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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC CHARLOTTE (137-3409)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA SA HOWARD C. BURGIN, JR.

CI  SI  R (Prob)

PCI  PSI  R

SUBJECT: JOSEPH ODOM, JR.

Dates of Contact 4/8/68      4/18/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
<del>MURKIN</del>		<del>44-1365</del>
<del>LESLIE NORRIS-FUG, UFAC-Larceny, etc.</del>		<del>88-10322</del>
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<p>PCI unable to furnish any information of value and stated that he would attempt to determine whereabouts of subject, NORRIS.</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rating same	Coverage same

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RE ERIC STARVO GALT

The following investigation was conducted by SA EDWARD G. SHERIDAN at Hickory, North Carolina:

On April 18, 1968, Trooper HARRY L. WILLIAMS, North Carolina Highway Patrol, stationed in Catawba County, North Carolina, advised that he saw the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT in the newspaper on that date and stated that he is certain that he encountered GALT while conducting a road block in Catawba County on the evening of April 9, 1968.

On the evening of April 9, 1968, WILLIAMS and Trooper MARVIN WRIGHT were participating in a road block check on U. S. Highway 321 at the intersection of North Carolina Highway 10, inside the City Limits of Newton, North Carolina. The road block was set up as a result of the general racial situation following the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and the purpose of the road block was to locate and confiscate from motor vehicles alcoholic beverages and firearms that might have been in possession of motorists. The road block lasted from approximately 7:30 p.m. until approximately 11:00 p.m.

Sometime between 9:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., April 9, 1968, a white male driving a 1955 or 1956 Dodge four-door automobile was stopped by WILLIAMS. WILLIAMS described this automobile as being three-toned, that is, having an off white colored top, a dark green hood and trunk, with a strip of green around the sides, partially on the doors and again having an off white bottom. WILLIAMS did not notice the color of the interior of this automobile. This vehicle was heading north on Highway 321. WILLIAMS specifically remembers that this vehicle was bearing 1968 Florida license with the prefix "LOW-." There were four or five digits after the dash but WILLIAMS did not remember these numbers. The white male driving the vehicle was alone and the vehicle was heavily loaded with luggage, having possibly five or six suitcases in the back.

Trooper WILLIAMS stated that in his own mind he has definitely identified the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT

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*[Handwritten initials and signatures]*

as being identical with this individual he stopped. He stated that there is no doubt in his mind regarding the matter and stated that he would "stake his life on it."

When WILLIAMS stopped this individual, he asked him for his drivers license and registration. The individual there upon presented a valid State of Florida driver's license. WILLIAMS does not remember the name of the drivers license but remembers that it did contain a first, middle and last name. He also noted that the name was uncommon to this area of North Carolina. WILLIAMS stated that this last name was a short name and he believes there were four letters in the last name. WILLIAMS stated that the name could have been "GALT." He stated that if the name was any of the three names of GALT, LOWMYER or WILLIARD, it would have been GALT or LOWMYER.

WILLIAMS stated that he does not remember the street or city address or license number on the drivers license displayed to him. He stated, however, that he specifically remembers that the drivers license listed the driver's occupation as a pilot. WILLIAMS asked the individual what airlines he flew for and the individual gave a name of some not well known airline. WILLIAMS does not now remember the name of the airline given but remembers that the airline had two names to it. He does not remember the individual talking about any cities in Fla. or where he worked.

The individual never did display a registration for the vehicle and the matter of the registration was not pursued by WILLIAMS.

WILLIAMS observed a map folded on the front seat of the vehicle. This map included several southeastern states in the United States. WILLIAMS picked up the map and noted the driver had a route marked out from somewhere in deep central Georgia to Wytheville, Va. WILLIAMS noted that this route marked out constituted almost a straight line. The line ended at Wytheville, Va. WILLIAMS asked the individual where he was going and the individual said he was going on vacation to Wytheville, Va., to visit with some friends or relatives. The individual said he was then going to either Charleston or Bluefield, West Virginia. WILLIAMS

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did not remember which of these two towns in West Va. the individual mentioned. The individual did not mention anything specific about his friends or relatives in Wytheville, Va., or Charleston or Bluefield, W. Va., and did not indicate how long he was going to stay at any of these places.

WILLIAMS then instructed this individual how to get on Highway 16 north heading out of Conover, N. C. WILLIAMS advised that the entire conversation took place in about 1½ minutes.

In commenting on the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, WILLIAMS advised that the individual he stopped, whom he believes to be GALT, did not have cheeks as full as are GALT's cheeks in the photograph. He stated that the individual had a face considerably less fleshy than is shown in GALT's photograph. He stated that the individual he stopped had noticeable features in that he had a sharp pointed chin, a long and narrow and pointed nose, and large ears. He also noted that the individual's hair was much shorter than is depicted in GALT's photograph and his hair was brushed straight back. He advised that the individual's face was considerably narrower and longer than is depicted in GALT's photograph.

In describing the individual's composure, WILLIAMS advised that the individual was calm and not excited. He stated that the individual was reserved in his talk, answered questions precisely but did not volunteer information. WILLIAMS described the individual as well-groomed, clean shaven and immaculate in appearance. He stated that the individual gave him the impression that he would be precise in everything he did.

WILLIAMS furnished the following description of this individual from memory:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	About 30 years
Hair:	Short, receding and brushed straight back - brown but not dark brown

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Complexion:	Light, almost pale
Frame:	Fairly small frame
Height	Unknown
Eyes	Not noticed
Dress	Believes was wearing an open collar sports shirt

Trooper MARVIN WRIGHT, who also participated in the road block, advised that he did not talk to the individual stopped by WILLIAMS because he went directly to the car stopped behind the car WILLIAMS stopped. However, WRIGHT described the green in the car WILLIAMS stopped as a faded green. Also, WRIGHT advised, after the individual stopped by WILLIAMS left, WRIGHT specifically remembers WILLIAMS remarking that the license plate on the car was a 1968 Florida license with the prefix "10W-." WRIGHT also remembers WILLIAMS remarking about what a short last name the individual had.

