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Dear Editor:

The attached photos may be used as desired, alone or with the enclosed Lomax wrap-up article covering his investigation with Charles Stein, retracing James Earle Ray's actions and related theories uncovered during Lomax's trip from Los Angeles to New Orleans last December.

As far as we know these are the first and only photos taken of the woman friend of Ray's, and the phone booth situated in a bar frequented by Ray from which Lomax's informants said Ray made the regular phone calls every evening.

The series is being front-paged across the country.

If Lomax turns up new leads, you can be sure you will have them first.

Sincerely,

John Osenenko
Executive Vice President

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EDITORS: PLEASE CONFIRM WHETHER YOU PLAN TO USE THIS ARTICLE AND ANY PRECEDING PIECES ON THE BASIS OF A NOMINAL FEE TO COVER THE HIGH COSTS OF THIS INVESTIGATION.

FBI BUNGLES JOB

J. EDGAR HOOVER CALLED UNFIT
TO LEAD SEARCH FOR KING'S KILLER

PRECEDE: THIS IS THE LAST OF A SERIES BY FAMED NEGRO REPORTER LOUIS LOMAX, WHO HAS BEEN INVESTIGATING THE SEARCH FOR JAMES EARLE RAY, WANTED FOR THE MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

END PRECEDE.

BY LOUIS E. LOMAX

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LOS ANGELES, MAY 3 (NANA)--THE SEARCH FOR THE SLAYER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. IS MORE THAN A MANHUNT FOR JAMES EARLE RAY, ALIAS ERIC STARVO GALT. FOR THE SEARCH IS THAT OF A TROUBLED NATION TRYING TO LOCATE ITS SOUL, OF A REPUBLIC IN SEARCH OF ITS OWN VALUE SYSTEM.

PRESIDENTIAL ASPIRANT HUBERT HUMPHREY CAME CLOSE TO THE TRUTH A FEW DAYS AGO WHEN HE SAID WE ARE NOT LOST, THAT WE ARE A NATION GROWING UP AND TRYING TO FIND BETTER WAYS. THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. KING HAS INTENSIFIED THE SEARCH FOR BETTER WAYS AND I SUSPECT THERE WILL BE A GOOD DEAL OF FOUNDATION SHAKING, IN HIGH PLACES AT THAT, BEFORE THE ENTIRE MATTER IS PUT TO REST.

I AM SPEAKING SPECIFICALLY OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND ITS DIRECTOR, J. EDGAR HOOVER.

"MOST NOTORIOUS LIAR"

IT IS OPEN PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE THAT HOOVER DEEPLY DISLIKED MARTIN LUTHER KING. HE ONCE REFERRED TO KING AS "THE MOST NOTORIOUS LIAR IN THE NATION." NOW HOOVER IS CALLED UPON TO LOCATE KING'S ASSASSIN.

THERE ARE A FEW BLACK PEOPLE INDEED WHO BELIEVE HOOVER WILL WORK OVERTIME IN THIS SEARCH. THE FEELING IS NOT WITHOUT SOME FOUNDATION; EITHER THE FBI IS INEPT OR THE BUNGLING OF THE KING CASE IS INTENTIONAL.

THE FBI ISSUED A REPORT THAT JAMES EARLE RAY TOOK DANCING LESSONS IN NEW ORLEANS IN 1964-65. THE FBI'S OWN FILES SHOW THAT RAY WAS IN PRISON AT THE TIME.

SOMEBODY, SOMEHOW, MANAGED TO CIRCULATE THE WRONG FINGERPRINTS FOR RAY. UP UNTIL THE LATTER PART OF THIS WEEK THE GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS HAD WRONG PRINTS FOR RAY; HAD HE BEEN ARRESTED IN ATLANTA ON THE DAY HE ABANDONED THE WHITE MUSTANG HE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS RAY.

LOCAL POLICE SHOVED ASIDE

THE FBI HAS PREEMPTED LOCAL POLICE FROM THE CASE BY DECLARING THE KING MURDER A CONSPIRACY. THUS THE FULL BURDEN OF THE INVESTIGATION (MORE)

NANA-2. LOMAX-KING ADD ONE

RESTS WITH THE FBI. IT GUARDS IT JEALOUSLY; KING HAS BEEN DEAD A MONTH NOW AND THE FBI IS YET TO ASK THE COOPERATION OF LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT. YET RAY LIVED IN LOS ANGELES FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AND IT IS KNOWN THAT HE MADE AT LEAST THREE TRIPS FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS AND THAT HE CARRIED A LOS ANGELES MAN WITH HIM ON ONE OCCASION.

