAUL LEE MILLER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

On 4/17/68, at 6:15 p.m., SA PAUL LEE MILLER delivered an authorized press release to RODNEY FORD, Radio Engineer, for WLTA - FM, 944 Gordon Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia.

Also on 4/17/68, SA MILLER delivered the same authorized press release to DON JOHNSON, Announcer and Sales Manager, for WTJH, 4146 Dodson Drive, East Point, Ga. This was accepted by Mr. JOHNSON at 6:50 p.m. and immediately put contents of news release on the air.

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FROM : SA CHARLES S. HARDING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Will check with JACK THAXTON, Ticket Department, Delta Airlines, Atlanta Airport, concerning people who purchased tickets for DAL Flight 106, which is a connecting flight to Paris and London, on dates 4/5 and 4/6/68. Will obtain the identities of the crew members of these flights and interview them concerning possibility of suspect RAY being a passenger.

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TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA CHARLES S. HARDING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: CAR RENTALS - JAMES EARL RAY

Will recheck car rentals in Atlanta, especially for cars rented between 3/24 and 4/6/68 and have not been returned.

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TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P) ^{DATE:} 4/22/68

FROM : SA CHARLES S. HARDING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: CHECK OF CHARTER FLIGHTS - JAMES EARL RAY

LEAD

At Atlanta, Ga.:

Will check all charter flights out of Atlanta especially of small planes, for the dates 4/5 - 4/6/68. These checks should be made of Atlanta Airport, Fulton County Airport and DeKalb-Peachtree Airport.

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FROM : SA CHARLES S. HARDING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Miami tels, 4/19/68, concerning investigation
at Eastern Airlines.

LEAD

At Atlanta, Ga.:

Will check with EAL, Atlanta, concerning individuals
who flew on foreign flights out of Atlanta on 4/5/68 and to
Mexico City on 4/6/68, and eliminate those people making
legitimate flights. Will also interview the crew members set
forth in Miami tels, who are based in the Atlanta area.

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TO : SAC, 44-2386

DATE: 4-22-68

FROM : Complaint Clerk Jerry Roseberry

SUBJECT: MURKIN

JACK EVANS, Sky Host Inn, Atlanta Airport, 761-5201, called at 1:53 pm today and advised that the FBI has checked his records for a JOHN GALT with negative results. He noted today that on 3-22-68 a man checked in using the name JOHN RAY from 1709 High St., Macon, Ga. He made 7 local phone calls, numbers not recorded, and skipped out, apparently on 3-23-68. A letter mailed to above address was returned as no such address. EVANS has a registration for RAY, but no other info.

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TO : SAC, 44-2386

DATE: 4-22-68

FROM : Complaint Clerk Jerry D. Roseberry

SUBJECT: MURKIN

HERSHEL THORNTON, Mortician, 3340 Gordon Road, 344-4471, called today at 10:35 am and advised as follows:

On night of 4-18-68 he received a phone call from a woman who asked how to get to his place from Chamblee. He gave her directions and about 11:00 pm a white male and a white female came to his funeral home. The man said he was Dr. EARL VAN DESS or DERS and was staying at the Holiday Inn between Atlanta and Marietta in room 210 E. He stated that he wanted to arrange for the funeral of Dr. HOWARD CLEVELAND, an odd professor at Howard University who died from shock following the assassination of Dr. KING. CLEVELAND had lived at 223 East Capitol, Apt. 103 in Washington.

He told THORNTON that the funeral was to be a quiet arrangement to be attended by teachers and officials from Washington only and that no announcement was to be made in the papers. He stated he had \$350 to pay for the funeral. He said he would call at 11:00 am on 4-19-68 to make final arrangements. THORNTON has not heard any more from this man.