Neither WRIGHT nor WILLIAMS has seen this individual since April 9, 1968.



4/22/68

**AIRTEL**

**TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)**  
**FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)**  
**MURKIN**

**RE Charlotte teletype 4/18/68;  
Jacksonville teletype 4/19/68.**

**Enclosed for Memphis are nine (9) copies of  
insert reflecting information concerning ERIC STARVO  
GALT.**

**By referenced Jacksonville teletype, that office  
set out lead for Miami to check registration records for  
1955 or 1956 Dodge bearing license with prefix "10W-."**

**ARMED AND DANGEROUS.**

2 - Memphis (Encs 9)  
1 - Charlotte  
CFW:jwr  
(3) *CFW*

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*CF Williams*

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MEMO ALL AGENTS #160, SERIES 1968  
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

MEMO ALL AGENTS:

RE: MURKIN

By airtel dated April 19, 1968, to all offices,  
Memphis advised as follows:

"For the information of all offices, the Bureau  
by retel (4/17/68) requested of the Memphis Office as  
follows:

"Please furnish following information on above  
matter compiled or estimated, through April 30, 1968,  
and thereafter submit cumulative totals through the  
end of each month until further notice.

"1. Number of man hours spent on casebroken  
down as to regular hours, over-time hours, and total  
man hours by following employees (separate figures  
for each class of employee shown)

- "a. Special Agent
- "b. Clerical

"2. Total mileage (estimated or actual) traveled  
by Bureau cars used on case. Include mileage for cars  
traveling to and from other field offices on special  
assignments and any personally owned car.

"3. Any unusual or out-of-ordinary costs, such as  
costs of chartered airplane, rental of special office  
space, leased telephone lines, etc. These should be  
itemized and cost of each item shown.

"4. Peak number of all Special Agents working on  
case through month for which report is submitted.

"You should promptly request all Bureau Offices involved  
in this case to furnish information requested herein to  
Memphis and it should be included in your report."

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1 - 66-138  
1 - Each Agent  
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RE: ALL AGENTS MEMO #160, SERIES 1968  
RE MURKIN

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The Memphis Office requested that each office EXPEDITIOUSLY furnish the above designated data within two work days after the close of the month.

In view of the above, each Special Agent who has worked on this case should submit the desired information to the attention of SA CHARLES L. WILLIAMS, JR.

Attached is a form for the use of each agent.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

ROBERT M. MURPHY  
SAC

TO: AGENT \_\_\_\_\_  
FOR MONTH \_\_\_\_\_, 1968

RE: MURKIN

Return following information IMMEDIATELY at end of month to SA CHARLES L. WILLIAMS, JR., so information can be forwarded to Memphis by Second (2nd) working day of next month.

COST DATA AS FOLLOWS:

1. Man Hours Spent on Case

	<u>Regular hours</u>	<u>Overtime</u>	<u>Total</u>
a) Special Agent	_____	_____	_____
b) Clerical	_____	_____	_____

2. Total Mileage (estimated or actual)

a) Bureau car \_\_\_\_\_  
b) Personally owned \_\_\_\_\_

3. ANY Unusual Or Out-of-Ordinary Costs (itemized and cost of each item shown)

ALL AGENTS MEMO #161, SERIES 1968  
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

MEMO TO ALL AGENTS:

RE: MURKIN

By teletype dated April 19, 1968, to all offices,  
the Bureau advised as follows:

JAMES EARL RAY, aka. Earl James Ray, W. C. Herron,  
Earl James, James Mc Bride, James O'Conner, James Walton,  
James Walyon, Jim, was determined on April 19, 1968, to be  
identical with ERIC STARVO GALT. RAY escaped April 23, 1967,  
from the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri.  
He was serving twenty years on a charge of armed robbery, first  
degree, and operating a vehicle without the owner's permission.  
On July 20, 1967, Federal complaint was authorized and filed  
charging him with violation of Title 18, Section 1073,  
United States Code, and a warrant was issued.

RAY has been described as a loner and one of a few  
close associates has been identified as WALTER TERRY RIFE,  
suggesting the possibility that RIFE could have been associated  
with RAY in the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Bureau advised that the description of JAMES EARL  
RAY, as furnished by the FBI Identification Division under  
FBI Number 306 443 A, is as follows:

Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Born:	[redacted] at Decatur, Quincy, or Alton, Illinois
Height:	Approximately 5 feet 10 inches
Weight:	174 pounds (September, 1966)
Complexion:	Ruddy
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Brown
Build:	Medium
Occupation:	Laborer and baker
Scars and Marks:	Small scar on center of forehead and scar in palm of right hand.
Fingerprint Classification:	16 M 9 U 000 12 Ref 9 M 4 W IOI 12

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1 - 66-138  
1 - Each agent  
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RE MURKIN

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Military record: United States Army, February, 1946 to December 23, 1968  
He was discharged by reason of ineptness and lack of adaptability for military service. While in the military, he received treatment for gonorrhoea and syphilis

The following is a description of WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI 4 558 766:

Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Age:	44 years
Born:	[REDACTED]
Height:	5 feet 9½ inches
Weight:	161 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue-gray

By airtel dated April 19, 1968, the Memphis Office advised as follows:

In handling future leads, all offices should be particularly interested in securing an identifying number, military, police, or FBI, in connection with suspects so that the necessary check can be made through the Identification Division.

All offices have been furnished photographs of RAY and RIFE. These are available at the Charlotte Office.

The above is being furnished for the information of agents handling leads in this matter.

SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH A DEADLY WEAPON, HAS BEEN CONFINED IN THE STATE HOSPITAL AT FULTON, MISSOURI, IN 1966, AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

ROBERT M. MURPHY  
SAC

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ALL AGENTS MEMO #159, SERIES 1968  
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

MEMO TO ALL AGENTS:

RE: MURKIN

By airtel to all Continental Offices, dated April 19, 1968, the Memphis Office advised as follows:

"The FBI Laboratory advised that pillow case and bed sheet found in the trunk of the 1966 white Mustang registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, which was located at Atlanta, Georgia, 4/11/68, contained thermo-seal laundry tapes of approximately same size as tapes on items previously recovered, but are yellow in color and contain code '20R-3.' In opinion of Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, the tapes were produced by a different machine than previous tapes since the first three characters are fifteen-point type and the last two characters are eighteen-point type. The Textile Marking Machine Company suggests the twenty in the above code would be the lot number, the "R" may mean that this was a return of a batch of laundry, and the three was for the bundle number.