. SHORTLY AFTER I DISCOVERED TELEPHONE BOOTHS IN LOS ANGELES FROM WHICH RAY ALLEGEDLY MADE PHONE CALLS, THE FBI MOVED IN AND CONFISCATED THE TELEPHONE COMPANY RECORDS. THEY AND ONLY THEY KNOW WHAT THOSE RECORDS REVEAL.

BLACKS DON'T TRUST HOOVER

LET ME MAKE IT PLAIN, VERY PLAIN: AMERICA'S BLACKS NEVER HAVE AND DO NOT NOW TRUST EITHER J. EDGAR HOOVER OR THE FBI. THOSE OF US WHO HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO COVER CIVIL RIGHTS STORIES IN THE SOUTH KNOW ALL TOO WELL HOW MUCH THE FBI CAN FUMBLE WHEN IT DOES NOT WISH TO SOLVE A CASE.

THE SUSPICION IS DEFENDED BY THE FACT THAT THE FBI "LEAKED" A STORY TO NEWSMEN THAT SUGGESTED THAT A NEGRO WITH AN ANIMUS TOWARD KING WAS BEHIND THE ASSASSINATION. THE STORY WAS COMPLETELY FALSE, BUT IF NEWSMEN HAD WRITTEN IT, DR. KING WOULD HAVE BEEN SMEARED EVEN IN HIS GRAVE.

THE FBI ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT THE DEAD CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER WAS SO BLATANT THAT EVEN WHITE REPORTERS WHO KNEW OF THE STORY RECOILED IN FURY.

J. EDGAR HOOVER WOULD DO HIS NATION A GREAT SERVICE IF HE WERE TO ADMIT PUBLICLY HIS DISLIKE FOR DR. KING AND THEN SHARE THE HUNT FOR THE ASSASSIN WITH A LESS PREJUDICED AGENCY.

WANTED: A MIXED COMMISSION

PERHAPS THE CAUSE OF JUSTICE WOULD BE BETTER SERVED IF THE INVESTIGATION WAS PLACED UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF A WARREN-TYPE COMMISSION COMPOSED OF BOTH BLACK AND WHITES.

THE MURDER OF DR. KING WAS AN ORGANIZED AND WELL PLANNED EXERCISE. THIS WAS NOT THE DEED OF "SOME WHITE NUT." RATHER THERE IS A SENSE IN WHICH SOCIETY ITSELF COMMITTED THE ACT; AND IT IS CERTAIN THAT POWERFUL MEN IN AMERICAN SOCIETY WERE PART OF THE DEED MOST FOUL.

UNLIKE CAESAR'S WIFE, J. EDGAR HOOVER IS NOT ABOVE REPROACH WHEN IT COMES TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUE. LET MR. HOOVER THEN CLEAR THE AIR BY EITHER REMOVING HIMSELF FROM THE INVESTIGATION OR SHARING THE HUNT WITH MEN AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT COMMAND THE FAITH OF THOSE WHOSE CAUSE KING CHAMPIONED.

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CUTLINES with LOMAX-KING PHOTOS

CUTLINES for PHOTO "A" AND TWO OTHERS

DID JAMES EARLE RAY WRITE THIS?

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These photographs were made in a phone booth in the St. Francis Hotel on Hollywood Blvd. where James Earle Ray made mysterious phone calls frequently at 6 P.M. At top left is a closeup of writing on the wall which read: "Down:with Mexicans, Niggers! And Martin Luther Coon." Upper right is writing from another place in the booth. Below, reporter Louis Lomax examines the first inscription, now partly obliterated.

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CUTLINES for PHOTOS "B" and "C"

KNOWN SAMPLE OF RAY'S HANDWRITING

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Reporter Louis Lomax unearthed the fact that James Earle Ray swapped his television set for a portable with an attractive blonde in Los Angeles, with whom he is shown interviewing. In explaining to her how to operate it, he wrote under three dials "Bright," "Focus" and "Vert & Horr." Was the printing by the same hand that wrote in the St. Francis Hotel phone booth. The girl insisted that the statuette appear in the top photo. Her face is not shown to protect her.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (26-0)

FROM : SA Paul A. Joensen

DATE: 5/10/68

SUBJECT: Unknown Subject; aka MICHAEL SANSON;
1968 Plymouth Station Wagon,
VIN PM43 F8R142690,
NY licence 6Z-3134

Mrs. ANN DUNLAP, Avis-Rent-a-Car Corp.,
57 Clinton Avenue South, Rochester, N.Y. advised on this
date that captioned vehicle, Green in color, was rented
on 4/17/68, by an individual using the name and identification
of one MICHAEL SANSON, 63 Park Ave., Rochester, N.Y., to be
returned the following day. She stated that on 5/1/68, this
vehicle was reported stolen to the Rochester PD when it had
not been returned. Mrs. DUNLAP stated she has no information
as to the present whereabouts of the vehicle or the white
male unsub. who rented same.

