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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA EDWARD R. FLEMING, JR.:

On April 24, 1968, records at the Martinsburg and Charles Town, W. Va., Police Departments were checked and no information concerning any car with a Georgia license was found on the various logs and records maintained by these departments.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA GEORGE A. PATTERSON:

The following police agencies were contacted regarding Georgia car recovery:

April 25, 1968

West Virginia State Police and Sheriff's Office,  
Lewisburg, W. Va.

The police departments of Lewisburg,  
Ronceverte and White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

West Virginia State Police and Sheriff's Office,  
Union, W. Va.

West Virginia State Police and Sheriff's Office,  
Hinton, W. Va.

April 26, 1968

West Virginia State Police, Sheriff's Office,  
and Police Department, Summersville, W. Va.

West Virginia State Police, Sheriff's Office,  
and Police Department, Richwood, W. Va.

West Virginia State Police, Sheriff's Office,  
and Police Department, Marlinton, W. Va.

All contacts negative.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA RICHARD A. JONES:

On April 29, 1968, Sgt. CHARLES JEROME, Wheeling, W. Va., Police Department, requested a check on a 1968 Georgia License 6J3484, which he observed on a 1967 or 1968, royal blue, Chevrolet sedan parked for two or three days behind the Madison School on Maryland St.

A check with the West Virginia State Police revealed this vehicle registered to MALORA PARKS, 1021 Azela Ave., Augusta, Georgia. No stolen report.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA DEAN M. HOWEN at Beckley, W. Va.:

On April 24, 1968, VIVIAN RIFFE, radio operator, West Virginia State Police, stated that on April 9, 1968, a teletype message was sent at 6:21 PM by Radio Operator GARNET MURPHY for the Beckley Police Department, to State Police, Atlanta, Georgia, to check 1967 Georgia registrations 66J954 and 4-06033 or 40-6033. The same evening Georgia State Police, Atlanta, replied that 1967 Georgia License 66J954 was registered to J. J. THOMPSON, Midland Ave., Winder, Ga., for a 1959 Chevrolet convertible, Vehicle Identification No. E59B226920, no stolen report; that there were no registrations under the numbers 4-06033 or 40-6033. This message came in at 10:22 PM and was given to Beckley Police Department, no name recorded.

Miss RIFFE also stated that on April 19, 1968, a teletype message was sent at 12:51 PM by Radio Operator GARNET MURPHY to State Police, Atlanta, Ga., to check 1967 Georgia License 4D6033. At 10:35 PM, April 19, 1968, Georgia State Police, Atlanta, Ga., replied that 1967 Georgia License 4-D-6033 is registered to EDWARD H. CUMMINGS, 152 Kessler Dr., Ft. Benning, Ga., on a 1964 Volkswagen, Vehicle Identification No. 0570249, no stolen report.

On April 24, 1968, Mrs. GARNET MURPHY, Radio Operator, West Virginia State Police, advised that Georgia license check information was requested by Beckley Police Dept., on April 9, 1968, and she did not know the purpose of this data.

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Mrs. MURPHY stated that the Georgia license check on April 9, 1968, was sent upon the request of the bookkeeper at the West Virginia Turnpike Service Station, an Esso Station, Beckley Exit, as incomplete data had been received for a gasoline credit purchase some time earlier and the data was needed for proper billing.

Sgt. THOMAS DURRETT, Detective Bureau, Beckley Police Dept., advised he had no knowledge of any request for Georgia license data on or about April 9, 1968.

Sgt. G. T. STARR, Beckley Police Dept., advised he was on duty and in charge the evening of April 9, 1968, and he had no knowledge of any Georgia license data requested that date. He said he was at the Police Department at and around 6 PM on April 9, 1968, and the only other persons there were a new patrolman, in his constant company, and NELSON COOK, clerk, who was answering the telephone calls. Sgt. STARR stated that as a result of numerous unsolved house burglaries, the citizens had been requested to be alert for strange vehicles in their neighborhoods and to notify the police department of license numbers observed, and it is possible that some citizen had called in the two Georgia license numbers on April 9, 1968. He added that NELSON COOK is lax in keeping a complete log of telephone and radio calls and may have failed to record the data received. He said that COOK was on vacation and unavailable.

On May 2, 1968, NELSON COOK, communications clerk, Beckley Police Department, advised that he was working the evening of April 9, 1968, but had no knowledge of any Georgia license checks. He said it was possible that some off-duty patrolman had requested the license checks from his home.

On May 3, 1968, Chief of Police WILLIAM A. TEUBERT, Sgt. G. T. STARR, and Sgt. THOMAS DURRETT, Beckley Police Department, advised they could develop no information to identify anyone from that department who had requested Georgia license checks on April 9, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA J. EDWARD MADVAY:

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On April 24, 1968, DARLA KESTNER teletype room, Pennsylvania State Police, and Sergeant LEE CHICINNA, Sergeant in Charge of Traffic Detail, Pennsylvania State Police, advised after a review of their records that there had been no automobiles recovered from the State of Georgia since the first of April, 1968.

On April 24, 1968, Chief of Police TOM BELLHY, Washington, Pa., Police Department, advised from records that no out-of-state Georgia license tag had been on any vehicle recovered nor had any automobile originating from the State of Georgia been recovered in Washington, Pa.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA WILLIAM T. DOUGHERTY:

On April 30, 1968, the below listed individuals advised that a review of the records of their respective agencies failed to disclose the recovery of any stolen cars from the State of Georgia subsequent to March 23, 1968:

Chief of Police JAMES MAHONEY, Uniontown  
Police Department, Uniontown, Pa.