THORNTON stated was suspicious of this man for several reasons. DESS talked about MLK's funeral and THORNTON stated that he did not handle it that it was handled by his brother, MARCELLOUS THORNTON, who has a mortuary on Jonesboro Road, phone JA5-1877. DESS stated he was born in Birmingham, Ala., and lived in Washington, D.C., and spoke with an accent that was partly southern. He ~~mark~~ had dark red hair, red mustache, and wore glasses and had been drinking. The woman with him was short, round faced, wore lots of rouge, and had short dark brown hair. They were driving a 1968 white mustang and another woman was observed in the back seat of the car.

THORNTON stated he has drawn a mustache and glasses on newspaper photo of subject RAY and he appears identical with man using name DESS.

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Mrs. Riley. "Three or four ladies got together and tried to decide who to call. I called the FBI last (Wednesday) night and they told me to talk to the Atlanta police."

Mrs. Riley said the police apparently arrived in the parking lot for a brief inspection Wednesday night and FBI agents followed Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Riley's estimate of the time the car arrived in the parking lot differed from Mrs. Payne's. She said she awakened Friday morning at around 5 a.m. and first spotted the Mustang out her kitchen window at around 7.

"We discussed it and watched

it because we hadn't seen it before," said Mrs. Riley. "Most of the cars parked here are people who live here."

Mrs. Riley said a neighbor stopped in for coffee the morning after King's slaying and they talked over the previous night's tragedy in Memphis.

When the conversation got around to the car sought by police, Mrs. Riley made the joking comment: "Why, it's sitting out there in the parking lot."

When the FBI agents arrived—Mrs. Payne counted nine—they opened the car doors with a master key, but were unable to unlock the trunk.

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in charge of the Atlanta FBI office, replied, "No comment," to several questions from a reporter, then summed it up with an expanded statement:

"All I can say is 'No comment.' We could talk all night and all I could say is 'No comment.'"

Mrs. Payne said she was sitting in her living room last Friday between 8:30 and 9 a.m. when the Mustang arrived and was parked with its rear toward the curb.

STEPPED OUT

A man stepped out of the car, locked it — "or fooled with the door somehow" — and walked away carrying only what appeared to be a small black book, she said.

Mrs. Payne was certain that the car bore an Alabama license tag, but didn't remember the number. WSB-TV reported, how-

ever, that the tag number of the car was 1-36993, the same number in the FBI bulletin.

A Birmingham reporter who went to Galt's address in that city Thursday night said that it was a rooming house. He said other residents said they had not seen Galt in about three months.

OWNER SILENT

Although one rooming house resident said a man answering Galt's description had lived there three months earlier, the owner of the place refused to talk with reporters and kept the door locked.

"I don't know him," the owner said through a closed window. "I'm sure he never lived here. I'm not going to open the door."

However, a telephone repairman who lives in the rooming house said:

"I've heard the name Eric Galt plenty the last week. The

FBI has talked to everybody in this rooming house."

The repairman, Percy Strickland, said Galt lived in the bottom floor of the two-story, pale gray stucco building and was considered "one of the boys."

He added that boarders "come and go and its hard to distinguish," but he remembered Galt as "younger than the FBI description."

A 13-year-old youngster who lives in another apartment in the Atlanta housing project no-

ticed cigar or cigaret ashes all over the floor of the car said the interior was covered with red mud, "like it needed vacuuming out."

The boy, Johnny Niesen, said two Mexican visa stickers on the windows labeled the car "tourista."

It was the stickers that prompted Johnny's mother, Mrs. John H. Riley, to call the FBI Wednesday night. The stickers had preyed on her mind since she'd heard on television, a couple of nights earlier that a man fitting the description of the suspected assassin had visited the Mexican consulate in Memphis prior to the murder and obtained visitor's pass.

However, Johnny said the stickers were for 1967.

"When I heard on the 11 o'clock news the night before last that he'd applied for a permit to Mexico, I got to thinking more and more about it," said

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Eric Galt Is Object Of Search

Atlantans Tell Agents About Car

By JEFF NESMITH and
DUANE RINER

The FBI late Thursday night was searching for a Birmingham man in connection with the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The man's car, a white Mustang, was found earlier Thursday in Atlanta.