The above is being submitted for information
and indexing in event vehicle is recovered outside NY State.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374) (P)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA JOHN L. POPE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

Rememo SA LEON L. ROBINSON, dated 4/18/68.

Investigation was conducted at Sophie's Restaurant in Bowmansville, N. Y. The owner-manager, SOPHIA BIENIK, advised on 4/19/68 that she had not seen anyone in her restaurant at any time who resembled ERIC STARVO GALT.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374) (P)

DATE: 5/15/68

FROM : SA GORDON J. LACEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On the afternoon of 5/13/68, New York State Parole Officer TED DUKE, with whom the writer has had slight contact on other matters; telephonically advised that one of the State parolees assigned to him named GERALD METZGER, white male, had been arrested on 4/30/68 by the Town of Amherst PD as a parole violator. METZGER had initially been found guilty in New York State as a YO in a stolen car case, and has 13 months of "bad time" to complete.

DUKE related that at the time of GERALD METZGER's most recent arrest, he was staying at 109 Glenalby Road in the Town of Tonawanda, New York with a friend named WILLIAM WATERS.

DUKE stated that he was calling for two purposes, based upon interview he had had earlier that day with GERALD METZGER, and with METZGER's stepfather, the latter named RAY OTTO METZGER (DOB 2/21/14), who resides at 56A Glenwood Court, Maryvale Project, Cheektowaga, New York, telephone number 896-0423. DUKE stated that both GERALD METZGER and his stepfather had mentioned that CARL METZGER, an older brother, DOB 9/29/47, who possesses a criminal record (details not known), is presently running as a Selective Service violator.

The stepfather told DUKE that CARL METZGER is traveling with a buddy named JIM WHITEMORE, aka Norban (no further information known to DUKE), and that as of approximately two months ago, CARL METZGER was in Alabama, city unknown.

The second and principal reason for DUKE's call was to advise that GERALD METZGER had confided to him that approximately one hour after the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, an unsuccessful telephonic attempt was made to reach him person-to-person at the Glenalby Road address, by an unknown individual whom the operator said was calling from

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DUKE described the step-father as having been cooperative with him and mentioned that he has thrown both of his step-sons out of the house since he feels they are no good.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Route captioned copy to SA R. GORDON EDDY, for his determination as to whether this merits any additional inquiry in the MURKIN matter, or whether any additional investigation would even be possible.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374) (P)

FROM : SA R. GORDON EDDY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/15/68

RE: ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL
ON 4/28/68 THAT RAY WAS
LIVING AT 1254 WEST AVENUE,
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

On 4/29/68, SAs GABRIEL R. MARTINEZ and R. GORDON EDDY went to the address of 1254 West Avenue, Buffalo, New York. This is a two-family house with upstairs and downstairs apartments.

The names on the mailboxes were: "JENNIE PATURZO" for the downstairs apartment and "JOSEPHINE ALDRICH" for the upstairs apartment.

No one answered downstairs.

In the upstairs apartment, a woman, who identified herself as JOSIE ALDRICH, answered the door. She advised she lives upstairs with her father, who is elderly, and no one else lives with them. She said the downstairs premises is occupied by the owner of the house, Mrs. JENNIE PATURZO, who lives there alone and works days.

Photographs of RAY were exhibited to Miss ALDRICH, who said she did not recognize him by name or any of his aliases, photographs, or description. She knew of no one by the name of JAMES RAY living in this neighborhood.

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To: All SACS
LEGATS, Mexico City
Ottawa

WAG From: Director. FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

In order to cover the possibility that subject may have died since commission of the crime, the U. S. Census Bureau and Department of Health, Education and Welfare were contacted and they advised that no central records of unidentified deceased are maintained by those agencies. It was suggested that each state may maintain such a record in their Bureau of Vital Statistics or similar agency.

There is no known Federal law requiring the maintenance of such information; and it is possible that if any record of unidentified dead is maintained, it would only be maintained at local police departments, morgues, medical facilities, or the like.

Each office covering state capitals should check to ascertain if such records are maintained, and if so, should check records for the period from 4-5-68, to date, for any information which might possibly identify subject Ray with unidentified deceased person over that period.

If there is no central record repository maintained in the various states or nationally in the case of Mexico and Canada, you should, in connection with your contacts with law enforcement agencies on this case or other Bureau matters, make appropriate inquiries relative to

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The Identification Division has placed an appropriate stop on unidentified deceased inquiries it may receive. If feasible, appropriate offices and Legats, Mexico City and Ottawa should place similar stops with appropriate state, local or national agencies in your territories.