Trooper HARRY EWING, Pennsylvania State  
Police, Uniontown, Pa.

Detective NICK STASIA, Connellsville Police  
Department, Connellsville, Pa.

Corporal JOSEPH SOUDERS, Pennsylvania State  
Police, Waynesburg, Pa.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA GEORGE KETCHEL ADAMS:

On April 11, 1968, Mrs. LUCILLE MC CORMICK, Title and Registration Division, and Mrs. PATRICIA BURNEY, Drivers License Division, West Virginia State Department of Motor Vehicles, Charleston, W. Va., advised the files of their offices contain no information concerning a 1966 Ford Mustang, Vehicle Identification No. 6T07C190647, or ERIC STARVO GALT.

On April 19, 1968, Officer J. C. ROBINSON, Communications Operator, Police Department, Charleston, W. Va., and Mrs. PAULINE DICKSON, Communications Operator, Company B, West Virginia State Police, South Charleston, W. Va., were furnished with descriptive information concerning a three-tone off-white and green 1955-1956 Dodge, four-door sedan bearing 1968 Florida license with a prefix of 10W and followed by four or five digits, numbers unknown. Officer ROBINSON and Mrs. DICKSON stated a review of their respective files was negative for any information concerning such a vehicle. They advised the description of the Dodge would be made available to units in the Charleston, W. Va., area.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS:

On April 23, 1968, RAY WOLOSIK, Allegheny County  
Detective Bureau, advised that there have been no vehicles  
bearing Georgia license plates recovered in Allegheny County  
since March 23, 1968. He advised that should any be  
recovered, he would immediately notify the FBI.

On April 23, 1968, JOHN TUNNEY, Auto Pound,  
Pittsburgh Police Department, advised that there have been  
no vehicles with Georgia license plates towed to their  
Pound since March 23, 1968.

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The following members of the West Virginia State Police advised SA MAX L. GEIMAN that no automobiles from the State of Georgia have been recovered in their respective counties since April 4, 1968:

May 10, 1968	Corporal J. M. DENNIS Pleasants County
May 16, 1968	Trooper C. R. DUNCAN Wood and Wirt County
May 16, 1968	Corporal CARL LAGURSKI Calhoun County
May 16, 1968	Corporal WILLIAM ROBINSON Ritchie County
May 17, 1968	Corporal W. V. BISHOP Jackson County

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The following police departments were contacted on May 3, 1968, by SA OLIVER H. HUNTER, III, and car recovery records reviewed regarding possible stolen cars from the State of Georgia, subsequent to March 23, 1968; that each representative stated that that department has not recovered any vehicles with Georgia plates recently:

Chief DANIEL F. GROSS  
Sharon, Pa., Police Department

Chief WILLIAM L. CAPUTO  
Farrell, Pa., Police Department

Chief DONALD F. REINHART  
Greenville, Pa., Police Department

Chief JOHN C. WHITMORE  
Hickory, Pa., Police Department

Chief THOMAS WELTON  
Sharpsville, Pa., Police Department

Corporal GEORGE BABICS  
Pennsylvania State Police,  
Mercer, Pa.

Chief RICHARD E. HANNA  
New Castle, Pa., Police Department

Trooper THOMAS J. PETROVICH  
Pennsylvania State Police,  
New Castle, Pa.

In addition, the above advised that they do not maintain unidentified latent fingerprints files and any unidentified prints on file there in connection with local cases were obtained prior to April 23, 1967; therefore, they were unable to assist in this individual project.

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JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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AIRTEL

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re GEORGE (LNU) at Oasis Bar and Terminal Hotel.

Re Atlanta TT to Bureau dated 6/5/68.

Investigation at The Oasis, 206 W. 23rd St., NYC,  
and Terminal Hotel, 184 11th Ave., NYC, negative regarding  
subject JAMES EARL RAY.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2 - Memphis  
1 - Atlanta (44-2386)  
1 - New York

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)  
RE: MURKIN  
(OO: Memphis)

Re Kansas City teletype 6/3/68; Atlanta teletype 6/4/68; Miami teletypes 6/4 and 5/68; Butel 6/6/68.

For information Charlotte re Atlanta teletype 6/4/68 reflects one RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, whose passport photo may be that of subject RAY, obtained a British Commonwealth passport on 4/24/68. In applying for passport he furnished following description: white, male, born [redacted] Toronto; 168 lbs., black hair; brown eyes; residing 505 Dundas, Toronto, Canada, which is cheap rooming house where SNEYD resided since April, 1968. Proprietor could not make positive identification of SNEYD as RAY from photo. Passport application obtained through travel agency near rooming house, and travel agency records indicate SNEYD had planned to travel to London via BOAC and would return 5/29/68.

Re Atlanta teletype of 6/4/68 requested Miami review Eastern Airlines (EAL) flights 320 and 328 for daily flights from Atlanta to Toronto, and flight 106 daily from Atlanta to Montreal.

3 - Bureau  
① - Atlanta (44-2386)(info)  
1 - Memphis (info)  
1 - Miami (info)(44-1854)  
2 - Charlotte  
1 - Houston

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Bureau further advised SNEYD in obtaining passport furnished name of PAUL BRIDGEMAN as person to notify in event of emergency, and advised BRIDGEMAN may have been incarcerated with subject. Bureau instructed name of SNEYD and BRIDGEMAN be checked to determine if passengers on above mentioned flights for period 4/5 through 4/19/68.

