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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861). MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND ATLANTA

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

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RE : ERIC L. CASEY

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INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH ERIC L. CASEY.

FILES OF OAKLAND, BERKELEY, ALAMEDA, EL CERRITO, EMERVILLE, KENSINGTON, AND PIEDMONT, CALIFORNIA POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND ALAMEDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEGATIVE REGARDING ERIC L. CASEY.

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RE PHOENIX TEL TO BUREAU ET AL, APRIL TWENTYSECOND LAST.

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BUREAU FILES REFLECT THAT FORMER TOP-TEN FUGITIVE GRONGE BEN
EDMONDSON, PRESENTLY CONFINED MISSOURI STATE PRHITENTIARY, WENT TO
CANADA FOLLOWING HIS ESCAPE ON AUGUST THREE, MINETERN SIXTY-FIVE.
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GINL. IT IS BELTEVED THAT ERIC STARVO GALT ON JULY THIRTY-ONE,
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BUREAU FILES FURTHER INDICATE THAT EDMONDSON AND SUBJECT RAY
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LAST, EC FILE (SIXTY-TWO - EIGHT SIX THREE ONE) WHICH REPORTED THAT
EDMONDSON WAS CONTACTED AT HIS REQUEST BY AN AGENT OF YOUR OFFICE,
AT WHICH TIME HE VOLUNTEERED TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT IN FURNISHING
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION UPON HIS EXPECTED RELEASE FROM PRISON AND
RETURN TO CANADA.

KANSAS CITY SHOULD PROMPTLY INTERVIEW EDMONDSON FOR ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION HE MIGHT POSSESS CONCERNING FUGITIVE BAY AND HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE POSSIBILITY OF RAY HAVING CONTACTED EDMONDSON IN CANADA OR EDMONDSON'S WIFE AND HER FAMILY. BUREAU FILES REFLECT THAT FOLLOWING EDMONDSON'S ARREST, HIS WIFE INDICATED TO CANADAAN AUTHORITIES SHE MIGHT COME TO THE UNITED STATES TO TAKE UP RESIDENCE NEAR THE PLACE HER HUSBAND WOULD BE CONFINED.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE April 20, 1968

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

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"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM

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

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

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

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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.

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

Ray, who has an arrest record dating back to 1949 and has been convicted of burglary, armed robbery and forging United States Postal Money Orders, has also been confined in the Los Angeles County Jail, the Joliet and Pontiac, Illinois, State Prisons and the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

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

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

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

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

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April 19, 1968

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

FUGITIVE

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"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM

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

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

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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.

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

Ray, who has an arrest record dating back to 1949 and has been convicted of burglary, armed robbery and forging United States Postal Money Orders, has also been confined in the Los Angeles County Jail, the Joliet and Pontiac, Illinois, State Prisons and the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

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

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

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By ALAN HORTON

I talked to a 31-year-old West Sider who, for four years, was in Missouri State Pen Cell 187.

James Earl Ray, the alleged assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was in Cell 191, some 10 feet from 187.

The West Sider is in trouble with the law again. That's How I found out about his connection with Missouri State Frison.

"I guess I knew Jimmy Ray as well as any man," the West Sider said between drags on a smoke. "I rented him books in prison. One of the books he got from me was Ian Fleming's 'On Her Majesty's Secret Service.'

"In that, Ernst Stavro Blofeld was the head of SPEC-TRE. I also rented him Agn Rand's 'Atlas Shrugged.'
John Galt is in that."

IS IT COINCIDENCE that Ray used the alias Eric Starvo Galt to throw the FBI of his trail?

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"He was very introverted and personally clean. He said he didn't have any people but he got mail once in a while. He worked three hours a day and the rest of the time he read or hung by himself in the prison yard.

"He was addicted mentally to stimulants, amphetamines — not the pills but the powder. He got it the way you get anything you're not supposed to get in prison and he injected it.

"BECAUSE OF THIS, he didn't eat — no appetite — and he was thin, about 150 pounds. I know he was a paranoid. Never mind what the prison psychiatrist said.

"His eyes were weaker than the ones in the FBI photo. Kind of foggy. He was always pulling on his big left ear with his left hand. Like he was nervous all the time. He had a high-pitched voice but he was very even-tempered. He was smart and cool and he didn't trust anybody."

RAY, THE ADMIRER OF SUPERMEN, may have been friendly to the West Sider because of his muscular appearance. He is nearly 6 feet tall and weighs 240 pounds.

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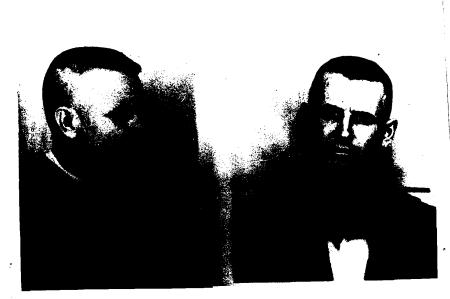
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While ten fugitives currently appear on the "Top Ten" list, the Bureau on one previous occasion briefly carried eleven subjects on the list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" and such an unusual situation naturally generates extraordinary public and press interest. (Richard Laurence Marquette, charged with a brutal butcher murder in Portland, Oregon, was added to the "Top Ten" list on 6-29-61 as its eleventh member. He was caught the following day in California.)

With the identification today of Ray as being identical with Galt and the resultant intensified press interest in the Bureau's manhunt, it appears most timely to promptly announce Ray's addition to the "Top Ten" list, as an additional means of expediting his prompt location.

