

was told it would be an expensive trip he told the driver not to worry about the money and displayed a large roll of twenty dollar bills. He was assisted into the cab and left.

While waiting for the cab the man talked with SUMMERVILLE and at one point made the comment that it was too bad that MARTIN LUTHER KING had been killed.

When the first photographs of the subect appeared in the newspaper, SUMMERVILLE noted that the photo bore a strong resemblance to the man who had been in room 212. He was shown additional photographs of JAMES RAY ~~EARL~~ and he said he still believes the man in 212 might be RAY.

He described the man he saw as a W/M, about 39-41 years, 5'10", 170 lbs, medium build, believes hair may have been sandy colored, had funny look to his eyes.

On 4/24/68 Mrs. EVELYN YARBOROUGH, Secretary to the Manager, Sands Motel, produced the records of that motel which revealed that a person registered for room 212 on 4/5/68 at 11:15 pm using the name JIM SWAYZE, 1809 Rosewood, Abilene, Texas. There is a notation of the registration card that he was in a plymouth with license KPZ 642. There is no notation as to the time he checked out but it must have been before 7 am 4/6/68 because he was checked out by MARY ERMLER, the night clerk who works from 11 pm to 7 am. He paid an \$8.00 room bill.

On 4/24/68 the Texas Highway Partol advised that current Texas license KPZ 642 was issued to E.A. ADAMS, 2417 Salerno, Dallas on a 1964 four door Ford.

Mr. E.A. ADAMS, 2417 Salerno, advised on 4/24/68 he is the owner of a 1964 Ford which bears license KPZ 642. He has never been to the Sands Motel and does not even know where it is. He said noone has used his car at any time. He stated there must have been an error in recording the license number since his car could not have been at the Sands Motel on the night of 4/5/68.

Abilene, at Abilene, contact JIM SWAYZE, 1809 Rosewood, determine if he was at Sands Motel on evening 4/5/68 and whether identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

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Date: 4/24/68

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND
SAC, LITTLE ROCK, PHOENIX, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC DALLAS (44-2649) (3 P)

MURKIN.

RE PHOENIX TELS APRIL TWENTYONE AND TWENTYTWO LAST; AND
LITTLE ROCK AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR, DALLAS, JACKSONVILLE, PHOENIX,
AND MEMPHIS, APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST.

PARENTS OF R. B. HARRELL AKA RICHARD AND JIMMY, LOCATED
AND INTERVIEWED AT ABERNATHY, TEXAS, THIS DATE. ADVISED WHEREABOUTS
SON UNKNOWN BUT WAS LAST HEARD FROM ONE YEAR AGO FROM BAKERSFIELD,
CALIFORNIA. PARENTS NOT COOPERATIVE IN PROVIDING INFO CONCERNING
SON, BUT PROVIDED FOLLOWING RELATIVES OF R. B. HARRELL:

BROTHER - HENRY HARRELL, LOONEY FARM, IDALOU, TEXAS; BROTHER -
J. C. HARRELL, TWO ONE TWO AVENUE C. ABERNATHY, TEXAS; UNCLE -
RICHARD HARRELL, WILLOW CREEK, CALIFORNIA; AUNT - JEWELL CRANE,
LAKE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS; GRANDMOTHER - FANNIE GILL LIVES WITH JEWELL
CRANE, ABOVE; UNCLE - JOE BONHAM, PUCKETT, MISSISSIPPI.

1 - Dallas
1 - Jackson (AM) (Enc. 3)
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J. C. HARRELL, BROTHER OF R. B., INTERVIEWED AT ABERNATHY, TEXAS, AND ADVISED LAST HEARD FROM OR SAW BROTHER THREE YEARS AGO WHEN R. B. TOOK HIS PICKUP AND LEFT ABERNATHY. HE BELIEVED HE WAS DRIVING TO CALIFORNIA. R. B. HAS NOT COMMUNICATED WITH HIM SINCE THAT TIME. HE BELIEVES R. B. IS IN CALIFORNIA. WHEN HE LEFT ABERNATHY, R. B. WAS TRAVELING WITH A WOMAN, NAME UNKNOWN, AND HER CHILLDREN.

JACKSON. AT PUCKETT, MISSISSIPPI. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE JOE BONHAM, UNCLE OF R. B. HARRELL, AND INTERVIEW FOR BACKGROUND INFO AND WHEREABOUTS R. B.

LITTLE ROCK. AT LAKE VILLAGE. LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JEWELL CRANE AND FANNIE GILL AS ABOVE.

SAN FRANCISCO. AT WILLOW CREEK. LOCATE AND INTERVIEW RICHARD HARRELL FOR BACKGROUND INFO AND WHEREABOUTS R. B. HARRELL.

DALLAS. AT IDALOU, TEXAS. LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HENRY HARRELL AS ABOVE.

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COMMUNICATIONS AS ENCLOSURES. P

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) P

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA DONALD A. ADAMS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau Radiogram to All Field Divisions dated 4/23/68.

On ~~the~~ 4/23/68 the following investigation was conducted by SA'S DONALD A. ADAMS and RAYMOND P. YELCHAK.

A review was made of all burglaries and armed robberies in which Dallas is Office of Origin regarding ITSP violations and in which descriptive data of the ~~subject~~~~xxxx~~~~subjects~~ unknown subject and subjects was furnished in effort to determine if those descriptions were identical with JAMES ~~EARL~~ EARL RAY which proved negative. Those records checked were violations which occurred after April 23, 1967 to date.

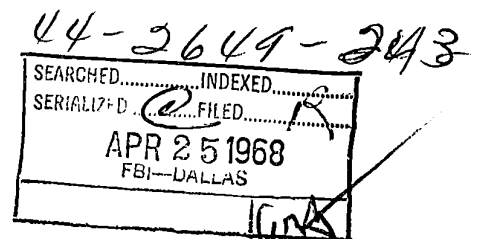
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Dallas (44-2649)

DATE: 4-24-68

FROM : SA Del D. Drake, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by SA Del D. Drake, Jr. and SA David R. Hill:

at Paris, Texas

On 4-22-68 Radio Dispatcher, Clifford Pope, Paris, Texas PD received a telephone call from a Dorothy Barr, Negro female, who advised that she understood that Eric Galt or a person who looked like him, was staying at the Gibraltar Hotel, Paris, Texas. She said that she did not see this individual herself but that the person who told her had seen and talked to him.