EAL records checked on 6/4/68 did not reflect either SNEYD or BRIDGEMAN as passengers these flights during pertinent period.

EAL records indicate that tickets of other airlines were used on pertinent flights during pertinent period. One such ticket is following.

Trans-Texas Airways, International Airport, Houston, Texas, coach class: 033-320-081302, coupon 3, flight 328, 4/9/68.

On 6/6/68 DENNIS IMHOFF, TTA General Office, Houston, advised that above TTA ticket issued to J. E. JURBAN, 2912 WakeForrest, Raleigh, N. C., ticket written at Baton Rouge, La. for travel Baton Rouge to Raleigh, N. C. and return via New Orleans and Atlanta. First part of trip set up for 4/2/68 and return portion set up for 4/5/68.

ReButel this date advised as follows:

Individual known as RAMON GEORGE SNEYD was determined to have been in Toronto, Canada, as of 4/8/68. Check of airline records can, therefore, be limited to period of 4/5 through 4/8/68. Advise Bureau of identities of persons to whom such tickets were issued but do not set out leads to trace such persons until advised by Bureau.

Above information for Charlotte. Charlotte will not attempt to trace JURBAN until advised to do so by Bureau.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN

Re Kansas City daily summaries 6/5/68 and 6/6/68.

Enclosed to the Bureau and each office is one photograph of JACQUELINE "JACKIE" KLINE, aka JACQUELINE GOLDSTINE, KAYE ROSENBERG. Enclosed photograph of KLINE furnished for use in investigation to locate her paramour PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN, former fellow inmate of subject RAY, for interview.

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- ① - Atlanta (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Birmingham (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Chicago (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Cincinnati (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Cleveland (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Dallas (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Indianapolis (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Jacksonville (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Los Angeles (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Louisville (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Memphis (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Minneapolis (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Oklahoma City (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Sacramento (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Seattle (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Kansas City

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TO: DIRECTOR AND  
SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM INVESTIGATION, TORONTO,  
ONTARIO, CANADA:

RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, METROPOLITAN TORONTO PD (MTPD)  
CONSTABLE, IN WHOSE NAME SUBJECT OBTAINED BIRTH CERTIFICATE  
AND CANADIAN PASSPORT ON INTERVIEW EVENING OF JUNE FOUR  
AND AGAIN JUNE FIVE LAST, COULD FURNISH NO EXPLANATION AS  
TO HOW SUBJECT OBTAINED PERSONAL BACKGROUND INFO NECESSARY  
FOR APPLICATIONS THESE DOCUMENTS.

LAMELADY, OSSINGTON STREET ADDRESS, TORONTO, ON  
REINTERVIEW ADVISED SUBJECT HAD ONLY ONE OUTFIT OF  
CLOTHING CONSISTING OF A BROWN SUIT JACKET, BLACK PANTS,  
AND A TOBACCO COLOR RAINCOAT. ONLY LUGGAGE HIS POSSESSION  
WAS SMALL FLAT VALISE, COLOR UNRECALLED, WITH PLAID

- 1 - Birmingham (Info) (AMRM)
- 1 - Atlanta (Info) (AMRM)
- 1 - Kansas City (Info) (AMRM)

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RECHECK, BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, DISCLOSED SUBJECT BY LETTER DATED APRIL TEN LAST APPLIED FOR BIRTH CERTIFICATE IN NAME PAUL EDWARD BRIDGMAN WITH BIRTH DATE

POB TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA, TO BE MAILED TO OSSINGTON ST. ADDRESS. THIS ITEM RETURNED TO POST OFFICE AS UNDELIVERABLE BECAUSE NO FORWARDING ADDRESS LEFT.

TWO LATENTS DEVELOPED BY RCMP ON CERTIFICATE NOT IDENTIFIED WITH SUBJECT.

INTERVIEW OF REAL PAUL BRIDGMAN, TORONTO, BEING CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE HOW SUBJECT OBTAINED BACKGROUND INFO FOR APPLICATION BIRTH CERTIFICATE THAT NAME.

AFTER ABSENCE FROM DUNDAS STREET ADDRESS FOR APPROXIMATE PERIOD APRIL NINETEEN TO TWENTYSIX, LAST, SUBJECT TOLD LANDLADY UPON RETURN HAD BEEN IN MONTREAL, QUEBEC.

NO WITNESSES LOCATED TO SUBJECT'S DEPARTURE FROM DUNDAS STREET ADDRESS WHEN HE LEFT MAY SIX LAST, TO

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CATCH BOAC FLIGHT.

CHECK SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES AT BANKS VICINITY TWO KNOWN RESIDENCES NEGATIVE.

INVESTIGATION BY RCMP, TORONTO UNDERWAY TO LOCATE BOAC REFUND VOUCHER GIVEN SUBJECT IN LONDON, ENGLAND WHEN HE SURRENDERED RETURN HALF, TORONTO DASH LONDON TICKET FOR AIRLINE TICKET TO LISBON.

NO EVIDENCE LOCATED OF EMPLOYMENT BY SUBJECT DURING TORONTO STAY.

RCMP, TORONTO, IS TURNING OVER TO CAPTAIN, BOAC FLIGHT SIX ZERO ZERO, DEPARTING TORONTO TONIGHT, COPIES OF BEST AVAILABLE PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT TAKEN FROM ORIGINAL NEGATIVE OF HIS PASSPORT PHOTOGRAPH FOR DELIVERY TO RCMP REPRESENTATIVE, LONDON, UPON ARRIVAL, WHO IN TURN WILL MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO LEGAT, THERE.