The car, parked since early last Friday morning in a public-housing project only five blocks from the State Capitol, was registered to Eric Salve Galt, 37.

Galt has no police record in Birmingham, where he once lived at 2608 Highland Ave., or in Atlanta.

Residents of the housing project here, Capitol Homes on Memorial Drive SE, told The Atlanta Constitution Thursday night that a well-dressed man, whose description was similar to that given by witnesses to the Memphis slaying last week, backed the car into a parking space Friday morning, casually locked it and strolled away. He did not return.

The FBI, whose agents swarmed around the car most of Thursday afternoon, snapping pictures and taking fingerprints, had the vehicle towed to the Federal Building at Peachtree and Baker Streets where it remained behind locked garage doors.

PICKUP ORDER

An FBI pickup order was issued for Galt in Miami, Fla., and circulated on police teletypes Thursday night. The message was withdrawn at 10:30 p.m.

It had instructed police officers to locate Galt, who is 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs 175 pounds.

Earlier Thursday, Mrs. Ernest Payne of 151 Memorial Drive SE in Atlanta told reporters that the man who abandoned the car here last Friday was a "nice looking man," about 25 or 30, weighing 165 or 170 pounds and about 5 feet, 10 or 11 inches tall.

Mrs. Payne said she does not read newspapers and seldom watches television and therefore did not know that a similar description of the suspected killer was being circulated.

NO COMMENTS

FBI agents refused to comment on the impounded car in Atlanta and Special Agent John Hanlon in Miami refused to comment on the bulletin issued for Galt. Justice department officials in Washington refused to discuss the new developments as did FBI agents in Birmingham.

However, it was learned that no warrant has been issued for Galt, but that he is being sought for questioning.

Frank V. Hitt, special agent

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Auto Found Here, FBI Hunting Alabama Suspect in King Slaying

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Constitution,
Atlanta, Ga.

Date: 4/12/68

Edition: Morning

Author: Jeff Nesmith &

Editor: Duane Riner

XMX Eugene Patterson

MURKIN

Character: RM

or

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FBI SANANTON

1032AM CST URGENT 4-22-68 DMB
TO ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS (44-L987)
FROM SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

MURKIN

ON INSTANT DATE, AN ANONYMOUS CALLER TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED
SAN ANTONIO OFFICE ON APRIL TWENTYONE, LAST, BETWEEN HOURS OF
THREE AND FOUR P.M., HE HAD FOLLOWED A LATE MODEL DARK GREEN
COLLORED VEHICLE BEARING ALABAMA LICENSE FOUR DASH FOUR ONE SIX
THREE FOR SEVERAL MILES ON EXPRESSWAY SYSTEM IN SAN ANTONIO.

THE UNKNOWN CALLER STATED HAD NUMBER OF OCCASIONS TO OBSERVE
THE DRIVER OF INSTANT VEHICLE AND STATED THE MAN STRONGLY
RESEMBLED PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY PUBLISHED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.

THE DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE WAS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE,
BADLY IN NEED OF SHAVE WITH LIGHT COLORED HAIR WORN IN A CREW
CUT. UNKNOWN CALLER STATED INSTANT VEHICLE AND DRIVER LAST SEEN
HEADED NORTH OUT OF SAN ANTONIO ON U.S. HIGHWAY EIGHTYONE.

ATLANTA ASCERTAIN REGISTRATION DATA INSTANT LICENSE.

FURTHER LEADS BEING LEFT TO DISCRESSION MEMPHIS.

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FBI MOBILE

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12:38 PM EST URGENT 4/22/68 VSC

TO MOBILE AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

THE FOLLOWING TELETYPE RECEIVED FROM SAN ANTONIO THIS DATE
IN ERROR:

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SAN ANTONIO OFFICE ON APRIL TWENTYONE, LAST, BETWEEN HOURS OF
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"FURTHER LEADS BEING LEFT TO DISCRETION MEMPHIS."