Armed and Dangerous.

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To: All SACS
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Ottawa

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From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

For your information and investigative assistance, subject James Earl Ray took a bartending course in Los Angeles, California, during the early part of 1968, and prior to his departing Los Angeles, in March of 1968, he made several telephone calls to country clubs in an effort to obtain employment.

This should be borne in mind in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

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TO : SAC (44-374)

FROM : SA Paul A. Joensen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/15/78

Latent Fingerprint Examinations

The following persons were contacted relative to unidentified latent fingerprint files in their possession. A request was made for comparison of unidentified latent prints with those prints of subject JAMES EARL RAY. In each instance this request was carried out with negative results.

Captain TIM MC GOWAN, Identification Division, Rochester Police Bureau, on 5/2/68 and on 5/6/68.

Dep. Sheriff EDWARD BLODGETT, Monroe County SO, contacted 5/6/68 and 5/15/68. On 5/6/68, Dep. BLODGETT stated that his office maintains all fingerprints for the towns located in Monroe County, therefore all unidentified latents are maintained in his control.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374)

DATE: 5/15/68

FROM : SA WALTER J. SAMELSTAD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On May 13 and 14, 1968, above captioned matter was discussed at the Finger Lakes Law Enforcement Associates, Inc., police school held in Canandaigua, N.Y.

I.O.s were not furnished at this time, as none were available.

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Memphis requested to advise whether it desires inserts on all investigation conducted Buffalo Division, such as strictly negative "sightings" of RAY or negative contacts with law enforcement agencies, informants, etc., which have been handled in Buffalo by memo to file.

SAC NEIL J. WELCH

RGE:bmp

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Office Buffalo

SAC (44-374)

5/16/68

SPC MARDIROSIAN

MURKIN

At 10:00 PM, this date, Mrs. LOUISE B. DAGGETT, residence 20 Lexington Avenue, corner of Delaware and Lexington Avenues, Buffalo, NY., telephone 886-7413 called to advise while having lunch at THE QUAKER BONNET, Elmwood and Bryant Streets on 5/15/68 she observed an individual at the counter who looked very much like the recent photo in the latest issue of NEWSWEEK magazine.

Mrs. DAGGETT advised she was 70 years of age and a former detective in the Cleveland area a considerable number of years ago and that she contributes her awareness to her former position.

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Mrs. DAGGETT was politely thanked for her info and advised it would be brought to the attention of the writer's supervisor for whatever action necessary.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374)

FROM : SPC MARDIROSIAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/16/68

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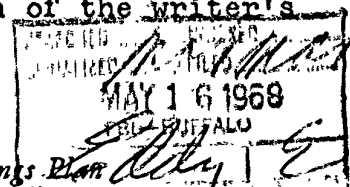
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374) (P)

FROM : SA R. GORDON EDDY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/16/68

RE: Discussion of Murkin Case
At Police Schools.

Rememo of SA R. GORDON EDDY, 4/30/68.

Attached hereto are copies of last press release the Bureau made with regard to RAY. It is again requested that this case be discussed at each police school.

Memorandum should be submitted showing at which police schools the Murkin Case was discussed and the date thereof.

JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED
AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

- 1 - SA WILLIAM J. CONROY (Attachment 1)
- 1 - SA RICHARD W. RUDY (Attachment 1)
- 1 - SA R. GORDON EDDY (Attachment 1)
- 1 - SAA DENNIS MARVIN GIBBS (Attachment 1)
- 1 - SA KENNETH P. GLENNON (Attachment 1)
- 1 - SA FRANCIS B. JENKINS (Attachment 1)
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- 1 - SA CHARLES E. SANDALL (Attachment 1)
- 1 - SA THOMAS M. SHAUGHNESSY (Attachment 1)
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- 1 - SA JEROME C. O'HANLON (Attachment 1)
- 1 - SA RAYMOND D. ANGLE, JR. (Attachment 1)
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- 1 - SAA JOHN F. RISDON (Attachment 1)
- 1 - SA EUGENE A. HEVERON (Attachment 1)
- 1 - SA HUGH H. HIGGINS (Attachment 1)
- 1 - SA PAUL A. JOENSEN (Attachment 1)
- 1 - SA WALTER J. SAMELSTAD (Attachment 1)

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JAMES EARL RAY, also known as
Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmyer,
John Willard, James McBride, James
Walton, W. C. Herron and James
O'Connor

FUGITIVE

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY

"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM

James Earl Ray, a Missouri prison escapee who has been sought under the alias Eric Starvo Galt in connection with the gunshot slaying of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has been added to the FBI's list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives."

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ordered the special addition of Ray to the "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" list, which already contains ten fugitives, to insure the widest possible dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to help effect his earliest possible location.

