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1 - Mr. Hudson

To: SAC, Boston

From: Director, FBI

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Re Robert Green - complainant.

Reference is made to Bureau phone call to Boston, 4-19-68, regarding information furnished by Robert Green, Dorchester, Massachusetts, concerning an individual he believed to be identical with the subject.

By return airtel submit results or identify communication in which results were furnished Bureau.

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1 - Mr. Hudson

To: SAC, New York

From: Director, FBI

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Re Ernest S. Galt - suspect.

ReBuairtel 4-23-68, enclosing an unsigned letter from an individual residing at 3225 Union Boulevard, East, Islip, New York.

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1 - Mr. Hudson

To: SAC, Charlotte

From: Director, FBI

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Re James H. Williams - complainant.

Re Bureau phone call to Charlotte, 4-20-68, regarding information furnished by Williams concerning the 1960 Chevrolet bearing North Carolina, license YT1618.

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FBI CHICAGO

1051 AM URGENT 5/10/68 PAK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MIAMI (44-1854), MEMPHIS, (44-1987) AND
ATLANTA (44-2386)
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

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MURKIN.

RE MIAMI TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY NINE LAST.

RE EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL) FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA APRIL
FIVE THROUGH APRIL TWELVE LAST.

RE TEL FURNISHED FIVE TICKET NUMBERS UNITED AIR LINE (UAL).
UAL OFFICIALS STATE NUMBERS INCORRECT. ALL UAL TICKETS BEGIN
WITH ZERO ONE SIX PREFIX AND THEN CONTINUE WITH SEQUENTIAL
NUMBERS IN GROUPS OF THREE TOTALING NINE ADDITIONAL NUMBERS.
NUMBERS FURNISHED SHOW TEN ADDITIONAL NUMBERS. ALSO UAL STATES
IF TICKETS ISSUED UAL STOCK AND USED ON OTHER AIRLINES NO
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STATE 01
 URGENT 5-10-68
 TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)
 FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 227

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REMYCAB AND BUCAB MAY EIGHT LAST.

ALLEGED SUSPECT AT MEXICAN-Guatemalan BORDER:

LOCAL PRESS TODAY CARRIED STORY REFERRING TO REPORT THAT CAB DRIVER AT TAPACHULA, CHIAPAS, CLOSE TO GUATEMALAN BORDER, STATED THAT MAN RESEMBLING PHOTO OF SUBJECT FORCED HIM AT GUNPOINT TO DRIVE TO POINT NEAR BORDER AND THEN LEFT CAB AND CROSSED RIVER SEPARATING TWO COUNTRIES. MEXICAN IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS AND GENERAL RAMON JIMENEZ DELGADO, CHIEF OF FEDERAL JUDICIAL POLICE, ADVISED MAY NINE INSTANT THAT THEY HAD NO INFORMATION CONCERNING STORY ATTRIBUTED TO CAB DRIVER. GENERAL JIMENEZ POINTED OUT HE HAS AGENT AT TAPACHULA WHO HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY GENERAL AND IS ONLY FEDERAL AGENT IN AREA. CAB DRIVER, WHO MAY BE INVENTION OF PRESS, BEING SOUGHT BY POLICE FOR ANY CONFIRMATION OR FURTHER DETAILS.

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RE EXTENT OF PUBLICITY COVERAGE:

TWO ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS APPROVED FOR RELEASE IN BUCAB MAY SEVEN LAST BEING DISTRIBUTED TO POLICE AGENCIES, INFORMANTS AND OTHER CONTACTS. THESE PICTURES HAVE ALSO BEEN GIVEN PROMINENT ATTENTION IN LOCAL MASS MEDIA, WITH MORE ARTICLES EXPECTED IN FUTURE EDITIONS.