Immediate check at the Gibraltar Hotel with Charlie Booker, Negro desk clerk and head porter, who has been known to SA Drake for years, reflected that he had seen no one who resembled the suspect in this matter. Booker stated that the photograph of James Early Ray did not resemble anyone who had stayed at the hotel. It will also be noted that this old hotel is also now being used as a rest home for the elderly and Booker stated that during the past hour no one had made any call from the Hotel other than himself and some of the other employees. None of the guests had made any calls since all calls had to go through the switchboard which he also operates.

A check with other porters failed to reflect anyone who had seen anyone resembling the photograph of Ray.

Upon interview Dorothy Barr, 609 East Tudor St., advised that she had received her information from Edna Embry who is employed as a maid at the Gibraltar Hotel. Barr said that Embry had said that she had talked to this guest who resembled Ray or Galt and that she had seen the picture in the newspaper and that was what she thought. Barr said that she had seen the person who Embry described.

Edna Embry was interviewed at the Gibraltar Hotel and she said that the person she had reference to had stayed in Room #510 at the Hotel for a couple of days and that she thought she had seen him about Wednesday 4-17-68 for the first time. She said she talked to him on 4-18-68 while she was cleaning his room. She said that upon observing the WF of Ray that perhaps the individual she referred to was older than Ray but she thought it could be the same person.

Upon contact of Bill Whitner, Manager of the Gibraltar Hotel, and a complete review of the records it was ascertained that room #510 had been rented to George W. Eckel, 903 East Bufala St., Norman, Oklahoma on 4-17-68 and that Eckel had stated he represented the Farm Labor Department, Equitable Life, Dallas, Texas.



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Whitner said that Eckel had jumped his bill at the hotel on 4-19-68 and that it amounted to \$20.55 which included a telephone call on 4-18-68 to Area Code 405 Number 534-9146 which he believed was either Norman or Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Whitner said that in no way did Eckel resemble Ray or Galt. He said that Eckel was about 6-0 tall, 165 lbs., with graying hair and was no less than 55 years of age and more probably 65 years of age. He stated that Eckel looked very much like Lloyd Davis a known Paris business man who is also known to SA Drake. (If this is the case there is no resemblance to Ray).

Whitner also said that Eckel had left to cheap brief cases at the hotel and that one of these cases contained papers which turned out to be a large quantity of airline brochures for practically every airline in the country. However among these papers it was noted that Eckel possibly resided at one time at 121 1/2 west Main. Norman Oklahoma and that on 4-8-68 he had received a letter from the Municipal Court, Oklahoma City informing that a \$14.00 check he had given the court had been returned as insufficient. Notes in the brief case also reflected that Eckel may have stayed at the Holiday Inn, Paris, Texas as well as other Holiday Inns in various cities in Oklahoma and Texas. Whitner said that he did not think that Eckel had had any other baggage and if he did he did not see it around the hotel.

On 4-22-68 Jack Kothe, Manager, Holiday Inn, advised that Eckel had stayed at his motel on the nights of 17, 18, and 19 of April, or at least he had been registered for those nights and then he had jumped his bill. He stated that Eckel had written him a note from Hugo, Oklahoma which stated that Eckel had had to change his business plans and if Kothe would mail his bill to him in Norman, Oklahoma he would tender a check. Kothe said that Eckel did not even resemble Ray.

Both Kothe and Whitner were advised that the Detective Division of the Paris PD would be advised of the actions of Eckel and that officers would be checking with them.

On 4-23-68 O. A. Broussard, manager, City Airport, Paris, Texas advised that when he had seen SA Drake in front of the Police Department in Paris on 4-17-68 that he had called SA Drake's attention to a white man who was walking past the station accompanied by a crippled Negro. SA Drake recalled this individual and Broussard had mentioned that this individual had been the one that Broussard had said had just come into Cox Field on Frontier Airline and had attempted to rent a car from Broussard and Broussard had refused because he felt that this man was a "con-man". Broussard said that he had then given this individual a ride into Paris and had let him out of the car at the Holiday Inn. The identity of this man is that of Eckel and from observation this individual did not in any way resemble Ray.

For the information of all concerned Detective Charles Whitely has contacted both the Holiday Inn and the Gibraltar Hotel and is in the process of identifying Eckel. He is also contacting the Negro who was with this individual on 4-17-68 since this Negro's identity is known to Whitely.

Recommended Action: Route to SA Holliman after indexing Eckel. No further action deemed necessary since Eckel has been eliminated as being identical with Ray or Galt.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

541PM URGENT 4-24-68 HEP
TO CHICAGO, DALLAS
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 2P

MURKIN

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO BIRMINGHAM, APRIL ONE NINE, SIXTYEIGHT, ADVISING A LATE MODEL CHEVELLE, DRIVEN BY A PERSON WHO REPORTEDLY RESEMBLES JAMES EARL RAY, AKA, WAS OBSERVED AT CHICAGO THAT DATE BEARING ALABAMA LICENSE FOUR TWO - SEVEN EIGHT SIX SIX. THIS TAG ISSUED MARCH ONE TWO, SIXTYEIGHT, MOULTON, ALABAMA, TO EDGAR F. BORDEN, MOULTON. AFTER EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION, BORDEN'S MOTHER, MRS. WALCIE JOHNSON, WAS LOCATED ROUTE TWO, MOULTON, APRIL TWO FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, AND ADVISED HER SON, EDGAR FLOYD BORDEN, VISITED HER IN MARCH SIXTYEIGHT, AND SECURED A LICENSE TAG FOR HIS VEHICLE. HE RESIDES AT TWO THREE FOUR FOUR SACRAMENTO, CHICAGO, AND IS IN PROCESS OF MOVING TO NEW ADDRESS, SAN ANGELO, TEXAS, AND CAN BE REACHED AT NEW RESIDENCE THROUGH HIS BROTHER, ERWIN BORDEN, TWO THREE SIX FOUR GREENWOOD STREET, SAN ANGELO. SHE DESCRIBED EDGAR F. BORDEN AS FOLLOWS: DOB AUGUST SEVEN, FORTYTHREE, AT LAWRENCE
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San Angelo - Burnett B

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COUNTY, ALABAMA, HEIGHT FIVE FEET FIVE OR SIX INCHES, WEIGHT ONE
THREE TWO LBS., DARK HAIR, EYES BROWN, MARITAL STATUS MARRIED.