Ray has been the subject of a massive and intensive search since the brutal gunshot slaying of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel. One rifle bullet, believed fired from the window of a nearby rooming house, felled the victim.

An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against

fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom wanted notices have been posted in the FBI's Identification Division, succeeded in determining that Galt and Ray are identical.

A Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a United States citizen. Ray is also sought for unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement after conviction for armed robbery, based on a Federal warrant issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri. He had been confined at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, in March, 1960, with a 20-year sentence following conviction for armed robbery and operating a motor vehicle without permission of the owner. In September, 1966, while serving the sentence, he was confined for a time in the maximum security ward at the State Hospital, Fulton, Missouri. He was reported missing from the Missouri State Penitentiary since April 23, 1967.

Ray who has an arrest record dating back to 1949 and has been convicted of burglary, armed robbery and forging United States Postal Money Orders, has also

been confined in the Los Angeles County Jail, the Joliet and Pontiac, Illinois, State Prisons and the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

He served in the Army between February, 1946, and December, 1948, received a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and breaking arrest and was given a General Discharge due to ineptness and lack of adaptability for military service.

Ray is a 40-year old white male, reportedly born in Illinois on March 10, 1928. He is approximately 5' 10" tall, weighs from 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and brown hair which he has worn cut short. He has a small scar on the center of his forehead and a scar on the palm of his right hand. He has been described as having a straight, narrow nose and straight and even teeth and to have a nervous habit of occasionally tugging at an ear lobe. His left ear protrudes noticeably.

Acquaintances describe him as a "loner" and "drifter" whose language and diction reflect a "rural" quality and indicate he has had limited education.

He is reportedly a fan of western and country music, drinks vodka and beer, dresses neatly and claims past employment as a merchant seaman and cook on Mississippi River vessels. He is known to have worked

as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

He is known as an avid dancer who has taken dancing lessons. He also completed a course at a school of bartending in the Los Angeles area early in 1968.

Ray should be considered armed and extremely dangerous. Anyone with information concerning this fugitive is requested to immediately contact the nearest office of the FBI, the telephone number of which may be found on the first page of local telephone directories.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

FROM : SAC NEIL J. WELCH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/15/68

Attached herewith for each Agent is a Xerox copy of the latest photograph the Bureau has furnished the Buffalo Office of JAMES EARL RAY. This photograph was taken in late January or early February of 1968 in California. It will be noted that this photograph shows a distinct cleft in RAY's chin.

Each Agent was previously advised by memo, dated 4/30/68, that extra photographs of RAY are available for distribution. You are again reminded of the instructions set out in the aforementioned memo of 4/30/68 to disseminate photographs and Identification Orders of RAY to appropriate persons contacted during the regular course of business, such as hotel and motel employees; operators of tourist homes and rooming houses, border officials, etc. Identities of persons contacted should be set out in memo form.

You are also again reminded that RAY should be considered a suspect in any ITSMV or ITSP cases, as well as in any robberies or burglaries.

Additional photographs can be obtained by requesting them from SA R. GORDON EDDY.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

400 U. S. Court House
Buffalo, New York 14202
May 16, 1968

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a newspaper mat and proof of Top Ten Fugitive James Earl Ray. Also enclosed are two glossy photographs of Ray. One photograph was taken in Mexico in 1967, and the other in late January or early February, 1968, in California.

The FBI is requesting the aid of the nation's press in bringing about the prompt apprehension of this badly sought fugitive. Ray has been the subject of a massive and intensive search since the brutal gunshot slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on April 4, 1968, at Memphis, Tennessee.

Any publicity which you feel you can afford this matter would be greatly appreciated by the FBI.

Very truly yours,

NEIL J. WELCH
Special Agent in Charge

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400 U. S. Court House
Buffalo, New York 14202
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Frank N. Fellicetta
Commissioner
74 Franklin Street
Buffalo, New York 14202

Attention: Detective Sergeant Lou Tedesco
Special Frauds Bureau

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith 10 Identification Orders for the Special Frauds Bureau of James Earl Ray, who is wanted by the FBI in connection with the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on April 4, 1968, at Memphis, Tennessee.

I would appreciate it if a copy of this Identification Order could be made available to each member of the Special Frauds Bureau and a copy posted on the Special Frauds Bureau bulletin board. Ray was convicted in the past for stealing and passing postal money orders. Since he may be in need of funds, he should be considered a suspect in any check passing cases which the Special Frauds Bureau may be investigating. If more copies are needed, I should be only too happy to furnish them.

Ray should be considered as armed and extremely dangerous.