MOBILE HANDLE LEAD SET FORTH FOR ATLANTA.

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~~KEX~~ 12:41 PM EST - MCP
FBI MEMPHIS

FBI NEW ORLS

FBI ATLANTA

3:35 PM EST URGENT 4/22/68 VSC

TO NEW ORLEANS

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1 P

MURKIN

A CHECK WITH DELTA AIRLINE OFFICIALS, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY PASSENGERS AND CREW MEMBERS ON DELTA FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX ORIGINATING NEW ORLEANS AND TERMINATING FRANKFURT, GERMANY, FOR APR. FIVE AND SIX, SIXTYEIGHT, REFLECTS CREW MEMBERS ON BOTH DAYS HOME BASED NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

NEW ORLEANS AT DELTA AIRLINES, WILL ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF CREW MEMBERS OF ABOVE FLIGHT, INTERVIEW AND DISPLAY PHOTO OF RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P

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FBI NEW ORLS

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FBI WASH DC

FBI ATLANTA

3:48 PM EST URGENT 4/22/68 VSC
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND PHILADELPHIA
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1P

MURKIN

MISS DORA MC DONALD, SECRETARY TO DECEASED MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ADVISED APR. TWENTYTWO, SIXTYEIGHT, SHE RECEIVED PHONE CAL FROM MRS. MARY ALICE JONES, TWO THREE FOUR ZERO NORTH TENTH ST., PHILADELPHIA, PA., TELEPHONE P O THREE NINE FIVE FIVE ZERO, WHO CLAIMS SHE KNOWS WHO KILLED DR. KING. JONES INSISTED UPON SPEAKING TO MRS. KING, WHICH WAS DENIED. JONES THEN STATED SAME PEOPLE WHO KILLED KING WILL ALSO KILL MRS. KING IF SHE GOES TO PHILADELPHIA AND FOR THIS REASON MRS. KING SHOULD NOT GO TO PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA INTERVIEW MARY ALICE JONES.

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3:45 PM EST - CXP

FBI PHILA

3:43 PM EST - MCP

FBI MEMPHIS

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386)

FROM : SA Alden F. Miller

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: April 22, 1968

Re Miami Teletype dated 4-22-68.

Ref. Teletype set forth information furnished by one Peter S. Gilchrist, Charlotte, N.C. to the effect that person fitting the description of RAY was on Eastern Air Lines Flight #133 April 12, 1968 from Atlanta, to Houston.

Telephonically it was ascertained that the crew members of Eastern Flight #133 are as follows:

Capt. W. R. Bomar, phone 344-3064 (death in family and out of town for at least three days)
1 st Officer, P.E. Thompson phone 284-7826.
2 nd Officer, D. R. Smith Phone Newnan 253-8619.

Miss Lamorah Stevens, identified service crew as follows:
Purser, Joe Duncan phone 766-1539
Stewardess Miss Marylyn Nawrocki phone 233-1712
Stewardess Miss Judy Tennison Phone 766-1988.

It is suggested that calls be made to set up appointments for above interviews. Miss Tennison has specifically requested that EAL not release her home phone number to unauthorized persons so use some stratagem.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 8, 19681

Mr. FRANK MILLER, owner and operator of the Town and Country Motel (affiliate of Friendship) reviewed records and advised as follows:

This motel does not utilize Cashmere Bouquet soap for its guests. It uses Palmolive soap contained in a blue wrapper bearing white lettering "Town & Country Motel, U.S. 27 North, LaGrange, Georgia." This motel is located within the city limits of LaGrange, Georgia 30240.

Registration cards were examined from March 17, 1968 through April 4, 1968. There were no names similar to JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER and WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER listed. There were no white Mustang automobiles listed.