CHICAGO AR DALLAS ELIMINATE EDGAR FLOYD BORDEN AS POSSIBLY
IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Police Here Issue Bulletin on Ray

Fort Worth police early Wednesday morning broadcast a wanted bulletin on James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, in connection with the April 4 assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King in Memphis.

Ray was added to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's list of 10 most wanted men Saturday, stretching the list to 11 for the first time.

When Ray's name was added, an FBI spokesman said law enforcement agencies would be contacted.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)
2A **Ft. Worth Star
Telegram"**
Ft. Worth, Texas

Date: 4/24/68
Edition: Morning
Author: Jack L. Butler
Editor:
Title:

Character:
or **Dallas**
Classification:
Submitting Office:

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April 18, 1968.

Seagraves, Texas

J. Edgar Hoover.

Dear Sir,-

I just can't
quote the exact time but
this year while I was at
the National Maritime Union
Hall. A young man came
in the Hall at Seattle, Wash.
carrying a small bag. And
he asked about getting into
Union & naturally was broke.
I don't remember the date
but I do remember I cashed
a couple of checks Traveler
Checks for \$20. in a bank
there. And passed over \$30.00
to him. Also gave him a
an envelope with my
address on it. We had
dinner together. Sincerely,
[Signature]

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2 / went down to union
hall and paid in entry
fee. Then he told me he
had been sailing on Rivers
and home was in St. Louis
mo. Of course lots of sea-
men help each other. So
he had to go to Coast Guard
to get his papers. or rather
his Mariners Document
validated for security.
But he claimed his wife
was suing him for divorce
Of course he was broke.
So he claimed he was a
River man. Said he was an
oiler. So he got a ship job.
Well, I didn't see him
for a month or so. But
when he saw me in the
hall again. He forgot to pay.
back the loan I had given
him

3/ That he had to get a lawyer.

Now I read in Fort Worth newspaper. That this jail on the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. murder is a suspect. And also that your suspect was a river man and a merchant seaman.

Now I am a disabled merchant mariner and have filed for a U. M. V. pension. And living in a hotel here at Seagraves, Texas. I didn't get this seaman's name. But you could find out his name etc. from U. S. Coast Guard at Seattle. I won't say he's the answer but age etc would be about right. As I had a peculiar

4 / experience when I was
at Savannah, Georgia.
I was sent to S.S. Pan Florida
on 3-18-1947. where the
Electrician jumped ship. I
was sent to the Pan Florida
while I was taken out of
U.S. Public Health Hospital
ship was going to Tampico,
Mexico and return to
Savannah, Georgia. But
when we came back the
electrician that jumped ship
came back. I gave him his
job back. But I also noticed
one of your flyers in
Savannah Post Office and
I let the Postmaster there
gave him the "flyer" and
he said he'd give information
then to an F. B. I. Agent
That was where a man
was wanted for murder

5/ from Houston, Texas. and
the ship was going back
to Houston, Texas. So I
figured in this case that
possibly your wanted
man was an S. I. U. seaman
as they have ships tied
up at Savannah, Georgia.
Maybe the seaman that
borrowed \$30.00 from me
to get in N. M. U. is the
fellow you want.
You know seamen get
around. And I hope if my
information is right that
you get the murderer.

With best of wishes,
Richard J. Shotwell

P.O. Box 474

Seagraves,
Texas
79359

5/ He was white, slim
and wore a cap. and
carried a short white river
bag. I also gave him a
five dollar bill for a room.
And as I remember he got
a ship on the open board.
He was lucky but on his
return I really thought
he'd pay back his loan.
But as he didn't why I
felt he was ^{not} an honest
river man.

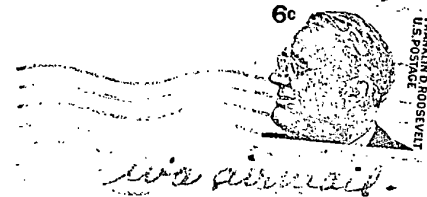
Richard J. Shottwell

P.O. Box 474

Seagraves,

Texas

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J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington
D.C.

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Date: **April 24, 1968**Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

To: SACs, Dallas (Enclosures 2)
Seattle (Enclosures 2)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

There are enclosed for Dallas and Seattle two copies of a letter from Richard G. Shotwell dated 4/18/68, at Seagraves, Texas. One copy is enclosed for Memphis.

Dallas should locate and interview Shotwell and exhibit to him photographs of subject Ray. If Shotwell identifies Ray with the individual he was in contact with in Seattle, Dallas should set out appropriate leads.

At time of interview with Shotwell, orally acknowledge receipt of his letter.

1 - Memphis (Info) (Enclosure)

Seagraves lead

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Shotwell

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Date: 4/19/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO : ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: ME)

Re Albany airtels 4/10/68 and 4/11/68, setting forth concerns who purchased Thermo-Seal marking machines, and Bureau teletype to Memphis, 4/12/68.

The FBI Laboratory advised that pillowcase and bed sheet were found in trunk of 1966 white Mustang registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, which was located at Atlanta 4/11/68. These items contain 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 15 point type and the last two characters are 18 point type,

The Textile Marking Machine Company suggests the twenty in above code would be the lot number, the R may mean that this was a return of a batch of laundry, and the three is the bundle number.

LEADSALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

Will recontact laundries determined to be operating Thermo-Seal Marking Machines in an effort to locate laundry using the code, "20R-3."

2 - All Continental Offices

2 - Memphis

GMR:jms (118)

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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730PM URGENT 4-24-68 BJP
TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS COMMUNICATIONS
MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORY TO INSURE THAT THERE IS FREQUENT
REFERENCE TO RAY AND HIS CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

SINCE YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADVISED THAT JAMES EARL
RAY IS IDENTICAL WITH ERIC STARVO GALT AND YOU HAVE BEEN
FURNISHED IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS ON RAY, YOU ARE TO BE
CERTAIN THAT ALL APPROPRIATE STOPS HAVE BEEN RENEWED ON
JAMES EARL RAY AND UNDER ALL OF HIS KNOWN ALIASES AS SET
FORTH ON THE IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS. THIS IS TO INSURE THAT
THE BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED IF THE SUBJECT IS
ARRESTED OR COMES TO THE ATTENTION OF AUTHORITIES WITH WHOM
STOPS PLACED.