"All Continental Offices will recontact laundries determined to be operating thermo-seal marking machines in an effort to locate laundries using code "20R-3."

LEADS:

Will recontact all laundries using the thermo-seal marking machines to determine if these laundries use yellow tags and if so, whether they use a code identical with "20R-3." If so, it is suggested that samples of the tape with that code be obtained and submitted for comparison with the marking tapes in the Bureau's possession.

ROBERT MURPHY  
SAC

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1 - Each Agent  
CFW:lrf  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (~~1365~~) 44-1365

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : D. RAY LOWERY (NIGHT CLERK)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ON THIS DATE, APPROXIMATELY AT 7:30 PM, AN ANONYMOUS CALLER ADVISED THE CHARLOTTE OFFICE THAT HE HAD SEEN A MAN FITTING THE DESCRIPTION OF THE MAN WANTED BY THE FBI FOR THE MURDER OF KING. HE SAID THAT HE WAS TRAVELING ON HIGHWAY 27 TOWARD CHARLOTTE, WHEN HE SAW A GRAY 1958 CHEVROLET WITH CALIFORNIA LICENSE KMS 347. HE STATED THAT WHEN HE PASSED THE CAR HE SAW A <sup>MAN</sup> ~~MAN~~ WHO LOOKED A LOT LIKE JAMES EDWARD RAY, ALTHOUGH HE WASN'T POSITIVE HE FELT THIS WAS THE MAN WANTED BY THE FBI.

*Teletype to  
Sacramento  
dictated 4/23/68  
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*C. Williams*



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# Memorandum

TO : FILE

DATE: 4-23-68

FROM : SAC ROBERT M. MURPHY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 8:30 AM, 4-23-68, Mr. BONSAI WILLIAMS, Sandy Porter Road, Charlotte, N. C., telephonically contacted me re captioned matter. Mr. WILLIAMS operates a tire recapping firm on Sandy Porter Road next to Olympic High School. He can be reached at telephone 525-0546. He stated night before last at approximately 10:00 PM, a car parked in the vicinity of his home. Later in the evening WILLIAMS' dogs started barking and he went out to investigate the matter. He said there was a white male in a red Volkswagen parked near his home. He was not able to obtain the whole license plate number, but stated that the numerals and digits he did obtain were as follows: C F 991 He was unable to pick up the last digit. He asked the individual what he was doing there and where he lived, and he stated he worked for a gas line firm which was working in the vicinity of Charlotte on Highway 74. He told this individual to move on and later in reading about captioned matter in the paper, he believes this individual to be ERIC STARVO GALT which is an alias of JAMES EARL RAY. He said the reason he thought it was GALT was because he fitted the general description of GALT, was a neat dresser and pulled on his left ear lobe while talking to WILLIAMS.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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Date: 4/22/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

For the information of receiving offices, Subject JAMES EARL RAY, Aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by the Atlanta Office to date has not established mode of transportation utilized by RAY after 4/5/68 through checks with transportation companies, car rental agencies, etc.

3 - Bureau	2 - Miami
2 - Baltimore	2 - Mobile
2 - Birmingham	2 - Newark
2 - Charlotte	2 - New Orleans
2 - Chicago	2 - New York City
2 - Cincinnati	2 - Norfolk
2 - Cleveland	2 - Philadelphia
2 - Columbia	2 - Pittsburgh
2 - Houston	2 - Richmond
2 - El Paso	2 - St. Louis
2 - Indianapolis	2 - San Antonio
2 - Jackson	2 - Savannah
2 - Jacksonville	2 - Springfield
2 - Kansas City	2 - Tampa
2 - Little Rock	2 - WFO
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*Handwritten signature: Howard mlt*

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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Date:

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(Priority)

AT 44-2386

All receiving offices are requested to check car recoveries within their respective divisions of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and consider same to have been possible mode of transportation for Subject RAY. The same consideration should be given to any cars recovered in the near future that were stolen from the State of Georgia after 4/4/68. In those instances where cars were stolen from Georgia and where the transporter of same cannot otherwise be accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

4/23/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau telephone call 4/20/68, regarding unknown individual driving 1960 Chevrolet, bearing N. C. license YT-1618.

On 4/20/68, it was determined that this license number was issued to JERRY WAYNE TREXLER, Box 58, East Spencer, N. C.

On 4/20/68, W. H. MORGAN, mail carrier, Spencer, N. C., advised he is familiar with TREXLER, a former resident of Spencer, N. C., who presently resides at East Spencer, N. C. He was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised there does not appear to be any resemblance between RAY and TREXLER.

Mrs. H. A. HARKEY, postal clerk, East Spencer, N. C., on 4/20/68, advised that TREXLER has resided in East Spencer for several months but she is not personally acquainted with him.

Mrs. M. B. WINGATE, clerk, Town Hall, East Spencer, N. C., advised on 4/20/68, that TREXLER resides at 12 Spencer Street, and has resided there since at least 12/29/67. He is not personally known to Mrs. WINGATE.

On 4/20/68, CHARLES E. HERON, Chief of Police, East Spencer, advised he is familiar with TREXLER inasmuch as he has arrested him several times for drunkenness. No records are maintained by the PD and the dates of arrest are not known.

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② - Charlotte

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*W. Williams*

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HERON advised that a photograph of RAY does not resemble TREXLER.

On 4/20/68, Chief DAVE SCHULER, Salisbury, N. C., PD, advised that TREXLER was arrested 4/8/63, by his department. SCHULER does not know TREXLER personally.