FOR ASSISTANCE IN LISBON INVESTIGATION, SUBJECT AT TORONTO, LOCATED ROOM THROUGH SIGN IN WINDOW, INDICATING ROOM FOR RENT. BOTH ROOMING HOUSES LOCATED



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IN LOWER CLASS NEIGHBORHOODS INHABITED PRIMARILY BY  
FIRST GENERATION ETHNIC GROUPS INCLUDING CHINESE, PORTUGUESE,  
POLISH AND HUNGARIAN NATIONALISTS, WHERE VERY LITTLE  
ENGLISH SPOKEN.

AMCC TO KANSAS CITY, BIRMINGHAM AND ATLANTA.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TELETYPE URGENT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)  
FROM SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)(P)

MURKIN.

RE JAMES C. HARDIN.

RE ATLANTA AIRTEL TO LOS ANGELES JUNE THREE LAST AND BUTEL  
TO LOS ANGELES MAY TWENTY NINE LAST.

ALAN O. THOMPSON, MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, WAS SHOWN  
PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES WILBOURN ASHMORE, AKA, FBI NO. FOUR EIGHT  
SIX NINE FIVE TWO NINE. THOMPSON STATED HE COULD NOT SAY THAT  
ASHMORE WAS NOT IDENTICAL WITH INDIVIDUAL HE KNEW AS JAMES C.  
HARDIN. DISREGARDING AGE IN THAT PHOTO WAS TAKEN AUGUST  
NINETEEN, FIFTY FIVE, THOMPSON SAID THE SHAPE OF HEAD AND EYES  
OF ASHMORE AS THEY APPEAR IN PHOTO ARE EXCELLENT LIKENESS TO  
THOSE OF HARDIN. HE SAID THE HAIR WAS MUCH SHORTER THAN IN  
PHOTO. SAID SKIN OF ASHMORE IS MUCH SMOOTHER THAN THAT OF HARDIN.  
REQUEST BUREAU FURNISH MORE RECENT PHOTO IF AVAILABLE.

THOMPSON WAS SHOWN PHOTOS OF J. C. HARDIN, FBI NUMBER *44-2386 2094*

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ONE NINE ZERO ONE ZERO NINE C. THOMPSON SAID THIS INDIVIDUAL  
WAS NOT IDENTICAL WITH PERSON HE KNEW AS JAMES C. HARDIN.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, NEW ORLEANS.

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1259PM URGENT 6/8/68 GJM

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861

MURKIN

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

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WIA FBI CO  
SER FBI KX  
CEN FBI BH  
PNR FBI SV

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia

June 8, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

PRESS RELEASE

Attorney General Ramsey Clark today announced that James Earl Ray, an escaped convict being sought in connection with the fatal shooting of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968, has been located in London, England.

FBI Director John Edgar Hoover said that Ray, who has used the name of Eric Starvo Galt and other alias was detained by officers of New Scotland Yard at 11:15 a.m., London time this morning. Ray was traveling under the name of Ramon George Sneyd and had two Canadian passports in that name in his possession; one passport had been issued at Ottawa on April 24, 1968, and the other had been issued May 16, 1968, in Lisbon, Portugal, by the Canadian Embassy in that city. Mr. Hoover advised that Ray was located based on information furnished by the FBI to New Scotland Yard. At the time of his detention, Ray was passing through British Immigration officers and was planning to take a flight to Brussels, Belgium. Mr. Hoover said that Ray is now being

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held in London's Cannon Row Police Station under maximum security conditions. Mr. Hoover further advised that Ray was armed with a fully loaded pistol which was found in his hip pocket. He was wearing glasses and was dressed in a light colored raincoat, a sports jacket and gray trousers. Director Hoover advised that Ray's arrest was the direct result of intensive investigation by the FBI pursued in all 50 states as well as in Canada, Mexico, Portugal, England, and other countries. In particular, Mr. Hoover singled out the outstanding cooperation received from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and from England's New Scotland Yard. FBI Director Hoover pointed out that Ray was detained in England based on his use of fraudulent documentation - a passport - and also on the fact he was carrying a concealed weapon. A first degree murder indictment was returned by the Shelby County Grand Jury in Memphis, Tennessee, on May 7, 1968, charging Ray, and necessary extradition proceedings will be initiated shortly. According to Mr. Hoover, Ray was added to the FBI's list of 10 Most Wanted Fugitives on April 20, 1968. Mr. Hoover stated that the 40-year-old Ray is an escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri. He was received at the institution on March 17, 1960, to serve a 20-year

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sentence following conviction in St. Louis for armed robbery and for operating a motor vehicle without permission of the owner. In April of 1967, he was reported missing from the state penitentiary; and on July 20, 1967, based on information indicating Ray had fled from Missouri, an FBI complaint was filed at Jefferson City charging him with unlawful flight to avoid confinement for armed robbery. On April 17, 1968, the FBI filed a complaint at Birmingham, Alabama, charging him under the name of Eric Starvo Galt with conspiring to violate the civil rights of Dr. King in violation of Title 18, Section 241 of the United States Code. This FBI complaint charges that: "On or about March 29, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, . . . Eric Starvo Galt and an individual whom he alleged to be his brother entered into a conspiracy which continued until on or about April 5, 1968, to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate Martin Luther King, Jr., . . . in the free exercise or enjoyment of a right secured to him by the Constitution or laws of the United States; namely, the right to freely travel from state to state. In furtherance of this conspiracy, Eric Starvo Galt did, on or about March 30, 1968, purchase a rifle at Birmingham, Alabama . . . ."