100-44-38861

44-38861-1115

OFFICES COVERING DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS
FLIGHTS SHOULD HAVE RENEWED STOPS AND SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH
SHOULD BE DISPLAYED APPROPRIATELY.

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SA Holloman
advised
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ALL OFFICES SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION
AT ALL "HIPPIE" ROOMING HOUSES AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS TO
OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER CONCERNING RAY.

APPROPRIATE LEGATS BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

CBB

FBI DALLAS

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Relay completed

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SA EHL 647p

HO OET 640p

OC ACT 630p

LR HEB 630p

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WA SEVEN NEW YORK ONE FBI PHILA

1056PM 4-18-68 URGENT ERA

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND SAC NEW YORK PLAINTEXT
FROM SAC PHILADELPHIA 44-1368

MURKIN

RE OKLAHOMA CITY TEL TO BUREAU, DALLAS, PHILA AND MEMPHIS
APRIL EIGHTEEN INSTANT.

MRS. DONOVAN WOODSIDE, THREE ZERO NINE ELMWOOD DRIVE, ~~36-9-1~~ ^{EDMOND}
OKLA, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT ON APRIL SIX LAST, AN INDIVIDUAL
RESEMBLING ERIC STARVO GALT BOARDED AMERICAN AIRLINE FET FLIGHT THREE
THREE EIGHT IN DALLAS, TEX, AND DEPLANED AT PHILA. SHE SAW THIS
INDIVIDUAL IN WAITING ROOM AT DALLAS FOR FEW MINUTES PRIOR TO TIME
THEY BOTH BOARDED PLANE. THE INDIVIDUAL WAS IN AN AISLE SEAT ON
LEFT SIDE OF PLANE ABOUT MIDWAY OF THE PLANE AND WAS TRAVELING
TOURIST CLASS. FLIGHT LEFT DALLAS NINE ZERO FIVE AM AND HAD ONE
STOP AT FRIENDSHIP AIRPORT, BALTIMORE, BEFORE ARRIVING AT PHILA
ONE THIRTYONE PM. THE INDIVIDUAL DID NOT LEAVE PLANE AT BALTIMORE
AND WAS NOT SEEN CONVERSING WITH ANYONE. DURING FLIGHT FROM DALLAS
TO BALTIMORE, AN ELDERLY COUPLE WERE SEATED WITH HIM. THIS COUPLE
LEFT THE PLANE IN BALTIMORE AND HE WAS SEATED ALONE DURING REMAINDER
OF FLIGHT.

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MRS. WOODSIDE DESCRIBED ABOVE PERSON AS WHITE MALE, APPROX THIRTYFIVE YRS OF AGE, FIVE FT TEN INCHES, ONE SEVENTY TO EIGHTY LBS, LIGHT COLORED EYES, WEARING BUSINESS SUIT, BROWN SHOES WITH WHITE SOCKS AND BROWN STRAW COWBOY STYLE HAT. SHE STATED HE CLOSELY RESEMBLED FBI PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT APPEARING IN LOCAL OKLAHOMA CITY NEWSPAPERS THIS DATE.

NEW YORK ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY ABOVE INDIVIDUAL THROUGH CONTACT WITH AMERICAN AIRLINES TICKET CENTER, SIX THREE THREE THIRD AVE, NYC, AND DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH SUBJ GALT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

CORR PAGE ONE, PARA TWO, LINE ONE, LAST WORD SHD BE "EDMOND"

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NY...WPK

FBI NEW YRK

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Date: 4/23/68
PLAIN TEXTTransmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Philadelphia teletype to the Bureau and New York dated 4/18/68.

Enclosed for Dallas, Memphis and Oklahoma City is one copy each of Philadelphia teletype to the Bureau dated 4/18/68.

LEO FRUTKIN, Security Officer, American Airlines, 633 Third Avenue, New York City, made available an IBM listing of all passengers on Flight #338, originating in Dallas, Texas on 4/6/68 with stop at Friendship Airport, Baltimore and arriving in Philadelphia same date. Review of IBM listing does not reflect name of subject or aliases. Approximately 128 people listed as traveling tourist class and only information available is telephone numbers where these persons may be contacted. The majority of the telephone numbers listed are in the Dallas area. Mr. FRUTKIN advised there was no seating manifest maintained of passengers on plane but furnished names and addresses of stewardesses which are as follows:

- 3 Bureau
- 2 Dallas (Encl. 1)
- 2 Memphis (Encl. 1)
- 2 Oklahoma City (Encl. 1)
- 1 Philadelphia (INFO)
- 1 New York (44-1609)

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PMC:jmr.
(13)

Approved: _____
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NY 44-1609

3 1. VIRGINIA VANCE,
5049 Cedar Springs,
Apartment 120,
Dallas, Texas;

LA 83993
T 10:00

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N from
5300 mople 2

2. BONNIE CRAVEN,
2625 Hudnall,
Apartment 226,
Dallas, Texas;

B. LA 6456
Before 10:00
Not tourist
no

34M 3. JANICE THERRELL,
3726 Fairfax,
Dallas, Texas;

521 5349
10:30
Lemmon & Hurst
R R Bideaux
Fairfax

1 4. ANNETTE BUATT,
2710 Douglas ave
Apartment 124,
Dallas, Texas.

B.L.
LA 11548
Tourist
9:30
9:45
between Cila & Mino

Miss VANCE and Miss THERRELL were stewardesses assigned to First Class and Miss CRAVEN and Miss BUATT were assigned to Tourist Class.

FRUTKIN advised that JAN WOODRING, Group Supervisor, Dallas-Airport is the person to contact in order that arrangements may be made to interview above-mentioned stewardesses.

LEADS:

DALLAS

AT DALLAS, TEXAS: Will contact JAN WOODRING, Group Supervisor, American Airlines, Dallas, Texas, regarding interviewing airline stewardesses and displaying IO 4182 dated 4/20/68 in an effort to identify JAMES EARL RAY.

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NY 44-1609

LEADS CONT'D:

OKLAHOMA CITY

AT EDMOND, OKLAHOMA: Will recontact Mrs. DONOVAN WOODSIDE, 309 Elmwood Drive and display IO 4182 dated 4/20/68 of JAMES EARL RAY for purposes of further identification. If Mrs. WOODSIDE identifies individual or feels resemblance same as subject, Oklahoma City will notify NYO in order that approximately 128 people traveling Tourist Class may be contacted to determine if identical with subject.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK: Upon receipt of requested investigation from Dallas, Oklahoma or Philadelphia, NY will set out leads to appropriate field offices to contact passengers on Flight 338 traveling Tourist Class to determine if identical with the subject.