On 4/22/68, Mrs. MEREDITH NANCE, Tar Heel Construction Co., Salisbury, N. C., advised that TREXLER has been employed by that company since 1/30/68, and is still so employed. She said that the payroll records show that he did not report for work on 3/30/68 or 4/4/68, but that he did work on 3/29/68 and 4/3/68.

In view of arrest of TREXLER on 4/8/63, and failure of individuals who know TREXLER to identify him with photographs of RAY, no further action being taken by Charlotte.

Insert being prepared and will be submitted to Memphis.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 4/23/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)

TO : SACRAMENTO  
FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

MURKIN.

ON APRIL TWENTY-TWO LAST, AN ANONYMOUS CALLER ADVISED CHARLOTTE THAT HE HAD SEEN A MAN FITTING THE DESCRIPTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL WANTED BY THE FBI FOR THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. HE SAID HE WAS TRAVELING ON HIGHWAY TWENTY-SEVEN, TOWARD CHARLOTTE EARLIER ON APRIL TWENTY-TWO LAST, WHEN HE SAW A GRAY FIFTY-EIGHT CHEVROLET BEARING CALIFORNIA LICENSE K M S THREE FOUR SEVEN. HE STATED HE OBSERVED A MAN IN THE CAR WHO LOOKED A LOT LIKE JAMES EARL RAY, AND ALTHOUGH HE IS NOT POSITIVE, HE FEELS THIS IS THE MAN WANTED BY THE FBI.

SACRAMENTO, AT DMV, DETERMINE TO WHOM LICENSE REGISTERED AND SET OUT LEADS TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF REGISTERED OWNER. AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)  
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(2) *JLB*

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*CF Williams*

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 12:19P M Per BJD

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Re ERIC STARVO GALT

On April 19, 1968, the Bureau telephonically advised that a call had been received from RAYMOND HIGGINS, 300 East Worthington Avenue, Charlotte, North Carolina. HIGGINS works at Mitchell and Becker in the 1900 Block of South Boulevard, Charlotte.

HIGGINS advised he frequents Robertson's Drive-In Restaurant on South Boulevard. He said on the night of April 18, 1968, he observed a man in the restaurant whom he is positive is ERIC STARVO GALT. There was a woman with this individual who spoke with a foreign accent.

He said he followed the couple out of the restaurant to the 1800 Block of South Boulevard where they entered an apartment, possibly at 1821 South Boulevard. He said he has seen photographs of GALT and is sure this individual is GALT. The man's left ear was larger than his right ear.

The following investigation was conducted by SA EMANUEL R. JOHNSON at Charlotte, North Carolina:

On April 19, 1968, RAYMOND HIGGINS, 300 East Worthington Avenue, Charlotte, advised that the individual he saw and thought was GALT was a white male, 30 to 35 years old, 5'7" tall, 200 pounds, dark complexion, short hair. He was shown a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT and without hesitation he advised that this was not the man he saw in Charlotte on the night of April 18, 1968.

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**AIRTEL**

**TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)**  
**FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)**  
**MURKIN**

Re Bureau telephone call to Charlotte 4/19/68;  
Charlotte airtel 4/19/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are nine (9) copies of inves-  
tigative insert re ERIC STARVO GALT.

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① - Charlotte  
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*C F Williams*  
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Re ROBERT FRANKLIN WILLIAMS

By communication dated April 18, 1968, the Norfolk Office of the FBI advised as follows:

Mrs. LLOYD BLACK, Norfolk, Virginia, sister-in-law of ROBERT FRANKLIN WILLIAMS, advised on April 18, 1968, that newspaper pictures and description (of assassin of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.) are identical with ROBERT FRANKLIN WILLIAMS. She advised WILLIAMS escaped approximately one year ago from confinement at Asheville, North Carolina, and had repeatedly stated he would kill Dr. KING. She said the wife of WILLIAMS, CAROLYN RUTH WILLIAMS, 1107 Ray Avenue, Sanford, North Carolina, received information that WILLIAMS called another sister, name unknown, about one week ago from Atlanta, Georgia, and requested money.

The following investigation was conducted by IC MARION E. HILLIARD at Raleigh, North Carolina:

Captain O. S. MOORE, Extradition Officer, North Carolina Department of Correction, Raleigh, advised on April 18, 1968, that ROBERT FRANKLIN WILLIAMS, FBI Number [REDACTED], escaped July 12, 1967, from the Haywood County Prison Unit. He was received by the Department of Correction on September 16, 1965, to serve ten years on four counts of assault on a female with a deadly weapon. He was described as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Born	[REDACTED]
	Harnett County, North Carolina
Height	5'9"
Weight	175 pounds
Complexion	Fair
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Occupation	Welder and used car salesman

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The following investigation was conducted by SA LINDIAN J. SWAIM at Sanford, North Carolina:

On April 18, 1968, CAROLYN RUTH WILLIAMS, 1107 Ray Avenue, Sanford, advised she has been separated from ROBERT FRANKLIN WILLIAMS since June 14, 1965, and divorced from him since August 26, 1966. She last saw him when he was convicted and sent to prison.

She said about three weeks ago Mrs. FRANK (MARGARET) WIMBERLY, Dunn, North Carolina, WILLIAMS' sister, told her that shortly before Christmas he telephoned another sister, Mrs. EUNICE (Last Name Unknown) who lives in Indiana, and asked her to send him some money. He called from Atlanta, Georgia.

Mrs. WILLIAMS said her former husband is not a member of the Ku Klux Klan but did attend several Klan rallies in Sanford. When he was drunk he often talked about Dr. KING and several times stated he would like to "kill the SOB." She said he is emotionally unstable, has a violent temper, is always fighting and on one occasion threatened a highway patrolman who stopped him for speeding.

The following investigation was conducted by SA VICTOR P. HOLDREN at Sanford, North Carolina:

On the night of April 18, 1968, Mrs. WILLIAMS was shown a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, at which time she stated the photograph was similar but not identical with her ex-husband.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT H. CAVERLY at Dunn, North Carolina:

Mrs. MARGARET WIMBERLY, 605 North General Lee Avenue, Dunn, advised on April 19, 1968, that she is the sister of ROBERT FRANKLIN WILLIAMS. She was shown a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT and she stated this photograph, in no way,

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resembles her brother. She stated that in October or November, 1967, her brother called a sister, Mrs. GEORGE (EUNICE) SMITH in Princeton, Indiana, asking for money and stated he was calling from Atlanta, Georgia.