A proposed press release announcing Ray's addition to the FBI's list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" is attached, along with copies of his photographs. FX-115

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) James Earl Ray be approved as a special addition to the list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives."

(2) This memorandum be returned directly to my office for further

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AT 44-2386 Radio Station in Atlanta to the Atlanta Office by mail where they were received on 4/23/68. The Laboratory is requested to search the enclosures through the anonymous letter file as well as a latent fingerprint of known anonymous letter writers, in view of the fact it appears the enclosures are possibly products of a prolific letter writer, or one who is likely to become one in the future. The enclosed letter and envelope were handled by SAS CHARLES S. HARDING and CHARLES T. HAYNES upon receipt at the Atlanta Office. They were handled by numerous individuals at the WSB Radio and T.V. Station in Atlanta, and attempts to identify those individuals and obtain elimination fingerprints will not be done at present. 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

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Galt Is Charged In Dr. King's Slaying

By Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, ALA. — The FBI charged Eric Starvo Galt late Wednesday with conspiracy in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Joe Gamble, special agent in charge of the FBI office at Birmingham, said he issued the complaint Wednesday.

Mr. Gamble declined to comment on whether the FBI considered itself closer to an arrest than before Galt was officially named in the case.

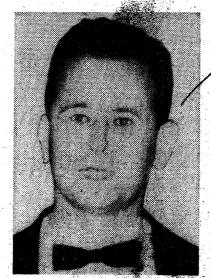
The FBI had named Galt in a lookout bulletin last week in Florida but withdrew the bulletin four hours later, saying it had been released in error.

The charging of Galt was first announced Wednesday by the FBI in Washington.

In the first official mention of a conspiracy in connection with the April 4 assassination of Dr. King in Memphis, the FBI said the alleged plot involved also a man Galt described as his brother.

And the FBI issued a photograph which it identified as being one of Galt, "also known as Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard."

The FBI said a warrant was issued signingham, Ala., Wednesday on FBI complaint which and an individual abother, en-



ERIC STARVO CALT

on or about March 30, bought a rifle at Birmingham. The burear, did not say specifically that this was the rifle that killed King.

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NIGERIA (P). — Biafran raiders apparently crossed to Midwest Nigeria Tuesday and killed an Amerimissionary believed to have been caught in a deral Nigerian soldiers, it was reported

> Embassy in Lagos identified the inski, 38, senior missionary of orquarters in Dayton, Ohio. Vicinski was decapitated miles west of the Onitsha March



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Novotny Still Opposes Czechoslovak Liberals

By Associated Press

PRAGUE - Czechoslovakia's ousted president and party

chief, Antonin Novotny, was reported Wednesday leading a group of orthodox Communists struggling to retain their antiliberal influence in the party's Central Committee.

Informants said the orthodox group had been given an ultimatum by liberal reform elements to surrender their holdout positions on the powerful committee where Novotny retains membership or face exposure for their roles in Stalinist ferror trials.

Novotny's supporters include once-powerful men now reduced But Novotny has a condiderable to bare committee membership. following among lower echelon party bureaucrats.

According to the sources, he threatened at one stage to bring Soviet pressure on the liberals unless he is allowed to remain on the policy making commit-

Party Chief Alexander Dubcek, a middle-of-the-road leader obviously reluctant to antagonize Moscow, has now become the target of criticism from ultraliberals advocating completion of the reshuffle that stopped short of removing the orthodox group from the committee.

The dispute was said to have blocked agreement on the new government "action" program the National Assembly this which was to be presented to week by Premier Oldrich Cernick, but has now apparently been postponed for at least another week.

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To: SAC, St. Louis

From: Birectory FBI (44-38061) - 1944

Re Mrs. Nola J. Osburn - Complainant.

Enclosed for St. Louise are two copies of a letter dated 4/20/68 from Mrs. Nola J. Osburn. One copy is enclosed for Memphis.

St. Louis should interview the complainant for any additional information or details which she can furnish regarding the incident referred to in her letter. Set out appropriate leads.

Enclosures (2)

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BOX 359 - RE 8-2087

SENATH, MO.

April 20, 1968

J.Edgar Heever. F B I Directer Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Heevert:

RE-Eric Starve Galt

Request-My name be used in ne way, or information I send made public, please.

I do not know if the following is of any value. But my conscious is bothering me. I ask only my name not be used. I want no reward, if the information helps in any way. To bring up the frightening incident in Illineis the night of April 11, I will write a detailed background.

A man I saw that night-in a white CADELLAG -leeked like this picture, except he had en dark celered glases. The hair line leeked the same, and the facial centeurs

Background detailed:

My sen-in-law, Dersie Fex, was killed in a car accident Dec. 23 at Pentiac, Michigan. My da ughter, Deris, was injured. I had returned from the Presnell Hespital (Kennett, Misseuri) but was still sick in bed(Asian Flu) And was unable to ge to Michigan

As my health and strength impreved, I was sejected the delegate to attend the Misseuri East Seventh Annula Conference of the Weman's Seciety of Christian Service in Jefferson City Misseuri en March 22-23 I went there in a car with friends.

From there, Saturday late afterneen, I took the Tra ilway bus, changing in St. euis, to Hammend, Ind. arriving there about 2:35 a.m. (Our Jeff City bus was late as it had to wait on the bus from Memphis, Tenn. to Kansa s City, Mer because of the snew in the south.) My son-in-law and daughters and Mrs. Gerald Gentry, met mein Hammend. It

ENCLOSURE ATTACHON Menday we went to the World Flower and Garden Shows 83 1968 at the International Ampitheatre in Chicago. I saw the

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