On 4/6/68 at LaGrange, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2386-957
by SA JIMMY E. HAYES /ces Date dictated 4/6/68

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386)

FROM : SUPV. CHARLES S. HARDING

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

DATE: 4/22/68

On 4/21/68, HUGH PARK, columnist, "Atlanta Constitution", telephonically inquired if he could be furnished the number of complaints this office had received concerning people who look like Subject RAY. He was advised that this information was not available, but that the number was considerable. Mr. PARK then asked if this office had any comment to make concerning the rumor that RAY may be dead now as the result of either assassination or suicide. He was advised that this office had no comment to make other than the information furnished in the two press releases made.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386)

FROM : SUPV. CHARLES S. HARDING

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

DATE: 4/22/68

JACK NELSON, Southeastern Bureau, "Los Angeles Times", telephonically contacted the writer on 4/20 and 21/68, to inquire about any additional information we had on the location of RAY. In each instance, Mr. NELSON was advised Atlanta had no further comment to make other than was set forth in the two press releases.

Mr. NELSON stated that he thought the two press releases furnished by the Bureau were very informative, were excellent as a news source, and that by furnishing him copies of these releases expeditiously as we had done was of great assistance to him in carrying forth his responsibilities. He stated in each instance he was able to inform his parent newspaper in Los Angeles of the contents of the press releases which had not yet been received in Los Angeles. He expressed great appreciation for this office making the releases available in an expeditious manner.

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Re: Rooming House at 113 14th Street,
Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia

GEORGE MARSHAL, Personnel Director, Atlantic Steel, 1300 Mecasin, Northwest, advised SA MARION E. CHEEK JAMES P. RIORDAN was in his office on March 20, 1968, at which time he gave the address of 107 14th Street, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia. He listed a former address of 94 11th Street, Northwest, and a permanent address of 97 Ward Street, Wallingford, Connecticut. He listed his wife as LOUISE, prior employment with United States Plastics, Wallingford, Connecticut, and claimed to be a retired service man from the United States Army with service from 1940 through 1945 and 1947 through 1963.

RIORDAN is described as a white male, 49 years of age, 6'3" tall, 215 pounds. He was offered employment in a supervisory capacity and was to report on March 25, 1968. He did not show up for work and Mr. MARSHAL called his wife in Connecticut. She did not know where he was located.

Mr. MARSHAL, who is a Shriner, saw RIORDAN on Clermont Avenue in Decatur, Georgia, on April 6, 1968, when he, MARSHAL, was marching in a Shrine parade. RIORDAN has not recontacted Atlantic Steel and he has no idea as to RIORDAN's present whereabouts.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, 44-2386

DATE: 4-22-68

FROM : Complaint Clerk Jerry D. Roseberry

SUBJECT: MURKIN

MRS. LOWELL LANGE, 1678 North Pelham Road, N.E., Atlanta, telephone 876-6649, called at 3:35 pm today and advised that her telephone has several unexplainable long distance charged to it. She stated the only possible connection with captioned case it that 4 of the calls were to Alton, Illinois, subject RAY's home town.

The calls were as follows:

Date	Number called	City called
2/28/68	618-466-1186	Alton, Ill.
2/16/68	same	same
2/14/68	same	same
2/16/68	618-466- ⁴ 4543	same
2/13/68	203-322-2562	Stanford, Conn.
2/14/68	same	same

LANGE notified the telephone company and the company has agreed to deduct the charges from LANGE's telephone bill.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386)

FROM : SA JOHN E. OGDEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

DATE: 4/22/68

On 4/22/68, JIMMY D. GARNER was recontacted at his place of business, the Vista Grill, 1052 Northside Drive, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia. It was noted that GARNER was in a highly intoxicated condition and no effort was made to reinterview him in detail for this reason. Police photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to GARNER, and he commented that he did not feel these were a good likeness to the man he knew as ERIC STARVO GALT. He again observed the photograph of RAY which was taken at the time he graduated from bartender's school in Los Angeles in March, 1967. His comment at this time was "That's the man who stayed at 113 14th Street, N. E."