On April 19, 1968, Mrs. BEATRICE ROBERTS, Dunn, North Carolina, sister of ROBERT FRANKLIN WILLIAMS, was shown a photograph of GALT, at which time she advised that the photograph, in no way, resembled that of her brother.

4/23/68

**AIRTEL**

**TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)**  
**FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)**

**MURKIN**

**Re Norfolk teletype 4/18/68;  
Charlotte teletypes 4/18 and 19/68;  
Buairtel 4/18/68.**

**Enclosed for Memphis are nine (9) copies of  
investigative insert re ROBERT FRANKLIN WILLIAMS.**

**By referenced airtel the Bureau advised that latent  
fingerprints and latent impressions in this case are not  
identical with fingerprints of ROBERT FRANKLIN WILLIAMS.**

**ARMED AND DANGEROUS.**

**2 - Memphis (Encs 9)  
1 - Charlotte**

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Date: 4/23/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386),  
MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND HOUSTON  
FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

MURKIN.

RE CHARLOTTE TELETYPE APRIL TWENTY-TWO LAST, MIAMI  
TELETYPE APRIL TWENTY-TWO LAST AND TELEPHONE CALL FROM  
ATLANTA TODAY.

RE: AIRLINE FLIGHT, ATLANTA TO HOUSTON, APRIL TWELVE  
LAST.

PETER S. GILCHRIST, JR., CHARLOTTE, N. C., REINTERVIEWED  
TODAY; ADVISED THAT ON EAL FLIGHT ONE THREE THREE, APRIL  
TWELVE LAST, FROM ATLANTA TO HOUSTON, HE SAT ON THE RIGHT  
SIDE OF THE PLANE NEAR THE TRAILING EDGE OF THE WING. THE  
INDIVIDUAL HE THINKS LOOKS LIKE JAMES EARL RAY SAT DIRECTLY  
ACROSS THE AISLE FROM HIM IN THE INSIDE SEAT ON THE LEFT SIDE  
OF THE PLANE. HE DID NOT OBSERVE THIS INDIVIDUAL BEFORE  
BOARDING THE PLANE AND DID NOT OBSERVE THIS INDIVIDUAL AFTER  
THEY LEFT THE PLANE AT HOUSTON. HE ADVISED THAT HE, GILCHRIST,  
END PAGE ONE.

Approved: JLB  
(2) Special Agent in Charge

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12<sup>33</sup>p to AT  
12<sup>40</sup>p to WA  
12<sup>42</sup>p to ME  
12<sup>53</sup>p to HO

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Date:

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via \_\_\_\_\_  
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WAS SITTING ON THE SIDE OF THE PLANE WHICH HAD THREE SEATS AND THE UNKNOWN MAN WAS SITTING ON THE SIDE WHICH HAD TWO SEATS. THERE WERE NOT ANY PASSENGERS SEATED BETWEEN THEM. IN FRONT OF GILCHRIST WAS A NEGRO GIRL. OTHER PASSENGERS SURROUNDING THEM WERE NOT OBSERVED.

GILCHRIST DESCRIBED THE UNKNOWN MAN HE THINKS LOOKS LIKE RAY AS A WHITE MALE, THIRTY-FIVE TO FORTY YEARS, MATURE LOOKING, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE SEVEN ZERO TO ONE SEVEN FIVE LBS., MEDIUM BUILD, WELL DRESSED, NO ~~HAT~~ HAT OBSERVED, WEARING BROWN SUIT WITH FLECK OF GOLD OR YELLOW IN IT, WHITE SHIRT, TIE, BROWN SHOES. NO SCARS OR MARKS OBSERVED, NO GLASSES, LOOKING <sup>ED</sup> IN GOOD HEALTH, NO NERVOUS HABITS OBSERVED, HAD CONVENTIONAL HAIRCUT, HAIR WAS LIGHT BROWN, COMBED TO ONE SIDE. UNKNOWN MAN GAVE OVERALL NICE-LOOKING APPEARANCE. GILCHRIST WAS CARRYING WITH HIM A SMALL GRAY SUITCASE AND WAS WEARING OLIVE-COLORED SPORT COAT AND GRAY-GREEN SLACKS. HE DID NOT OBSERVE UNKNOWN MAN WITH ANY BAGGAGE ON THE PLANE.

**END PAGE TWO.**

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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Date:

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via \_\_\_\_\_  
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GILCHRIST WAS SHOWN VARIOUS PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY, AND ADVISED THAT THE PROFILE PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY TAKEN MARCH SEVENTEEN, SIXTY, LOOKS LIKE THE MAN HE OBSERVED, EXCEPT FOR THE HAIR. HE SAID HE DID NOT OBSERVE THE MAN'S EARS AND WOULD HAVE SEEN ONLY HIS RIGHT EAR IN ANY EVENT. DURING THE FLIGHT, WHICH LASTED ABOUT ONE AND ONE-HALF HOURS, THE UNKNOWN MAN WAS NOT OBSERVED TALKING TO ANYONE, INCLUDING PASSENGERS OR FLIGHT PERSONNEL. HE STOOD UP ONCE IN THE AISLE AND STRETCHED HIS ARMS OVER HIS HEAD AND IMMEDIATELY SAT DOWN AGAIN. GILCHRIST CAN FURNISH NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THIS MAN, BUT REITERATED THAT HE LOOKED LIKE THE PROFILE DRAWINGS AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF KING'S ASSASSIN.

**AIR MAIL COPY TO MIAMI.****END.**Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

AGENTS' MEMO NO. 162  
SERIES 1968  
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

MEMO ALL AGENTS:

RE: MURKIN

By teletype to all SACs dated 4/22/68, the Bureau advised as follows:

"You are reminded that all leads in this case must be covered within 24 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 regarding 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."