Your cooperation, as always, is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

NEIL J. WELCH
Special Agent in Charge

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Buffalo, New York 14202
May 16, 1968

Frank N. Felicetta
Commissioner
74 Franklin Street
Buffalo, New York 14202

Attention: Lieutenant John Crotty
Robbery Squad

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith 20 Identification Orders for the Robbery Squad of James Earl Ray, who is wanted by the FBI in connection with the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on April 4, 1968, at Memphis, Tennessee.

I would appreciate it if a copy of this Identification Order could be made available to each Detective on the Robbery Squad and a copy posted on the Robbery Squad bulletin board. James Ray has been involved in robberies in the past and he may commit additional robberies to keep himself in funds. He should be considered a suspect in any unsolved robberies in the Buffalo Police Department and also as a suspect in future robberies that may occur in the City of Buffalo. If more copies are needed, I should be only too happy to furnish them.

Ray should be considered as armed and extremely dangerous.

Your cooperation, as always, is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

NEIL J. WELCH
Special Agent in Charge

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400 U. S. Court House
Buffalo, New York 14202
May 16, 1968

Frank N. Felicetta
Commissioner
74 Franklin Street
Buffalo, New York 14202

Attention: Commander
A District Detectives

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith 20 Identification Orders for the A District Detectives of James Earl Ray, who is wanted by the FBI in connection with the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on April 4, 1968, at Memphis, Tennessee.

I would appreciate it if a copy of this Identification Order could be made available to each A District Detective and a copy posted on the A District Detectives bulletin board. James Ray has been involved in robberies in the past and he may commit additional robberies to keep himself in funds. He should be considered a suspect in any unsolved robberies in the Buffalo Police Department and also as a suspect in future robberies that may occur in the City of Buffalo. If more copies are needed, I should be only too happy to furnish them.

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Very truly yours,

NEIL J. WELCH
Special Agent in Charge

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400 U. S. Court House
Buffalo, New York 14202
May 16, 1968

Frank N. Felicetta
Commissioner
74 Franklin Street
Buffalo, New York 14202

Attention: Commander
B District Detectives

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith 20 Identification Orders for the B District Detectives of James Earl Ray, who is wanted by the FBI in connection with the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on April 4, 1968, at Memphis, Tennessee.

I would appreciate it if a copy of this Identification Order could be made available to each B District Detective and a copy posted on the B District Detectives bulletin board. James Ray has been involved in robberies in the past and he may commit additional robberies to keep himself in funds. He should be considered a suspect in any unsolved robberies in the Buffalo Police Department and also considered as a suspect in future robberies that may occur in the City of Buffalo. If more copies are needed, I should be only too happy to furnish them.

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Your cooperation, as always, is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

NEIL J. WELCH
Special Agent in Charge

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400 U. S. Court House
Buffalo, New York 14202
May 16, 1968

Frank N. Felicetta
Commissioner
74 Franklin Street
Buffalo, New York 14202

Attention: Commander
C District Detectives

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith 20 Identification Orders for the C District Detectives of James Earl Ray, who is wanted by the FBI in connection with the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on April 4, 1968, at Memphis, Tennessee.

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Very truly yours,

NEIL J. WELCH
Special Agent in Charge

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400 U. S. Court House
Buffalo, New York 14202
May 16, 1968

Frank N. Felicetta
Commissioner
74 Franklin Street
Buffalo, New York 14202

Attention: Commander
D District Detectives

Dear Sir:

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NEIL J. WEICH
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374)
ATTENTION: SA R. GORDON EDDY

FROM : SAA JOHN F. RISDON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

DATE: 5/17/68

The following investigation was conducted by SAA JOHN F. RISDON on dates indicated with negative results:

Mrs. RUTH TUCKER, Clerk, Board of Elections, Allegany County Court House, Belmont, N.Y., advised that she is unable to locate any record for HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER or ERIC STARVO GALT.

On 4/12/68, Mrs. LAURA BENNETT, Clerk, Board of Elections, Cattaraugus County Court House, Little Valley, N.Y., advised that she is unable to locate any record of HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER or ERIC STARVO GALT.

On 4/11/68, Mrs. MARY LEONARD, Supervisor, Olean Business Men's Association, Exchange National Bank Building, Olean, N.Y., and Miss GLENNA GLASS, Clerk, Wellsville Credit Bureau, advised that they were unable to locate any record of HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER or ERIC STARVO GALT.

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On 4/12/68, all laundries and dry cleaners within the Olean RA territory were contacted by telephone in an effort to determine if any used a cloth laundry tag made by a Thermo Seal Marking Machine. None of them used such a laundry tag.

On 4/11/68, BU 411-C, HERBERT ELMORE (170-199) and ROBERT LEWIS (170-201) were contacted but were unable to furnish any information regarding MURKIN.