Immediately after the fatal shooting, a 30.06 rifle with a telescopic sight was found near a rooming house on South Main Street in Memphis, which overlooks the Lorraine Hotel

and Motel where Dr. King was staying. Mr. Hoover said FBI Agents determined that the rifle had been purchased on March 30, 1968, from a gun dealer in Birmingham and that the telescopic sight was also purchased from this dealer. On April 19, 1968, Mr. Hoover announced that a systematic and exhaustive search of latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against the fingerprints of the over 53,000 persons for whom "wanted notices" had been posted in the files of the FBI's Identification Division led to the determination that Galt and Ray were identical.

FBI Agents also identified him as the owner of an abandoned 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama license plates which was located in Atlanta, Georgia, on April 11, 1968. As Eric Galt, he had purchased a Mustang from a private citizen in Birmingham on August 30, 1967. From that date until it was abandoned in early April, 1968, the car was driven more than 19,000 miles.

Mr. Hoover stated that the fugitive's travels in the Mustang included trips to Los Angeles, New Orleans, Birmingham, Memphis, and Atlanta, as well as Mexico. He visited Mexico in October and November, 1967. He made a trip to Canada earlier in 1967 before purchasing the Mustang.

According to the FBI Director, while in Montreal, Canada, in the Summer of 1967, Ray enrolled as Eric Galt



for a correspondence course in locksmithing offered by a school in New Jersey. He also took a course in bartending in Los Angeles earlier this year, graduating on March 2, 1968. In addition, he also took dance lessons in Long Beach, California, from December, 1967, to February, 1968.

Mr. Hoover said that a summary of the FBI's investigation in this case, together with the findings of the FBI Laboratory and the results of fingerprint examinations by the Identification Division, will be made available to Tennessee authorities.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386)

DATE: 6-11-68

FROM : JAMES JOSEPH DOLAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN-SAFE DEPOSIT BOX CHECK

RE: Buairtel to Atlanta, 5-6-68.

All banks in the Metropolitan Area of Atlanta, Ga. were contacted between May 10 and June 7 1968 at which time a review was made of Safe Deposit Box records. This review was made in an effort to locate a box or box holder who was identical with JAMES EARL RAY, with negative results.

See attached list for banks contacted,

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FULTON. NAT. 3039 P'TREE RD. N.E.  
" " 259 BOCKHEAD AVE. N.E. <sup>Hatts</sup>  
DECATUR FED SAV. 2038 LAWRENCE HWY.

8 <sup>ays.</sup> AMERICAN BK. OF ATL. 1409 PEACHTREE N.E. ✓  
GA. SAVINGS BK. 74 PEACHTREE N.W. ✓  
BANK OF COLLEGE PARK. 1876 PRINCETON AVE. C. ✓  
613'68 COL. PARK.

2 CYS. 2050 BANKHEAD HWY. N.W. <sup>Cimence</sup>  
FULTON. 118 PRYOR. S.W. ✓  
BANK OF FOREST PARK. 1248 MAIN. F.P. ✓  
DECATUR FED SAV 3860 ROCK BRIDGE RD. <sup>Ray</sup>

9 <sup>Lugatt</sup>  
AMERICAN BK OF ATL. CANDLER. B2DF. ✓  
ATLANTA. BK + TRUST. 3720 CAMPBELLTON RD. SW ✓  
DECATUR FED SAV. 5485 P'TREE INDUSTRIAL BLDG

3 CYS. 2523 BOLTON RD. N.W. <sup>Blanton</sup>  
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TRUST Co. 670 STEWART AVE. S.W. ✓  
BANK OF FULTON COUNTY. 2791 EAST POINT. ✓

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SOUTH COBB BK. 5606 GORDON RD. S.W. MABLETON.

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FULTON. 3820 GORDON RD. S.W.  
DECATUR FED. 2942 N. DRUID HILLS RD. N.E.

17 FULTON 1037 PONCE DE LEON AVE. N.E  
1st. NAT. 3040 P'TREE RD. N.E  
CTS, EAST. POINT. 2833 MAIN. E.P.  
ATL. FED. SAV. 22 MARIETTA NW

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FULTON. 633 EVANS. S.W  
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# Ray: The Whole Truth

The fact that fugitive James Earl Ray has been traced and captured in London is comforting reassurance that authorities have been diligently at work, despite their virtual silence during the past two months.

The apparent fact that he will be held by British authorities for at least another week may irritate many Americans.

Some Negro militants already are expressing cynicism about the case, saying that the murderer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will never be brought to justice, that if Ray is guilty, he will nonetheless escape on legal technicalities.

So the country feels a tug to get the investigation and trial over with as soon as possible.

It is an impulse Americans should resist. Ray should be afforded every legal protection, both under British and American law. For us in particular, it will be a test of the majesty of law over passion.

Dr. King sought justice for black people and other disadvantaged people. Certainly any short-circuiting of Mr. Ray's procedural rights would mock the justice in whose name

the case will be tried and the cause for which Dr. King died.

In addition to the goal of even-handed justice, Americans have a great need to know the truth in this case—the whole truth.

To have James Earl Ray end like Lee Harvey Oswald, with his lips sealed forever to truth or falsehood, would be disastrous to the nation's internal stability. There is strong evidence that more than one person was involved in Dr. King's assassination. No one is interested in having Ray or any other suspect serve as a patsy for other participants—especially a dead patsy.