SA MICHAEL J. SCANLON at Greensboro, will contact Federal Bureau of Narcotics and make available Wanted Flyers and IOs for distribution to informants of that Bureau.

All criminal informants and appropriate racial and security informants should be contacted regarding JAMES EARL RAY under that name and all known aliases. Positive results should be immediately furnished Charlotte. Negative results should be submitted by memorandum or FD-209.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (137-3395)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA LEONARD H. MC COY

CI  SI  R (Prob)

PCI  PSI  R

SUBJECT: CE-2268-C

Dates of Contact 4/23/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
MURKIN		RE 44-1365
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<p>A photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was left with CE-2268 and CI advised if anyone resembling this description came to his attention, he should immediately notify the Charlotte Office. CI stated he would remain alert for anyone resembling the photograph and description of JAMES EARL RAY.</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage Same
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC CHARLOTTE

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA ALBERT P. KOEHLER

CI  SI  R (Prob)

SUBJECT: Daniel Craig, aka DAN  
PCI - (137-1850)

PCI  PSI  R

Dates of Contact 4/23/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
MURKIN		44-1365
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC	Informant stated the name James Earl Ray was completely unfamiliar to him and after viewing a picture of Ray stated he never saw the man before.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Average	Coverage Continuing

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**AIRTEL**

**TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**  
**FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893) (P)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN**

**Re Charlotte teletype to Bureau and Cincinnati,  
4/17/68.**

**The following investigation was conducted by  
SA FREDRICK J. BEASLEY at Hamilton, Ohio, on 4/16/68:**

**Mr. GEORGE MEECE, owner of the Butler Cleaners,  
South Erie Highway, Hamilton, Ohio, advised that he  
purchased the entire cleaning plant of the Imperial  
Cleaners of Cincinnati, Ohio, around 1960. Included in  
the machinery purchased was a Thermo-Seal Marking Machine,  
but this machine has never been used by the Butler Cleaners,  
even though it remains in their possession. Mr. MEECE  
stated that his company has never used any such short  
marking as O2B-6 or D2B-6.**

**3 - Bureau (RM)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)  
② - Charlotte (44-1365) (RM)  
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**Radio**

**Teletype**

TO: SACS, ALL FIELD DIVISIONS  
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

APRIL 23, 1968  
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MURKIN.

REMEAIRTEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL 19, LAST FURNISHING BACKGROUND DATA CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN ANY UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES, BURGLARIES OR ARMED ROBBERIES (POSSIBLE ITSP VIOLATIONS) OCCURRING AFTER APRIL 23, 1967. RAY SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED SUSPECT IN ANY FUTURE SUCH VIOLATIONS AND BUREAU ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY OF ANY TENTATIVE IDENTIFICATION.

ANY PERTINENT LEADS DEVELOPED DURING REVIEW OF PAST VIOLATION SHOULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY RUN OUT AND BUREAU ADVISED.

SUBJECT'S HANDWRITING AND HAND PRINTING NOT IDENTIFIED IN BANK ROBBERY NOTE FILE AND HIS FINGERPRINTS ARE BEING SEARCHED AGAINST LATENTS SUBMITTED IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERY AND BURGLARY VIOLATIONS.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

TOR: 2:30PM

TOB: 2:54PM

OPR: QHH/JPP

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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FBI MIAMI

5:17PM URGENT 4-23-68 PJL

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATLANTA (44-2386), CHARLOTTE (44-1365), MEMPHIS  
(44-1987)  
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN

RE FLIGHT CREW, EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE THREE THREE,  
ATLANTA TO HOUSTON, APR. TWELVE LAST.

RE MIAMI TEL APR. TWENTY-TWO LAST.

NAMES AND HOME ADDRESSES OF CREW, CAPTIONED FLIGHT,  
ALL BASED ATLANTA, ARE FOLLOWING:

CAPT. WILLIAM R. BOMAR, ONE SEVEN ZERO SIX NISKEY LAKE  
TRAIL, S.W., ATLANTA, GA.

PILOT PAUL EDWARD THOMPSON, TWO THREE ONE SIX CREST KNOLL  
CIRCLE, DECATUR, GA.

PILOT DONALD R. SMITH, SIX ZERO TWO ONE ARGYLE DR.,  
FALLS CHURCH, VA.

FLIGHT ATTENDANT JOE L. DUNCAN, TWO EIGHT FIVE NINE  
DE LOWE DR., EAST POINT, GA.

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FLIGHT ATTENDANT MARILYN A. NAWROOKI, SEVEN ONE ZERO  
EAST COLUMBIA, APT. NINETEEN, COLLEGE PARK, GA.

FLIGHT ATTENDANT JUDITH ANN TENISON, ONE FOUR THREE  
EIGHT EAST VESTA AVE., EAST POINT, GA.

ATLANTA DETERMINE LOCATION AND SET LEADS TO EXHIBIT  
PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

FROM : SA KENNETH R. SMITH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA KENNETH R. SMITH on 4/18/68:

Mrs. K. EVELYN SILLS, Evelyn Sills Studio of Dance, 1206 Venus Street, Kannapolis, N. C., advised that she gives dancing lessons to children only. Mrs. SILLS was shown a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT and was unable to identify the photo.

Mrs. ROBERT B. HAYWOOD, Peggy Lee School of Dance, 65 Glensdale Ave., Concord, N. C., advised that she gave dancing lessons to children only. Mrs. HAYWOOD was shown a photograph of subject and was unable to identify same.

CHRISTINE BAKER, Goodman's School of Dance, 44 Louise Street, Concord, N. C., advised that she instructs children primarily but occasionally gives adult dancing lessons. Mrs. BAKER was shown a photograph of GALT and was unable to recall ever having seen him.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA KENNETH R. SMITH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Sgt. MAT BYRUM, NCSHP, Salisbury, N. C., advised on 4/17/68 that an individual who gave his name as JOSEPH L. BAKER of Faith, N. C., had appeared at the NCSHP Station on 4/17/68, and on another earlier date to take a driver's exam. On both occasions BAKER failed exam. BAKER indicated to BYRUM that he was from Alabama and displayed an interest in the HP communications system. BAKER claimed to be a Ham radio operator and expressed an interest in obtaining a position with the NCSHP as a dispatcher. BYRUM thought that the FBI might be interested in BAKER as a possible suspect in the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

On 4/18/68, Sgt. BYRUM was shown a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT and advised that there was no resemblance between GALT and BAKER.