On the same date, A. M. SLOAN, Assistant Superintendent, Postal Substation C, 14th Street, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia (protect identity) was recontacted to determine whether additional mail had been received for ERIC STARVO GALT. SLOAN advised that no additional mail had been received to his knowledge, but he would be on the alert for any such mail and would promptly advise the Atlanta Office if additional mail is received.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM : SA CARL E. CLAIBORNE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

IRVING SHULMAN, Anti-Defamation League, called on 4/22/68 to advise that the Night Manager at Yorks Billiard Parlor, Pryor and Houston Streets, had told him that the picture of GALT (RAY) in the newspapers looked familiar and he may have seen him around the poolroom. SHULMAN identified the night manager only as "HOKE".

LEAD:

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AT ATLANTA, GA.

Contact "HOKE", night manager, York's Billiard Parlor, and show photographs of JAMES EARL RAY.

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4:25 PM EST - MCP
FBI MEMPHIS

FBI ATLANTA

4:22 PM EST - LCC
FBI WASH DC

4:27 PM EST URGENT 4/22/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR, MIAMI AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1 P

MURKIN

RE: FOREIGN BOUND AIRLINE PASSENGERS FROM ATLANTA, GA.
APR. FIVE AND SIX, LAST.

OFFICIALS, EASTERN AIRLINES, ATLANTA, ADVISED RESERVATION INFO RE PASSENGERS BOARDING ATLANTA ON FLIGHTS NINE FIVE FIVE AND THREE TWO ZERO, APR. FIVE, LAST, AND FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE, APR. SIX LAST, HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO MIAMI AND WILL ARRIVE TODAY OR TOMORROW. EASTERN CALLED MRS. RICHTER, EASTERN AIRLINES, ONE TWO FIVE EIGHT FIVE NE SEVENTH AVE., MIAMI, WHO WILL PULL DATA RE THESE PASSENGERS AND HAVE IT AVAILABLE.

MIAMI REVIEW RESERVATION INFO FOR DATE OF RESERVATION, PHONE NUMBER AND/OR ADDRESS WHERE PASSENGERS CAN BE REACHED AT ATLANTA AND APPROPRIATE CITIES AND SUTEL DATA IN ORDER THESE PASSENGERS MAY BE ELIMINATED. P

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FBI MIAMI

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403PM URGENT 4/22/68 GJM

TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

Ce- 405 Pm Bgd
Co- 408 PM JJP
KX 410 IHC
BH- 413 FAS
SV- 417 TSP

MURKIN

Bureau notified of completion
at 430.
All messages relayed by 420 pm

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

DISTRIBUTE SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES OF WANTED FLYERS AND IO'S TO NARCOTIC INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES IN ORDER THAT THEIR INFORMANTS MAY BE CONTACTED. YOU SHOULD CONTACT ALL CRIMINAL INFORMANTS AND APPROPRIATE RACIAL AND SECURITY INFORMANTS. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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FBI NEW ORLS

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TO NEW ORLEANS

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1 P

MURKIN

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL TO ATLANTA, APR. SIXTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

RECORDS, GA. STATE PATROL, DRIVERS LICENSE DIV., REFLECT
GA. LICENSE THREE FOUR THREE THREE ONE SEVEN SEVEN ISSUED TO
WILLIAM LLOYD FISHER, APPARENTLY IDENTICAL WITH FISHER IN RETEL.
RECORDS FURTHER REFLECT FISHER ISSUED GA. DRIVERS LICENSE MAY,
'SIXTYSIX, AND FORMERLY POSSESSED CALIF. DRIVERS LICENSE IN
NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. REFERENCED SIXTYEIGHT PLYMOUTH SEDAN
LISTED AS A SIXTYEIGHT DODGE SEDAN REGISTERED TO FISHER.

IN VIEW OF DATE OF ISSUE OF GA. LICENSE AND ACTIVITY NOTED
IN LICENSE FOLDER, FISHER DETERMINED NOT TO BE IDENTICAL WITH
SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY IN INSTANT MATTER.