If Ray is guilty, then the mere fact that he is still alive suggests the slaying was part of no elaborate espionage scheme. Professionals would not leave a careless, high-living suspect around for questioning. If he were part of some less professional conspiracy, then his life is in danger the closer he gets to home.

Justice will not suffer if Ray's return and trial are delayed by his employing every procedural delay the law allows.

Justice and truth both would suffer if anything prevented a full and orderly exposition of the facts in this case.

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# Ray Rented a Room Here Before King Killing

By BOB HURT

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An Atlanta apartment manager told The Atlanta Constitution Tuesday that a man using the name Eric Starvo Galt spent more than a week in an apartment near Atlanta's "hippie district" just prior to assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.

The landlord said that he was approached by FBI agents sometime after the April 4 murder with information that a suspect may have stayed in his building.

He was shown FBI photographs and identified one as being a former resident of a sparsely furnished \$10.50 a week room. The man used the name

Eric Starvo Galt. The landlord learned later that he had identified James Earl Ray, the suspected killer of Dr. King.

"That was the picture of the man who stayed in the room. There's no doubt about it," the apartment manager said.

He added that the man was driving a white Mustang automobile, the same type that was abandoned the day after the King assassination in a parking lot in the Capitol Homes area of Atlanta. The car is believed to have been used by Ray.

The information Tuesday was the first indication that Ray, who used the alias Eric Starvo Galt extensively, had been in

Atlanta before the assassination. His actions here remain a mystery.

"Dr. King, 39, was president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which is headquartered on Auburn Avenue in the downtown area. King lived with his wife and four children on Sunset Avenue SW near the Atlanta University Center.

King conducted a number of press conferences in the weeks immediately prior to his fatal trip to Memphis, Tenn., where he was leading a strike of city garbage workers. The press conferences and a speech to the Georgia State College student body all were open to the public and it is conceivable that Ray could have attended unnoticed.

The apartment manager would give no information to a reporter Tuesday until he was promised that his name and the exact location of his apartment building would not be published.

He expressed fear that his life might be endangered or his building damaged. The landlord would say only that the building was in the vicinity of the city's so-called "hippie district," which lies generally in the area surrounding Peachtree and 14th Streets.

He said he was told by the FBI to make no comment about

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information they may have given him. He would not state specifically the time when the suspect was in the apartment. Nor would he specify when he was quizzed by the FBI.

An FBI spokesman contacted Tuesday said, "We can make no new statements concerning the case."

The landlord said the suspect saw an apartment for rent sign in front of the building and approached him. After a conversation of about 10 minutes, the manager rented him a room furnished with a chest of drawers, a clothes rack, a small table and a bed.

The man paid \$10.50 for a week's rent, and paid for one more week seven days later. He left sometime during the second week.

"I only saw him three times," the landlord said. "Once when I rented him the apartment, once when he paid for the second week and I saw him in the apartment one time . . . I don't remember when."

The modest apartment building caters mostly to transient construction workers and other men who are in town for only a short time. "I have a turnover of about 300 to 500 people a year," the manager said.

"I asked him what he did for

a living," he continued. "He said he was a 'jack of all trades' and never did really answer. I didn't ask any further questions because he seemed like such a nice-looking, well-mannered person.

"He acted more like a preacher than a convict. He was real smooth and friendly," he said.

The landlord said the suspect had dark black hair and a "fair complexion." He was wearing a dark blue suit.

"I had never seen him before and I never saw him after he left," he continued. "He had a room downstairs . . . There was no one living next to him . . . no one else remembers him. I

think I'm the only one who ever talked to him."

The landlord would not say when FBI agents questioned him. "There were dozens of them around here," he said. "But I don't want to say anything about that."

He was asked if the FBI told him that the man whose photograph he identified was a suspect in the King murder. "They don't tell you anything," the landlord said.

"There was nothing about this man that was unusual . . . It's a hell of a thing. I would have never thought about him again if they (the FBI) hadn't come and asked me those questions," the apartment manager said.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386)

FROM : SUPV. CHARLES S. HARDING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/13/68

JACK NELSON, Southeastern Bureau Chief, Los Angeles Times, telephonically contacted me at my home 9:00 PM 6/12/68. He stated that his newspaper was interested in learning how RAY got from Atlanta, Georgia, to Toronto, Canada, and I advised him that I could not make any comment. Mr. NELSON stated that he talked to a person in the Department of Justice on 6/12/68, who told him that the FBI did not know how RAY got from Atlanta to Toronto, and Mr. NELSON said he sort of doubts the truth of that statement. I again informed him that I could make no comment.

Mr. NELSON then referred to the article in the Atlanta Constitution for 6/12/68, concerning a rooming house where RAY had stayed in Atlanta, and he stated that he had determined this rooming house was located at 113 Fourteenth Street, NE, that he had been making inquiry, and he said he felt that if RAY lived in a rooming house subsequent to the assassination, that it would be a different address. He did not ask for any comment concerning this and none was given.

The above is submitted as a matter of record.

*add: Nelson called AF Bureau 6/12/68, stated had interviewed manager 3 Apr. 6/68.*

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Date May 2, 1968

CHARLES V. TYSON, Manager, Hertz Rental Agency, Albany, Georgia, furnished the following information:

On April 19, 1968, he received a telephone call from an unidentified male who claimed to be calling from Cordele, Georgia, asking if he would have a car at the Albany Airport for JAMES E. BODKER. The caller stated BODKER had a credit card.