Sgt. BYRUM advised BAKER was driving a white Mustang bearing 1968 N. C. tag YR-9203. This auto is registered to JOSEPH L. BAKER, Faith, N. C., and is a 1965 model.

A. G. DUNN, Examiner, NCSHP, advised that BAKER bore little resemblance to picture of ERIC STARVO GALT. DUNN described BAKER as a talkative, loudmouth, braggart. DUNN advised that BAKER had citizens band call letters on his rear windshield and an aerial on the rear bumper.

BETTY COLLINS, Examiner, NCSHP, advised that there was some resemblance between the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT and BAKER. BAKER furnished an Alabama driver's license as identification but no information was copied from it. BAKER is believed to have formally resided in Gasden, Alabama.

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SUE ATHE, Examiner, NCSHP, believed that the photograph of GALT somewhat resembled BAKER. ATHE advised BAKER was short, dark complexion, heavy build, and heavy beard.

JUDY HAMPTON, Secretary, NCSHP, who is a resident of Faith, N. C., advised that there was no likeness between BAKER and the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT. HAMPTON advised that BAKER is related to her neighbor, Mrs. CARL HESS of Faith, N. C.

On 4/18/68, a white Mustang, bearing 1968 N. C. tag YR 9203 was observed parked next to the Post Office in Faith, N. C. CB call letters KMM-5712 were in gold letters on the rear windshield. An aerial was attached to the rear bumper. No CB radio could be seen in the auto.

L. J. MC COMBS, Postmaster, Faith, N. C., advised that BAKER lived on Faith Rd., Faith, N. C. BAKER had resided at that address for approximately six months and MC COMBS ~~believed that he had relatives in the town.~~ MC COMBS could see no similarity between BAKER and ERIC STARVO GALT. MC COMBS advised that BAKER was across the street at the lunch counter.

Four white males were observed at the Faith Lunch Counter and none bore a resemblance to photo of ERIC STARVO GALT.

Salisbury PD and Credit Bureau had no record of JOSEPH L. BAKER.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC 44-1365

FROM : SA DONALD M. MURRAY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

Re Miami teletype to Bureau 4/8/68/19/68

On 4/19/68 Ed Warren, Seaboard Coastline RR, Raleigh, N.C. advised employment records reflect Charles Colquhoun Galt, a former RR engineer, retired 5/30/54, and then resided at 4/5 Morrison Ave., Raleigh, N.C. He died 4/14/56 and was survived by his wife, name unknown, who died several years later. Records reflect nothing further concerning him or his family.

The 1956 Raleigh City Directory reflects Lillian Galt, widow, residing at 316 Morrison Ave, and the 1957 directory also lists Mrs. Betty J. Galt, residing there, and employed at Boylan Pearce, No record of either was found in later directories.

On 4/19/68 Mrs. Betty Barbour, Boylan Pearce Dept. Store, Raleigh, advised records reflect ~~Lillian~~ Betty J. Galt, wife of W.C. Galt, was employed as a secretary here from 2/21/57 to 7/26/57, while residing at 316 Morrison Ave. Her husband was attending NCS Univ. She was 24 years old in 1957, had one child, attended 9 months of Jr. College in Calif., and in 9/53 worked at Harolds Dept Store, Marksville, La.,

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Sometime after leaving here, she filed unemployment claim, with the Unemployment office at Hessmer, La. , or Alexandria, La. This was probably in 4/59, but records contain nothing further re her or her husband.

On 4/22/68 T. Greyer, Registrars Office, NCSW, advised records reflect William C. Galt, 316 Morrison Ave., Raleigh, N.C. born [redacted] Pamlico Co., N.C. ~~XXXXXX~~ attended this school from ~~XX/XX~~ 2/18/50 to 4/27/51, and from 1/57 to 8/58, His mother was listed as Lillian, and he was a U.S. Navy veteran with NSN [redacted]. Records contain no information re his possible current whereabouts, however he attended Broughton H.S. Raleigh, prior to coming here.

On 4/23/68 William Blackburn, N.Broughton H.S. Raleigh, N.C. advised school records reflect William C. Galt, born [redacted] Raleigh, N.C., residing 316 Morrison Ave., Raleigh, N.C. attended this high school from 1943 until he dropped out in 1947, however in 1950 was granted a diploma as a result of passing military GED tests. These records contain no further pertinent information concerning this individual or his family or current whereabouts.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

550 PM URGENT 4-23-68 GDM

TO DIRECTOR (44-30861) CHARLOTTE AND INDIANAPOLIS  
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN.

BIRMINGHAM IN CONSIDERING OBTAINING STATEWIDE CIRCULATION OF PHOTOGRAPH AND PRESS RELEASE TO BARBER SHOPS LOCATED IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA. ON THIS DATE CONTACTED WILLIAM R. SMITH, SECRETARY, LOCAL EIGHTYTHREE, JOURNEYMAN BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETOLOGISTS AND PROPRIETORS INTERNATIONAL UNION OF AMERICA, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, WHO ADVISED THAT NO LOCAL IN ALABAMA DISTRIBUTES ANY PUBLICATIONS TO BARBERS OR BARBER SHOPS IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA. HE ADVISED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL UNION LOCATED ONE ONE FOUR ONE NORTH DELAWARE STREET, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, PUBLISHES MONTHLY THE JOURNEYMAN BARBER, WHICH IS DISTRIBUTED TO EVERY MEMBER OF THE INTERNAIONAL WITHIN THE UNITED STATES. SMITH FURTHER STATED THAT THE ASSOCIATED MASTER BARBERS AND BEAUTICIANS OF AMERICA, NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, TWO ONE NINE GREENWICH ROAD, CHARLOTTE, N. C., PUBLISHES MONTHLY THE MASTER BARBER AND BEAUTICIAN MAGAZINE WHICH IS DISTRIBUTED TO EVERY BARBER

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SHOP OWNER WITHIN THE UNITED STATES.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE BUREAU GIVE CONSIDERATION TO HAVING A PHOTOGRAPH AND ARTICLE ON JAMES EARL RAY PUBLISHED IN THE ABOVE MAGAZINES, AND SUCH ARTICLE SHOULD BE OF A CONDENSED VERSION OF PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY BUREAU ON RAY.