On 5/1/68, Acting Chief of Police MICHAEL LUTY, Olean, N.Y., Police Department, and Sheriff CHARLES P. HILL, Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Department, advised that they do not maintain a latent fingerprint file.

On 5/2/68, Chief of Police MICHAEL FIORDO, Wellsville, N.Y., advised that his department does not maintain a latent fingerprint file. It is to be noted that the Allegany County Sheriff's Department, Belmont, N.Y., handle only civil matters and maintain the jail.

The writer discussed this case with students in a fingerprint police school at Wellsville, N.Y., on 5/2/68.

SAC (44-374)

5/17/68

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374)

DATE: 5/17/68

ATT: SA R.A. Eddy

FROM : SA WALTER J. SAMELSTAD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rebuairtel 5/8/68.

On May 17, 1968, James A. Hill, General Manager and Assistant Vice-president, Customer Equipment Services Division Eastman Kodak Company, 400 North Plymouth Avenue, Rochester, N.Y., was furnished 100 copies of I.O. 4182 and description of two pieces of camera equipment believed purchased by subject. Hill stated a letter would be forwarded to all regional repair centers and the 34 warranty dealers, placing a stop for the equipment. Should any information be received at any of the places they will be instructed to immediately contact the nearest office of the FBI listed on the back of the I.O.

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Will when stop no longer needed advised Eastman Kodak Company.

cc: Repair Stop
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374) (P)

FROM : SA R. GORDON EDDY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/20/68

The following contacts have been made relative to captioned case:

BU 67-C, 5/3/58, by SA EDDY

WILLIE BRADLEY, PCI, 4/8/68, SAA ROBINSON

BU 413-C, 4/8/68, SAA ROBINSON

MATTHEW CRAWFORD, PRI, 4/5, 20 and 5/1/68,
SAA ROBINSON

ODELL BROWARD, PRI, 4/10, 24/68, SAA ROBINSON

THOMAS SWEAT, PRI (GHETTO), 5/10/68, SA NEAL

BU 384-C, 4/30 and 5/3/58, SA COMFORT

BU 383-C, 5/10/68, SA COMFORT

BU 64-C, 4/30 and 5/9/68, SA COMFORT

ANTHONY FREDO, PCI, 5/10/68, SA COMFORT

LOUIS COSTELLO, PRI, 5/9/68, SA COMFORT

WILLIAM HARVEY ROBBINS, PRI, 5/9/68, SA COMFORT

JOHN MELVIN, PRI, 5/10/68, SA COMFORT

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In addition, SA(A) DENNIS MARVIN GIBBS spoke to approximately 150 students and their parents at Maryvale High School, Cheektowaga, New York, and discussed this case as well as exhibited the I. O. on JAMES EARL RAY.

On 4/25/68, SAA GIBBS spoke to 45 students at Bishop Colton High School, Buffalo, and exhibited the I. O. of JAMES EARL RAY and discussed this case with them.

SA EDDY has reviewed all pending and closed ITSMV cases received in the Buffalo Office between 3/23 and 5/6/68. All Agents have been instructed to consider RAY a suspect in all UNSUB ITSMV cases received in the future by office memo of 4/30/68.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-374)
ATTN: SA R. GORDON EDDY

FROM : SA ROBERT W. BUCHER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/17/68

On the dates indicated, the below listed informants and sources were exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, and the MURKIN case was discussed with them. These contacts did not result in any positive information being developed.

BU 396-C 4/22 & 5/17/68 (furnished IO)

PCI DONALD BRAILSFORD 4/22 & 5/15/68 (furnished IO)

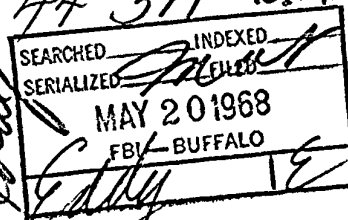
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PRI (GHETTO) GEORGE AARON 4/24 & 5/16/68

PRI (GHETTO) RUDY MAGNONE 4/25, 30 & 5/14/68

PRI (GHETTO) ALBERT FLOYD 4/22 & 5/14/68

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (170-128)(P)

DATE: 5/16/68

FROM : SA ROBERT W. BUCHER

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: ALBERT R. FLOYD

☒ PRI (Ghetto)

Dates of Contact	
4/22/68, 5/14/68	
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
MURKIN	BU 44-374
POCAM	BU 157-623
Purpose and results of contact	
☐ NEGATIVE ☒ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC	
4/22/68 PRI advised that in the days following the assassination of the Rev. Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, the Negro community of Elmira were deeply grieved but re-acted in a generally orderly manner. He stated that a group of high school Negro students walked out of school, and might have formed the nucleus of a disorderly "mob," but the Rev. WILLIE J. WRIGHT, Negro Pastor of the Monumental Baptist Church, Elmira, was able to get these youths to join in memorial services for KING and prevent their "running wild." PRI stated that KING's assassination appeared to have a very definite sobering effect on the Elmira community as a whole, and served to bring the white and black populations a measure of "togetherness" not previously experienced.	
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating GOOD
Coverage - same -	

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PRI advised that the memorial services held in Elmira for KING, as well as the two orderly memorial marches held, all had a large percentage of white involvement. He stated that he understands that the local chapter of the NAACP benefitted by a surge in membership shortly after KING's assassination.