Information copy is being furnished to Philadelphia as possibility exists that Mrs. WOODSIDE may have been contacted by Agents of Philadelphia Office and if so, cover same lead set out for Oklahoma City.

JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED

AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SPC CLINTON B. BROWN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/24/68, an anonymous female called the Dallas Office and stated she wished to report a strange coincidence. She ~~stated~~ related that ~~BAXTON BRYANT~~, ex Methodist Preacher, Dallas (several years ago), was involved in some way in both the assassination of Dr. King and the Assassination of KENNEDY in 1963.

She pointed out that tonight on Channel 5, BRYANT was interviewed in his front yard in Memphis, and stated he had heard a conversation between businessmen in Tennessee. One of the businessmen stated, "You kill that S. O. B. on the balcony.", or words to that effect.

The anonymous call^{er} stated that BRYANT'S involvement in both assassinations was more than coincidental and she felt ~~sfurther~~ further inquiry should be made. ~~init~~

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TELETYPE

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) (AIRMAIL)
LOS ANGELES

FROM: PHOENIX (44-371) (4 P)

MURKIN

FOR INFO LOS ANGELES, DEPUTY SHERIFF RAY STOCK, COCONINO COUNTY SO, FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, RECEIVED PHONE CALL TWO TWENTY AM, APRIL TWENTY, LAST, FROM ANONYMOUS MALE WHO STATED HE HAD DONE STATE TIME WITH RAY, AKA GALT. CALLER ALSO SAID HE HAD DONE FEDERAL TIME AT TEXARKANA, TEXAS, WITH ONE DAVID WILSON, WHO LATER MARRIED FLAGSTAFF GIRL WHOSE BROTHER OR SISTER WAS NAMED HERNANDEZ. CALLER STATED RAY AND WILSON HAD DONE TIME TOGETHER AND THAT DAY OR TWO PRIOR TO ASSASSINATION OF KING, CALLER MET WILSON ABOARD PLANE FROM

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- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
- 1 - Little Rock (157-1215) (AM)
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PHOENIX TO DETROIT, MICHIGAN, AT WHICH TIME WILSON HAD TICKET TO NASHVILLE, TENN., AND WAS ENROUTE MEMPHIS. CALLER STATED HE HEARD LATER THAT RAY WAS IN MEMPHIS AT THAT TIME BUT CALLER DID NOT KNOW FOR SURE. CALLER STATED WILSON WANTED TO GET EVEN WITH RAY FOR SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED IN PENITENTIARY, THAT WILSON HATES "NIGGERS" AND THAT WILSON WAS IN FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA "NOW." CALLER AGREED TO PHONE BACK IN THIRTY MINUTES TO TALK TO FBI AGENT BUT NO CALL RECEIVED.

INVESTIGATION AT FLAGSTAFF IDENTIFIED DAVID L. WILSON, BORN NOVEMBER TWENTYEIGHT, THIRTYONE, AT WESTBURN, TENN., SIX FEET THREE, ONE NINETY POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, FBI NO. SEVEN TWO NINE TWO FOUR TWO C. ONE XEROX COPY EACH OF PHOENIX TELS TO BUREAU, ET AL, DATED APRIL TWENTYONE AND TWENTYTWO, LAST, CONTAINING RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH WILSON AND HIS WIFE, EDNA WILSON, BEING FURNISHED LOS ANGELES AIRMAIL.

EDNA WILSON, WIFE OF DAVID L. WILSON, LISTENED TO TAPE OF ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL AND STATED SHE HAS HEARD VOICE BEFORE AND BELIEVES SAME POSSIBLY THAT OF HER FORMER HUSBAND,

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RICHARD HARRELL. HARRELL IDENTIFIED AS RICHARD B. HARRELL, FBI NUMBER SEVEN FIVE ONE ONE NINE FIVE A AND HIS IDENTIFICATION RECORD REFLECTS LAST ARREST SEPTEMBER TEN, LAST, BY SO, SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA, NO. TWO THREE FOUR SIX NINE, ON CHARGE HIT AND RUN (PROPERTY) WITH DISPOSITION "SIXTY DAYS SUSPENDED, TWO YEARS NLV." SECOND LAST ARREST WAS BY SO, RIVERSIDE, CAL., THEIR NO. A DASH NINE SIX SEVEN SIX NINE, JUNE FOURTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, FOR BATTERY AND FAILURE TO APPEAR,, DISPOSITION BEING TEN DAYS SUSPENDED AND FINES OF FIFTYSIX DOLLARS AND TWENTYNINE DOLLARS. HE WAS ALSO ARRESTED BY SO, RIVERSIDE, UNDER NO. A EIGHT THREE FIVE EIGHT FIVE ON JANUARY TWENTY, SIXTYSEVEN, FOR DRUNK, FINED SEVENTEEN DOLLARS.

LOS ANGELES AT SAN LUIS OBISPO AND RIVERSIDE, CAL., INSTITUTE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE HARRELL FOR INTERVIEW RE ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFO LOS ANGELES, DAVID WILSON WAS IN FLORIDA STATE PRISON, RAIFORD, FLA., NOVEMBER TWENTYONE, FIFTYEIGHT, TO APRIL SIX, SIXTY, AND EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY ONE

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CLARENCE CLARK AT THAT PRISON DURING THAT PERIOD. NEGATIVE.

MEMPHIS, LITTLE ROCK, DALLAS, KANSAS CITY, AND
JACKSONVILLE ADVISED AIRMAIL. Armed and Dangerous
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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: Laundry Mark Checks

Re Memphis airtel to all Continental Offices dated 4/19/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three pieces of cloth containing sample tapes from three Thermo-Seal machines.

On 4/24/68, WARREN TYSON, Manager, White Star Laundry and Dry Cleaners, 4535 Cole, Dallas, Texas, furnished the enclosed sample laundry marks from the three Thermo-Seal marking machines operated by his concern. He advised the "20" is a lot number, the "R" is the week, and the "3" is the customer invoice. He uses eight colors of Thermo-Seal tape each week and a light yellow color is therefore used 1/8 (approximately) of each week.