Mr. TYSON was not present when this individual showed up to rent a car, but learned from two of his employees, WILLIAM YEOMAN, and DOTTIE OLIVER, that at 12:15 p.m. on April 19, 1968, a white male identifying himself as JAMES E. BODKER rented a 1967 Ford Galaxie, four-door hardtop, white over blue, Vehicle Identification Number 7A56C207625, bearing 1968 Georgia License 8J5039. The car was to be returned at Albany, Georgia, on April 22, 1968, and was to be used in the vicinity of Albany, Georgia. BODKER used a Shell Oil Credit Card, [REDACTED] in renting the car. He gave his home address as 14341 South Avalon, Dolton, Illinois, and claimed to be manager of Suburban Motors, address not given. He gave Illinois Driver's License Number B32644533030.

The vehicle has not been returned as yet and TYSON has made numerous telephone calls to locate either the car or BODKER. No warrant has been taken as yet. He checked with Shell Oil Company at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and was told the credit card issued to BODKER had never been used before and was one of a promotional group mailed to college seniors. The description given by his employees placed BODKER beyond the college age. Since Dolton, Illinois, is a suburb of Chicago, Illinois, TYSON obtained the telephone number of Suburban Motors in Chicago, Number 312-388-5280, and called them on April 29, 1968, and April 30, 1968, but received no satisfaction. He talked with a Mr. HANNA, who claimed to be manager of Suburban Motors. ~~HANNA furnished virtually no information~~

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except to say BODKER was a part-time employee and was not there.

Mr. TYSON made available the Hertz Rental Contract with BODKER, and requested that it be returned to him after it had served its purpose.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date May 2, 1968

WILLIAM YEOMAN, an employee of Hertz Rental Agency, Albany, Georgia, furnished the following information:

He was present on April 19, 1968, when DOTTIE OLIVER rented an automobile to a white male claiming to be JAMES E. BODKER. He only viewed this individual for approximately fifteen seconds and described him as a white male, about 30 years of age, 5'11", 165 pounds, dark brown wavy hair, slightly reddish tint combed back, dark complexion, slender build, neatly dressed wearing open neck sport shirt and dark slacks. He viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that the individual he saw on April 19, 1968, as JAMES E. BODKER bears a close resemblance to the 1968 photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and a close resemblance to the head-on 1960 photograph of RAY.

YEOMAN stated he could not be positive concerning the 1960 profile photograph of RAY. In Mr. YEOMAN's opinion, the individual claiming to be BODKER could possibly be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

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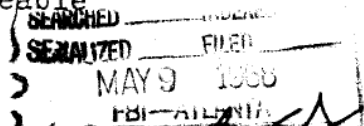
On May 4, 1968, Mrs. GEORGE PHILLIPS, 84 Twelfth Street, (ASKED THAT HER IDENTITY BE PROTECTED), advised as follows:

ULYSSES LAMB, also known as BUDDY, had moved into her rooming house at the above address on about January 11, 1968, and left there around February 8, 1968. He had worked at ~~Johns~~ Johns, 1859 Peachtree Street, as a cook; however, he quit the job there shortly before he moved out and worked for several days at a restaurant next to the motel, which is across Seventh Street from the Peachtree-Seventh Building. When he moved out, he said he was going to work at a barber shop in Riverdale.

When LAMB moved in, he said he had a television set, but he never moved it in. As far as PHILLIPS knows, LAMB had no car. The only friend that LAMB ever mentioned was a girl he had met named CORA. One night he had a fight with another boarder, an alcoholic named KIRK RUMPF. RUMPF's current residence is 3729 Clairmont. While LAMB lived in Mrs. PHILLIPS' boarding-house, PHILLIPS considered he acted suspicious since he never talked about his past and seemed to think that someone was "after him".

LAMB is described as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	35 to 40
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair
Height	5' 11"
Weight	175 lbs.
Scars and Marks	None noticeable



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PHILLIPS was impressed by LAMB's resemblance of the published pictures of JAMES EARL RAY.

Several days after the KING funeral, PHILLIPS received a call from a person who identified herself as a girl friend of LAMB, named CORA MERRITT, telephone number 753-9007. This caller advised as follows:

She was calling to inquire about LAMB's whereabouts, and she called Mrs. PHILLIPS to see if she knew that LAMB used to live at that address. LAMB had told her that he had killed MARTIN LUTHER KING and asked her to hide him. He said he had stolen a white Mustang to do it. ~~She had told her~~ He had told her this before news of the white Mustang had been publicized. ~~She had told her~~ She had told a boyfriend about this and he had in turn told the FBI. When she was questioned by the FBI, she denied that LAMB had ever told her this since she felt that there was nothing to it. LAMB had also told her he had previously stolen a car in Riverdale and had taken it to Spartanburg, North Carolina.

A boarder, ROGER SESSIONS, has seen a man walk by the house, which he believes is JAMES EARL RAY. Mrs. PHILLIPS had seen him also and thinks he resembles the photographs of RAY and also resembles LAMB. It is possible he is LAMB, but Mrs. PHILLIPS is not sure.

The Atlanta Telephone Directory lists a CORA MARTIN MERRITT at 1627 Orlando, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia, telephone 753-9007.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)      DATE: 5/7/68

FROM : SA JAMES JOSEPH DOLAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN - SAFE DEPOSIT BOX CHECK

ReBuairtel to Atlanta, 5/6/68.

In an effort to locate JAMES EARL RAY, now a Top Ten Fugitive, the following investigation is set forth:

Prior investigation determined RAY has rented safe deposit boxes since his escape from prison.