IF BUREAU APPROVES SUCH PUBLICATION, INDIANAPOLIS SHOULD CONTACT JOSEPH N. DE PAOLA, MANAGING EDITOR OF JOURNEYMAN BARBER, INTERNATIONAL UNION OF AMERICA, INDIANAPOLIS; AND CHARLOTTE SHOULD CONTACT THOMAS H. BROUGHTON, EDITOR OF THE MASTER BARBER AND BEAUTICIAN MAGAZINE AT NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, CHARLOTTE, N.C.

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 18, 1968

Mr. EUGENE HINSON, Starr Route 1, Shallotte, North Carolina, advised that he was owner and operator of South 17 Truck Stop and Restaurant which was located on U.S. Highway 17 south of Shallotte, North Carolina.

Mr. HINSON advised that approximately 8:00 P.M. on April 3, 1968, an unknown white individual whom he described as age about 30, 5'7" to 5'8", 175 pounds, black hair, dark yellowish complexion (possibly Cuban. decent) stocky build, and who wore no glasses, appeared at his restaurant.

Mr. HINSON stated that this unknown white individual was driving an old model Pontiac two-tone white and some other unknown color bearing 1968 Florida license 2W14071.

Mr. HINSON advised that this unknown white individual parked the old model Pontiac in a position to make it hard to observe the license number on this car. HINSON pointed out that this individual went out of his way to back the car in a position where the license plates could not be observed.

Mr. HINSON advised that this individual was wearing green khaki colored pants and shirt and had a couple of suits hanging in the automobile.

According to Mr. HINSON, this individual ordered four orders of french fries, four drinks and four cheeseburgers with lettuce and tomato as well as cigarettes and coffee. He recalled that the bill amounted to approximately \$4.60 and with all of the food ordered, he pointed out that the unknown white individual was the only person that occupied the old model Pontiac.

On 4/15/68 at Shallotte, N.C. File # CE 44-1365-429  
 by SA DAVID W. WATSON; mfd Date dictated 4/17/68

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Mr. HINSON advised that this unknown white individual was at his business establishment for about 45 minutes and stated during this entire time he was talking long distance to some party in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mr. HINSON stated that the call was made by this individual collect in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and in the conversation unknown individual remarked over the telephone to the unknown party in Philadelphia that he had plenty of ammunition as well as a sawed off shotgun and remarked that he would be careful.

Mr. HINSON advised that this individual remarked to him that he was a Marine stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, but in his conversations, asked how far it was to Wilmington and Jacksonville and Mr. HINSON was of the opinion that this individual should know the distance from Wilmington if he was in the Marine Corps stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, which is near Jacksonville, North Carolina.

Mr. HINSON pointed out that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was shot in Memphis on the night of April 4, 1968, but that he was originally scheduled to speak in Wilmington, North Carolina, on the night of April 4, 1968, but that Dr. KING's plans were changed due to racial disturbances in Memphis, Tennessee.

Mr. HINSON stated that he was of the opinion that if this individual had planned to shoot Dr. KING, he would in all probability had planned to do so at Wilmington, North Carolina, and thought if Dr. KING's plans were changed that then this individual might possibly drive to Memphis, Tennessee, knowing that Dr. KING was there.

Mr. HINSON stated that this is the only time he has ever seen this individual and that he could furnish no additional information about this person. HINSON stated that he tried to overhear more of this individual's conversation with the unknown party in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, but every time he got near this person talking on the phone, the male unknown individual would then order another cup of coffee or a pack of cigarettes which would require Mr. HINSON leaving that immediate vicinity in order to get these items.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent DAVID W. WATSON:

On April 12, 1968, Mr. DREW LONG, Chief of Police, Sunset Beach, North Carolina, advised that he had developed information from Mr. EUGENE HINSON that an unknown individual was at Hinson's place of business on the night of April 3, 1968, and acted very suspiciously and felt that the FBI would be interested in talking to Mr. EUGENE HINSON about this individual that was at his place of business on the night of April 3, 1968.

Chief LONG pointed out that Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING was originally scheduled to make a speech in Wilmington, North Carolina, on the night of April 4, 1968, but rather Dr. KING was in Memphis, Tennessee, that night due to racial conditions there.

It was determined over the facilities of the North Carolina Highway Patrol on April 15, 1968, that 1968 Florida license 2W14071 was issued for a 1956 Pontiac Coupe in the name of WILLIAM D. WILLIS, 902 9th Street South, Jacksonville Beach, Florida.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC CHARLOTTE

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA ALBERT P. KOEHLER

CI    SI    R (Prob)  
 PCI    PSI    R

SUBJECT: ANN SLOAN REID  
PRI - GHETTO (170-689)

Dates of Contact 4/23/68	
Titles and File #s on which contacted MURKIN 44-1365	

Purpose and results of contact

NEGATIVE  
 POSITIVE  
 STATISTIC

*Reid stated that the name James Earl Ray was unfamiliar to her and that the photo of Ray was also not familiar to her.*

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <i>Good</i>	Coverage <i>Continuing</i> 44-1365 + 431
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC Charlotte (137-540)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA HOWARD C. BURGIN, JR.

- CI  SI  R (Prob)
- PCI  PSI  R
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SUBJECT: CE 1792-C

Dates of Contact		
4/8/68	4/18/68	
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
MURKIN	44-1365	
<del>LESLIE NORRIS-FUG, UFAC-Lacey, etc.</del>	88-10322	
Purpose and results of contact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
CI advised unable to furnish any information of value.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <b>same</b>	Coverage <b>same</b>

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