The enclosed samples are gold colored tape as opposed to the light yellow color he uses. Gold is used exclusively for one day specials. He stated he would put tape markers on sheets and pillow cases only when they are brought in for one day special service. He does not use any marker on normal flat work such as sheets and pillow cases, handling that by the bundle.

TYSON advised he makes records of the identity of customers only if they have a charge account. Almost all, if not all, of his one day service is done on a cash basis.

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TYSON informed that he had two one-week periods within the last year during which the "R" symbol was in use. During each of these two weeks, the light yellow tape was used for one series of numerical lots. He advised a search of his records failed to disclose any record of identity for a customer #3, Lot 20, yellow tape series and from this, he assumes the customer must have been a cash customer. The first week was in June, 1967 and the second week was from February 26 to March 2, 1968.

TYSON advised machines 2 and 3 are used constantly and the ink ribbons on them must be changed at least once every ten days. Machine #3 temporarily has the "R" symbol broken off. Machine #1 is used only for overflow work and would be used only a fraction of each week.

Request of the Bureau

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the enclosed samples with those found on the sheet and pillow case taken from the Mustang recovered at Atlanta, Georgia for possible identification.

FBI DALLAS

FBI CHICAGO

430PM URGENT 4/25/68 LMA

TO DALLAS

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

MURKIN.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO BIRMINGHAM, APRIL NINETEEN LAST,
AND BIRMINGHAM TEL TO CHICAGO AND DALLAS APRIL TWENTY FOUR LAST.

RUSSELL MILLER, ONE EIGHT ONE ONE SOUTH ASHLAND, CHICAGO,
TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THIS OFFICE ADVISING THAT HE HAS TAKEN
OVER PAYMENTS FOR THE CAR BELONGING TO EDGAR F. BORDEN, WHICH CAR
BEARS ALABAMA LICENSE TAGS FOUR TWO - SEVEN EIGHT SIX SIX.

MILLER WILL BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED THIS DIVISION. DALLAS DISCON-
TINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE EDGAR F. BORDEN. AM CC BIRMINGHAM AND
MEMPHIS.

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TO: SAC CHICAGO

FROM: SAC DALLAS (44-2649) (2 P)

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO CHICAGO AND DALLAS, APRIL TWENTYFOUR
LAST; CHICAGO TEL TO BIRMINGHAM, APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

EDGAR FLOYD BORDEN, TWO SEVEN TWO FIVE JOMAR ST., SAN ANGELO,
TEXAS, INTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTYFIVE INSTANT AND NOT IDENTICAL
WITH SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY.

BORDEN STATED WAS IN SAN ANGELO, TEXAS, ON EVENING OF
KING MURDER.

BORDEN STATED HE FORMERLY OWNED 'SIXTYSIX CHEVELLE, BLUE
COLOR, WITH TWO REAR RADIO ANTENNAS, BEARING ALABAMA LICENSE
FOUR TWO - SEVEN EIGHT SIX SIX, AND CAR STILL REGISTERED IN HIS
NAME. HOWEVER, BORDEN SOLD VEHICLE TO RUSSELL RALPH, TWO THREE
FOUR FOUR S. SACRAMENTO, CHICAGO, ILLINOIA, AND TITLE NOT CHANGED
IN NAME AS YET.

BORDEN STATES RUSSELL RALPH IS W/M, TWENTYFOUR YEARS, SIX
FEET, TWO HUNDRED TWENTY, BROWN HAIR, TRUCK DRIVER, AND BEARS

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NO RESEMBLANCE WHATSOEVER TO SUBJECT RAY'S PHOTO.

CHICAGO. AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. WILL CHECK OUT RUSSELL
RALPH FOR IDENTITY AND ELIMINATION PURPOSES.

BIRMINGHAM ADVISED AM. P

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO-MEMPHIS

Re Oklahoma City teletype 4/23/68, re individual using name RICHARD BURNES.

Investigation conducted by Dallas on 4/23-24/68, by SA MALON L. JENNINGS identified RONNIE E. ISENBERG, Grandview, Texas, employed as traveling salesman for Style-Rite Manufacturing Company, Cleburne, Texas, as using the name and registering on 4/9/68, as RICHARD BURNES at Quo Vadis Motor Hotel, Ponca City, Oklahoma. ISENBERG formerly owned 1967 Thunderbird, 1968 Texas License FCL 712, and now owns 1967 Thunderbird, 1968 Texas License FDH 453, observed at instant motel, Ponca City.

RICHARD A. BURNES, 106 Johns Terrace, formerly residing at 3000--8th Avenue, Fort Worth, stated he lost driver's license, has not been to Oklahoma for several months, and does not fit description of JAMES EARL RAY. BURNES stated an individual has been using his name at a Fort Worth motel, where there was a skip on the bill, and the motel was trying to collect from BURNES.

GEORGE ELLIOTT, Manager, Roadway Inn, Fort Worth, advised an individual registered as RICHARD A. BURNES, 3000--8th Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas, on 4/6/68, and departed on 4/8/68. His employment was listed with firm of Elco Corporation, 1321 Circle Drive, Dallas, Texas, car license FCL 712. Bellboy states two individuals

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occupied room, there were visitors, and none fit description of JAMES EARL RAY. Bellboy heard name of RONNIE while delivering food to room; also obtained car license of 1967 Thunderbird, which was FDH 453. ELLIOTT advised he canvassed other motels and found that at the Holiday Inn, midtown, the same individual with the same car registered as JAMES A. GOODMAN and registered at the Green Oaks Inn as JACK KENT. Registration cards at the Roadway Inn and Green Oaks Inn were hand printed. At all three motels bills were left unpaid. Two or more individuals occupied rooms at all three motels.

ISENBERG admitted registering in Roadway Inn Motel as BURNES and Green Oaks Inn Motel as JACK KENT. A friend, KARL NORBERG aka Karl Perry, 8524 Gibbs Drive, Fort Worth, registered at the Holiday Inn and accompanied ISENBERG. NORBERG admitted participating with ISENBERG in renting motel rooms for weekend and then skipping out on bill. NORBERG knows ISENBERG registered as BURNES at Roadway Inn.

ISENBERG has had financial problems according to his employer and recently has passed several hot checks.

ISENBERG stated that he registered as ROBERT BURNES at Ponca City Motel because he tried to cash a check at a local bank and was turned down. He did not have enough money to pay his motel bill and intended to skip the bill, and for that reason registered in the name of BURNES instead of using his true name.