PRI stated that he believed that the fact that there was no violence, looting or other unlawful acts following KING's death, as there were in other cities, spoke well for the Elmira communities' chances of avoiding any civil disorders during the coming summer.

5/14/68

PRI stated that the Elmira-Corning NAACP chapter is planning to take a busload of people to Washington, D.C. on 5/29-30/68, and is now actively ~~recruiting in~~ recruiting people in this area to go to D.C.

PRI stated WAYNE DUNHAM, a Negro speech therapist teaching in the Corning, N.Y. public school system, and active in the local NAACP chapter, is actively recruiting for this trip as is the Rev. WILLIE J. WRIGHT, Negro Pastor of the Elmira Monumental Baptist Church. PRI stated that the NAACP is also attempting to get contributions to underwrite costs of this one day trip from individuals, local industry, and area service organizations.

PRI stated that he heard that there are approximately 40 persons already signed up to go on this trip, which plans to leave Elmira on the evening of 5/29/68, and remain in D.C. until about 6pm, 5/30/68, when they'll come back to Elmira. He did not know what bus line was providing the chartered bus or busses.

PRI was exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY on both 4/22/68 and 5/14/68, without effecting any identification. Notation of this negative contact furnished the MURKIN file by separate communication.

Information received re POCAM furnished SA SZYMANSKI telephonically.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (170-170)(P)

DATE: 5/16/68

FROM : SA ROBERT W. BUCHER

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: RUDY MAGNONE

☒ PRI (GHETTO)

Dates of Contact	
4/25/68, 4/30/68, 5/14/68	
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
RACIAL MATTERS - Elmira, N.Y.	BU 157- (Positive)
MURKIN	BU 44-374 (Negative)
PCCAM	BU 157-623 (Positive)
Purpose and results of contact	
☐ NEGATIVE	
☒ POSITIVE (See above)	
☐ STATISTIC	
4/25/68 PRI advised he was very proud of the behavior of the Elmira Negro community following the assassination of the Rev. Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, and pointed out that although almost all of the Negro high school students left their classes, there were no incidents of violence or civil disobedience. PRI credited the absence of unlawful acts to the ability of the Negro clergymen and civic leaders to control the youths, and to the sobering effect of the memorial services and marches held. PRI stated that he does not believe that it necessarily follows however that Elmira will be free of any racial strife this summer because the KING assassination was a very sober time, and this summer there will be the usual influx of youths from ghetto areas, i.e. Rochester, Buffalo, NYC, where economic conditions are far worse than they are in Elmira.	
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating GOOD
Coverage - same -	

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4/30/68

PRI stated that he has recently received word of firm commitments concerning funds available for a variety of Neighborhood Youth Corps jobs and activities this coming summer in Elmira, and he has every hope that he and his staff will be able to really keep the Negro youths gainfully occupied throughout the summer months when the threat of civil disobedience is the greatest.

5/14/68

PRI stated that he has learned that a number of youths in Elmira plan to travel to Washington, D.C. on the evening of 5/29/68, via bus, to participate in the Poor People's Campaign being held there by SCLC. He advised this is planned to be a one-day trip and the drive for necessary funds and recruits to go is being spearheaded by the Elmira-Corning chapter of the NAACP.

PRI stated that the only person he knows who is actively recruiting people to go on this bus trip is WAYNE DUNHAM, who is a speech therapist for the Corning, N.Y. public school system and very active in the NAACP. He advised DUNHAM worked last summer for the Neighborhood Youth Corps, and in all probability will be working against this coming summer in some capacity for the Neighborhood Youth Corps. PRI considers DUNHAM a civil rights activist, but not a militant one, and not a Black Nationalist.

PRI stated he would remain alert to further information concerning this planned bus trip to participate.

PRI was exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and the MURKIN case was discussed with him on each of these contacts, but he was unable to furnish any pertinent information. Notation of these negative contacts have been furnished the MURKIN file by separate communication.

Information received from this PRI re POCAM furnished SA SZYMANSKI telephonically.