Agents receiving assignments in this matter are to contact personally an officer of the bank branch, and with the cooperation of the Safety Deposit Box Teller, conduct the following specific investigation:

- (1) Exhibit photos of RAY to Safety Deposit Box Teller to determine if RAY has been into vault.
- (2) Review their Safety Deposit Box name file to determine if they have or have had a box rented in the following names:

- a. JAMES EARL RAY
- b. ERIC STARVO GALT
- c. W.C. HERRON
- d. HARVEY LOWMYER
- e. JAMES MC BRIDE
- f. JAMES O'CONNER
- g. JAMES WALTON
- h. JAMES WALYON
- i. JOHN WILLARD

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(3) Determine everyone who has entered Safety Deposit Box on April 5, 1968, and April 12, 1968. Will eliminate everyone who has entered a box on these days as being RAY.

(4) Determine owner of all new boxes rented from 3/18/68 to 4/12/68 and eliminate as being RAY.

(5) Determine owner of all boxes closed on 4/5/68 to 4/12/68 and eliminate as being RAY.

BASIS FOR ELIMINATION:

A. The Safe Deposit Box Teller will normally know a large percentage of Safety Deposit Box Holders and can eliminate them as being RAY.

B. Those holders not known to the teller can be eliminated by a check of the bank's central records. If box holder has maintained a checking account, savings account, or has done business for a year with the bank, or is known to bank employees, eliminate him.

C. If none of the above eliminate holder, a review of the City Directory or credit check can eliminate holder as possibly being RAY.

D. If the holder cannot be eliminated in the above manner, the agent assigned this bank or branch will be held personally responsible for going to the address of the box holder to conduct appropriate investigation to eliminate him as being RAY. KEEP IN MIND SUBJECT IS ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

Agents having more than one location to check are to contact banks in order as listed in assignment.

Any positive information should be brought to the attention of the SAC immediately.

Upon completion of assignment, negative investigation can be reported at the end of this serial, noting



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dates and persons contacted. Positive information to be appropriately recorded.

These assignments are to be handled immediately upon receipt.

SUBJECT RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

<p>1 CYS MARIETTA 4 BROAD      FULTON NAT. 3039 P TREE RD N.E.      " " 259 BOCKHEAD AVE N.E.      DECATUR FED SAV 2038 LAWRENCE HWY</p>	<p>8 AMERICAN BK OF ATL. 1409 PEACHTREE N.E.      GA. SAVINGS BK. 74 PEACHTREE N.W.      BANK OF COLLEGE PARK 1876 PRINCETON AVE. C      COL. PARK.</p>
<p>2 CYS. 2050 BARKHEAD HWY. N.W.      FULTON. 118 PRYOR S.W.      BANK OF FRESH PARK 1248 MAIN. F.P.      DECATUR FED SAV 3350 ROCKWIDE RD.</p>	<p>9      AMERICAN BK OF ATL. CANDLER BROS.      ATLANTA. BK &amp; TRUST 3720 CAMPBELLTON RD. SW      DECATUR FED SAV. 5435 P TREE INDUSTRIAL BLDG</p>
<p>3 CYS. 2523 BELTON RD. N.W.      TRUST Co. 3020 P TREE RD N.W.      ATLANTA BK &amp; TRUST Co. 1700 LAKEWOOD AVE SW.      DECATUR FED SAV. 2560 EAST POINT</p>	<p>10 BK. of Ga. 1401 MORELAND AV S.E.      TRUST Co. 670 STEWART AVE. S.W.      BANK OF FULTON COUNTY 2791 EAST POINT.</p>
<p>4 CYS 2581 PIEDMONT RD N.E.      TRUST Co. 2160 MORRIS DR. N.E.      FULTON. 7537      TRUST Co. 3393 P TREE RD N.E.</p>	<p>11 <del>Bank of Ga. 114 Peachtree</del>      PEOPLES BANK. 58 MARIETTA ST  <del>FULTON FED. 3024 P TREE RD N.E.</del>      FULTON FED. 3024 P TREE RD N.E.</p>
<p>5 CYS. 3005 PEACHTREE RD N.E.      CYS. 3885 OLD GORDON RD N.W.      FULTON FED SAV. 21 EDGEMOOD AV. N.E.  <del>FULTON FED. 2523 BELTON RD N.W.</del></p>	<p>12 TRUST Co. 712 W. P. TREE ST.  <del>TRUST Co. 2100 MARIETTA ST</del>      PEOPLES BANK 2970 PEACHTREE RD N.E.      SOUTH COAST BK. 5066 GORDON RD SW ATLANTA</p>
<p>6 CYS. 2055 CAMPBELLTON RD SW      CYS 1775 HOWELL MILL RD. N.W.      AUSTELL BANK. 1925 BARKHEAD HWY SW      FULTON FED. 945 N. MORELAND AVE.</p>	<p>13      CYS. 437 MORELAND AV. N.E.      TRUST Co. 30 EDGEMOOD AV. N.E.  <del>TRUST Co. 437 MORELAND AV. N.E.</del></p>
<p>7 CYS. 2358 CASCADE RD. S.W.      CYS. MITCHELL &amp; FORSITH      AUSTELL BANK. 3705 W. HELEY SW      FULTON FED. 2357 SEWELL RD SW</p>	<p>14 FULTON NAT. 55 MARIETTA ST.      TRUST Co. 485 FERT. SHELPS AVE S      TRUST Co. 711 FULTON IND. BLDG SW      FULTON FED. 1184 MARIETTA, GEORGIA</p>