No further investigation being conducted re BURNES matter.

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TO: SACS, ATLANTA (44-2386), MOBILE, AND JACKSONVILLE

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN; OO - MEMPHIS

RE ROOMING HOUSE ONE ZERO SEVEN - FOURTEENTH STREET
NORTHEAST, ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

RE MOBILE TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYFOUR LAST.

BILLY JOE FAULKNER, APARTMENT H, TWO ZERO ZERO TWO KIRBY
STREET, DALLAS, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON APRIL
TWENTYFOUR LAST.

THE ONLY TIME HE HAS BEEN IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA DURING
RECENT YEARS WAS FROM NOVEMBER NINETEEN SIXTYSIX THROUGH
FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN WHEN HE RESIDED AT AN UNRECALLED
ADDRESS ON PIEDMONT STREET. THEN HE RESIDED FOR ABOUT TWO
WEEKS AT WHAT HE BELIEVES WAS ONE ZERO SEVEN FOURTEENTH STREET
NORTHEAST. IT WAS THE FIRST BUILDING ON FOURTEENETH STREET
OFF PEACHTREE. HE LIVED IN A FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT IN THE REAR
NEAR THE KITCHEN DOOR. HE WAS INJURED ON MARCH TWENTYONE
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND LEFT ATLANTA ON MARCH TWENTYFOUR
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND WENT TO LIVE WITH HIS FATHER ^{WILLIAM G. FAULKNER,} IN MIDLAND
CITY, ALABAMA.

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CITY, ALABAMA. HE STAYED THERE UNTIL SOMETIME IN AUGUST NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN WHEN HE WENT TO NEW ORLEANS AND BEGAN WORKING FOR EDWARDS TRANSPORTATION COMPANY ON A TUGBOAT. HE WORKED ON THE TUGBOAT FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS. THEN HE WENT TO LOCAL FIVE ONE THREE, INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, GALVESTON, TEXAS, AND THEY GOT HIM A JOB WITH LUMMUS COMPANY AS A WIREMAN AND JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN ON A CONSTRUCTION JOB IN TEXAS CITY, TEXAS. WHILE IN TEXAS CITY HE RESIDED AT COLONIAL COURTS WHICH IS BEHIND THE MAIN POST OFFICE. HE WAS LAID OFF THIS JOB BECAUSE OF A REDUCTION IN FORCE.

IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND JANUARY AND FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, HE WAS IN MIDLAND CITY, ALABAMA WITH HIS FATHER. IN FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, HE WENT TO WORK FOR OLYMPIA GOLF COURSE, DOTHAN, ALABAMA AND WAS FIRED IN MID MARCH NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

FROM THE MIDDLE OF MARCH NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT UNTIL HE CAME TO DALLAS ON APRIL THREE LAST HE LIVED WITH SUE KELLY AT MY PLACE, A BEER BAR ON ROUTE FOUR, GRACEVILLE, FLORIDA. THIS BAR IS LOCATED THREE AND ONE HALF MILES NORTH OF GRACEVILLE ON

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SLOCOM (PH) HIGHWAY. HE SPENT FOUR OR FIVE DAYS A WEEK AT THIS BAR AND THE REST OF THE TIME HE SPENT IN MIDLAND CITY WHERE HE STAYED WITH HIS FATHER OR IN A TRAILER HE RENTED FROM MR. AND MRS. CHARLES WOODHAM. THE ONLY TRAVEL HE DID DURING THIS TIME EXCEPT BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN MIDLAND CITY AND GRACEVILLE WAS ONE TRIP HE MADE TO PENSACOLA, FLORIDA TO PICK UP A GIRL TO WORK AT THE BAR. HE WENT TO PENSACOLA AND RETURNED THE SAME DAY.

DURING THE TIME HE WAS AT MY PLACE BAR TWO GIRLS WORKED THERE, JACKIE MOLINE AND JACKIE (LNU) WHO IS NOW EMPLOYED AT THE BUSY BEA CAFE IN DOTHAN, ALABAMA.

LARRY BURCH, AN INSURANCE SALESMAN FOR INDEPENDENT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, WAS IN THE BAR ALMOST DAILY AND CAN VOUCH FOR HIS BEING THERE.

HE ARRIVED IN DALLAS ON APRIL THREE LAST AND RENTED THE APARTMENT AT TWO ZERO ZERO TWO KIRBY ON THAT DATE. ON APRIL FOUR LAST HE RECALLS GOING TO SEE WALTER (LNU) WHO OPERATES GALAXIE ONE, ONE LIVE OAK STREET AND PAYING HIM THREE DOLLARS

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FOR A TELEPHONE CALL HE HAD MADE TO WALTER IN JANUARY. ON APRIL FIVE LAST HE HAD LUNCH WITH DALE KNOTTS, GENERAL DIRECTOR OF THE TB ASSOCIATION IN DALLAS.

JERRY NED MILLER, WHO FORMERLY RESIDED NEAR MY PLACE BAR ON ROUTE FOUR, GRACEVILLE, HAS BEEN HIS CONSTANT COMPANION FOR THE LAST TWO MONTHS AND IS NOW RESIDING WITH HIM AT APARTMENT H, TWO ZERO ZERO TWO KIRBY STREET, DALLAS.

MILLER INTERVIEWED AND VERIFIED FAULKNER HAS BEEN HIS CONSTANT COMPANION SINCE MID MARCH NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT AND THEY HAVE NOT BEEN TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, OR MEMPHIS DURING THAT TIME.

SUE KELLY CAME TO DALLAS WITH HIM IN HIS CAR AND IS ALSO LIVING WITH HIM AT THIS ADDRESS. SHE IS CURRENTLY WORKING AS A WAITRESS AT THE MANDARIN RESTAURANT ON GASTON AVENUE.

HE STATED HE DID NOT KNOW ANYONE WHO RESIDED AT ONE ZERO SEVEN FOURTEENTH STREET OR ANYONE IN ANY OF THE ADJOINING APARTMENT BUILDINGS IN ATLANTA. HE RECALLS TALKING TO A MAN ABOUT FIFTYSEVEN YEARS OLD WHO RESIDED AT THAT ADDRESS WHO WAS

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A CARPENTER AND HE BELIEVES HE RETURNED TO HIS HOME IN CARROLTON, GEORGIA ON WEEKENDS.