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FBI NEW ORLS

4-37PM URGENT 4-22-68 MMW

TO ATLANTA

FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673

MURKIN

MR. LEONARD GUZZINO, OWNER OF LEONARD'S TAVERN,
PATTERSON, LA., ADVISED THAT ON DATE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER
KING'S FUNERAL, AND INDIVIDUAL WATCHED THE ENTIRE FUNERAL
ON TELEVISION AT HIS BAR. THIS INDIVIDUAL APPEARED VERY
INTERESTED IN THE FUNERAL BUT HARDLY SPOKE DURING THE ENTIRE
TIME. THIS INDIVIDUAL IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, AGE
FORTY, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE SEVENTYFIVE LBS., HAIR
BLONDE, LONG AND THIN, RUDDY COMPLEXION, PROTRUDING TEETH,
DRIVEING ABOUT A SIXTYFIVE OLDS BLUE-GREEN COLOR, GA. LICENSE
3 J 2 7/7
THREE J A TWO SEVEN SEVEN, YEAR NOT KNOWN.

MR. GUZZINO SAID INDIVIDUAL APPEARED TO BE TRAVELING
THROUGH AND THIS INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLES PHOTO OF RAY WHICH HE
SAW IN NEWSPAPER, APRIL TWENTY LAST BUT DONES NOT RESELBLE
PHOTO OF GALT WHICH HE ALSO SAW ON TELEVISION AND IN NEWSPAPER.

ATLANTA DETERMINE IDENTITY OF OWNER OF INSTANT CAR AND
IF IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740),
CHICAGO (44-1114) AND MEMPHIS (44-2987)
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

JAMES EARL RAY IS KNOWN TO HAVE FREQUENTED LAUNDRY AND
DRY CLEANERS OFFERING LAUNDRY SERVICE WHILE IN LOS ANGELES.
HE MAY STILL HAVE IN HIS POSSESSION SHEETS, PILLOW CASE,
UNDERWEAR AND SHIRTS BEARING FOLLOWING LAUNDRY MARKINGS FOR
FLATWEAR LAUNDRY - ZERO TWO B DASH SIX ON RED THERMO SEAL TAPE.
TWO ZERO L DASH EIGHT ON WHITE OR PURPLE THERMO SEAL TAPE.
TWO ZERO R DASH THREE ON WHITE THERMO SEAL TAPE. SHIRT LAUNDRY
MARKS ISSUED TO RAY WERE GAL AND GALT PRINTED IN INK AND TWO
ZERO F DASH SEVEN ON RED THERMO SEAL TAPE.

LOU RUFFOLO, LOS ANGELES REPRESENTATIVE, AMERICAN TRADE
MAGAZINES, ENCINO, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED AMERICAN LAUNDRY DIGEST
AND AMERICAN DRY CLEANER DIGEST DESTRIUTED TO ALMOST EVERY
LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANER IN UNITED STATES AND CANADA. ATM
HEADQUARTERS AT FIVE ZERO ZERO NORTH DEARBORN STREET, CHICAGO.
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RUFFOLO SUGGESTED CONTACT WITH DON MARTIN, ATM, CONCERNING PUBLICATION IN ATM PUBLICATIONS OF INFORMATION RE JAMES EARL RAY AND LAUNDRY MARKS CONNECTED WITH HIM.

IT IS SUGGESTED BUREAU MAY DESIRE TO HAVE CHICAGO CONTACT ATM AND HAVE CIRCULARIZATION MADE THROUGH ITS MAGAZINE OR UTILIZE ITS MAILING LISTS. IT IS FELT RAY WILL STILL HAVE THE SIX SHIRTS HE HAD LAUNDERED AND MARKED WHILE IN LOS ANGELES. MEMPHIS AND OTHER OFFICES MAY DESIRE TO OFFER COMMENT RE THIS SUGGESTION.