HE WAS SHOWN A PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY AND HE STATED HE HAS NEVER SEEN THIS PERSON AT ANY TIME. HE SAID THE NAME IS NOT FAMILIAR TO HIM, NOR IS THE NAME ERIC STARVO GALT.

HE KNOWS NOTHING WHATEVER ABOUT THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING AND HAD NO HATRED OF KING. HE WOULD NEVER HAVE CONSIDERED PARTICIPATING IN ANY WAY IN A PLOT TO KILL KING. HE ADMITTED HAVING BEEN A MEMBER OF THE KU KLUX KLAN IN NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE BUT SAID HE CEASED BEING A MEMBER IN ABOUT MARCH NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE AFTER HE WAS STOPPED BY POLICE IN SOME SMALL TOWN IN NORTH CAROLINA AT WHICH TIME HE HAD HIS KLAN ROBE ON. HE CLAIMED HE WAS ONLY IN THE KLAN FOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS AND HELD NO POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY.

HE DISPLAYED A CURRENT FLORIDA DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER H ONE EIGHT ONE SEVEN THREE NINE D WHICH SHOWS IT WAS ISSUED MARCH TWENTYFIVE NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT, ^{SHOULD BE SIXTY EIGHT,} AND EXPIRES ON HIS BIRTH DATE IN NINETEEN SEVENTY.

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IT IS ISSUED TO BILLY JOE FAULKNER, ROUTE FOUR, GRACEVILLE, JACKSON, FLORIDA, BORN FEBRUARY TWENTYSEVEN NINETEEN TWENTYEIGHT, WHITE, BLUE EYES, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE POUNDS, AN ELECTRICIAN.

MRS. MARGARET MC GULPIN, MANAGER OF APARTMENTS AT TWO ZERO ZERO TWO KIRBY, VERIFIED THAT FAULKNER, A WOMAN HE SAID WAS HIS WIFE, AND A BOY SAID TO BE THEIR SON, MOVED INTO APARTMENT H ON APRIL THREE LAST.

DALLAS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION TO VERIFY ABOVE.

MOBILE AND JACKSONVILLE CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT PLACES NAMED BY FAULKNER TO VERIFY HIS STORY.

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6:20 PM URGENT 4/25/68 WPK

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO,
CINCINNATI, CHICAGO, DALLAS, INDIANAPOLIS, DETROIT,
KANSAS CITY AND SEATTLE

FROM NEW YORK 44-1609

MURKIN

RE WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

RE LA TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL TWO SEVEN, LAST.

MAILING LIST OF WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY FOR ONE NINE SIX
SIX, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, AND ONE NINE SIX EIGHT CONSISTING
OF APPROXIMATELY THIRTY THOUSAND NAMES FURNISHED ON APRIL
TWO FOUR, LAST, BY BERNARD LANDE, PRESIDENT, RESEARCH PROJECTS
COMPANY, ONE SEVEN ZERO SIX ROCKAWAY AVENUE, LYNBROOK, NY, TO
SAS JOHN F. CURRAN, NORMAN A. MURRAY, AND ROBERT G. OFTEDAL.
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SEARCH BY SAS FOR NAMES, GAULT AND JAMES E. RAY,
NEGATIVE. LIST REFLECTED INDIVIDUALS NAMED RAY AS FOLLOWS.
DATE REFLECTS YEAR, LIST COMPLETED:

MR. R. L. RAY, THREE FIVE FOUR SEVEN SOUTH FEDERAL
STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (ONE NINE SIX EIGHT).

DONALD J. RAY, NINE NINE FOUR SOUTH ROYS AVENUE,
COLUMBUS, OHIO (ONE NINE SIX SIX).

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~~RONNIE RAY, FOUR ZERO SIX WEST FRANKLIN STREET, ELECTRA,~~
TEXAS (ONE NINE SIX EIGHT).

ANGIE RAY, NINE FOUR TWO AND ONE-HALF SOUTH CLALA,
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, MOVED IN ONE NINE SIX SEVEN OR
ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, NO FORWARDING ADDRESS INDICATED.

B.J. RAY, THREE TWO SEVEN FIRST AVENUE EAST, PACIFIC
WASHINGTON (ONE NINE SIX EIGHT.)

MARVIN L. RAY, EIGHT ONE ONE BOYER AVENUE, WALA
WALA, WASHINGTON (ONE NINE SIX EIGHT).

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JACK D. RAY, FIVE ZERO ZERO FIVE EAST ORION, INDIANAPOLIS,
INDIANA (ONE NINE SIX SEVEN).

W.S. RAY, FIVE TWO FOUR SEVEN COLLEGE AVENUE,
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA (ONE NINE SIX SEVEN).

FLOYD RAY, BOX SEVEN ZERO EIGHT SEVEN FLINT, MICHIGAN
(ONE NINE SIX SEVEN).

ROBERT G. RAY, ONE FIVE TWO SIX EAST SIXTY SIXTH PLACE,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (ONE NINE SIX SEVEN).

DELMA RAY, NINE TWO THREE WEST GRAND, HAYSVILLE, KANSAS
(ONE NINE SIX SEVEN)

DEBBIE RAY, SIX SIX THREE THREE DERBY AVENUE, APARTMENT
FOUR, RESEDA, CALIFORNIA (ONE NINE SIX SEVEN).

RECEIVING OFFICES INSTRUCTED TO DETERMINE IF ANY OF
~~REDNEIARE IDENTICALS WITH SUBJECT~~ ~~SHOULD BE~~ ~~CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.~~

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ABOVE ARE IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT, JAMES E. REXX RAY, OR A

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JAMES EARL RAY

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., is one of the FBI's "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 prompt location. Ray has been the subject of a massive search since the gunshot slaying of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel.

An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom FBI wanted notices have been posted determined 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, who escaped on April 23, 1967, from the Missouri State Penitentiary, is also sought for unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement after conviction for armed robbery.

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

A 40-year-old white male, reportedly born in Illinois on March 10, 1928, Ray is approximately 5'10" tall, weighs from 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and short brown hair. He has a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe and his left ear protrudes noticeably.

Described as a "loner and "drifter," with a "rural" quality in his speech, Ray has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher. He has taken dancing lessons and completed a course at a school of bartending.

Consider Ray armed and extremely dangerous. Report any information concerning him to the nearest FBI office.

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CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
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"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM

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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.

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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.