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RE ATLANTA TELETYPE, THIS DATE.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF CHICAGO, ON FOUR TWENTYONE SIXTY-EIGHT RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS CURRENTLY INCARCERATED WHITFIELD COUNTY JAIL, DALTON, GEORGIA, PENDING APPEAL ON A LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDER AND WHOM SHERIFF MAULDIN STATED IN HIS OPINION WOULD FURNISH INFORMATION THAT WOULD PROBABLY BE RELIABLE TO THE BEST OF CURTIS' KNOWLEDGE, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATIVE LEADS:

CURTIS WHO SERVED THREE DIFFERENT SENTENCES WITH SUBJECT IN MISSOURI, STATED SUBJECT HAD FORMER CLOSE FRIEND WHO HAD JUST PREVIOUSLY SERVED TIME WITH HIM AT MENARD PRISON ILLINOIS, WHO VISITED SUBJECT FREQUENTLY AND KEPT HIM IN SPENDING MONEY.

INVESTIGATION AT MENARD PRISON ILLINOIS REVEALED THAT REY NEVER INCARCERATED AT THAT INSTITUTION. SPRINGFIELD IN

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*Bevy Intra. To Reinterview
Subj. Curt is Rediscrpting*

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POSSESSION OF INFORMATION THAT SUBJECT RAY SERVED TIME AT
JOLIET AND PONTIAC STATE PRISONS, ILLINOIS.

ATLANTA IS REQUESTED TO RE-INTERVIEW CURTIS CONCERNING
ABOVE DISCREPANCY AS TO WHERE RAY INCARCERATED.

CHICAGO AT JOLIET, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY SUBJECT'S FORMER
CELL MATE, PRIOR TO NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT.

SPRINGFIELD AT PONTIAC, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY SUBJECT'S
FORMER CELL MATE, PRIOR TO NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT.

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RE CHICAGO TELEPHONE CALL TO SPRINGFIELD THIS DATE.

RE JERRY WILLIAM RAY.

JERRY WILLIAM RAY REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE, ADVISED UNCLE,
WILLIAM MAHER, RESIDES ONE ONE EIGHT EAST SEVENTH STREET, ALTON,
ILLINOIS, OCCUPATION PAINTING CONTRACTOR. RAY STATED JAMES RAY
MAY CONTACT THIS UNCLE AS HE HAS STAYED WITH HIM IN THE PAST.
RAY OF OPINION HIS BROTHER WILL NOT CONTACT IMMEDIATE RELATIVES
BUT MAY CONTACT WILLIAM MAHER AS HE WOULD NOT BE AFRAID OF HURTING
MAHER'S REPUTATION.

SPRINGFIELD LEAD TO CONTACT MAHER SET OUT TELEPHONICALLY.

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RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO ABOVE OFFICES, APR. TWENTYONE
SIXTYEIGHT.

ON APR. TWENTYONE, LAST, SHERIFF G. T. MAULDIN, (NA),
DALTON, GEORGIA, ADVISED, RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS CURRENTLY SERVING
LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDER, ADVISED EARLIER HE SERVED TIME ON
THREE OCCASIONS WITH JAMES RAY. MAULDIN STATED CURTIS' INFO
PROBABLY RELIABLE. CURTIS INTERVIEWED WHITFIELD COUNTY JAIL,
APR. TWENTYONE, LAST, ADVISED FIRST ACQUAINTED RAY IN MARCH
FIFTYFIVE, JACKSON COUNTY JAIL, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, WHERE
RAY INCARCERATED ON POST OFFICE BURGLARY CHARGE JUST SUBSEQUENT
TO RELEASE FROM PRISON IN MENARD, ILLINOIS. CURTIS, AT TIME
UNDER ARREST FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND BANK ROBBERY. DURING THIS
PERIOD, CURTIS AND RAY CELL MATES FOR SIX TO SEVEN MONTHS. RAY
HAD FRIEND (NAME UNRECALLED), WHO VISITED HIM IN JACKSON
PRISON. FRIEND HAD BEEN CELL MATE OF RAY WHEN RAY AT MENARD,
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