RE ALLEGATION THAT SUBJECT IN GUATEMALA:

COMPLETE WRITTEN REPORT RECEIVED THIS OFFICE MAY NINE INSTANT FROM JUDICIAL POLICE OF GUATEMALA REGARDING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT RESTAURANT "KATOK," LOCATED IN DEPARTMENT OF CHIMALTENANGO. PROPRIETOR, PAULINO JARQUINO RICHEME, WHO LIVES ON PREMISES WITH HIS FAMILY, EMPHATICALLY DENIED THAT SUBJECT HAD EVER BEEN IN HIS RESTAURANT AND, UPON VIEWING PHOTOGRAPHS, THAT ANYONE RESEMBLING SUBJECT HAD BEEN THERE. JARQUIN ALSO DENIED EVER HAVING TOLD ANYONE THAT SUBJECT HAD BEEN THERE BUT DID ADMIT HAVING A CONVERSATION ABOUT FIFTEEN DAYS EARLIER WITH A MAN FROM THE UNITED STATES CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION. HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW THIS MAN'S IDENTITY AND THAT HE HAD NEVER

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SEEN HIM BEFORE HE STOPPED IN THE RESTAURANT ABOUT TEN O'CLOCK AT NIGHT, PROBABLY ON FRIDAY, APRIL ONE NINE LAST. OTHER MEMBERS OF JARQUINO FAMILY AND EMPLOYEES OF RESTAURANT WERE INTERVIEWED AND DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT.

RE ANONYMOUS CALL TO MEMPHIS POLICE:

INVESTIGATIVE INFORMANTS ARE IN PROCESS OF INTENSIVE CANVASS OF PUERTO LIBERTAD ON GULF OF CALIFORNIA AND OF ENTIRE AREA FIFTY MILES SOUTH OF CABORCA, SONORA, AS INDICATED BY CALLER.

INVESTIGATION AT TORREON, COAHUILA:

RESIDENT AGENTS HAVE VISITED THIS CITY TO ASSURE THAT WANTED FLYERS, IDENTIFICATION ORDERS AND OTHER MATERIAL PERTAINING TO SUBJECT HAVE BEEN WIDELY DISTRIBUTED. ALL POLICE IN THIS AND NEARBY COMMUNITIES FULLY ALERTED AND INVESTIGATIVE INFORMANTS WITH POLICE CREDENTIALS BEING UTILIZED TO MAKE THOROUGH CHECK OF ENTIRE AREA, WITH EMPHASIS ON HOUSES OF PROSTITUTION, FOR ANY TRACE OF SUBJECT.

LEADS RECEIVING EXPEDITE ATTENTION IN ALL PARTS OF MEXICO AND RESULTS BEING FURNISHED IMMEDIATELY TO HEADQUARTERS FOR PRIORITY HANDLING OF COMMUNICATIONS TO BUREAU AND INTERESTED DOMESTIC OFFICES.

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3RD CC: MR. BRENNAN

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

5/10/68

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. R. A. Bermingham

To: SAC, Baltimore (157-833)

From: Director, FBI

RACIAL DISTURBANCES FOLLOWING
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
APRIL 5-12, 1968
RACIAL MATTERS

ReBAairtel dated 5/1/68.

The Bureau concurs with your recommendation to review the files of those indicted for serious offenses during the recent riot in order to select appropriate cases for interview.

It is noted that 75 such cases are scheduled for presentation to the grand jury. You should not only consider interviews with those indicted but should also review cases of those persons not indicted among the 75 to be presented. This should be done in order to determine if any of these people have information of value such as knowledge of preplanning or organization of the riot. Since their cases were considered important enough to present to a grand jury, it appears logical that they, therefore, must have been on the scene of or had some connection with a serious incident during the riot.

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NOTE: Several offices, including Baltimore, were instructed to interview persons charged with serious crimes committed during the recent riots. Baltimore advised that 75 cases are to be presented to a grand jury within the next three weeks and that

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Airtel to SAC, Baltimore
RE: RACIAL DISTURBANCES FOLLOWING
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
APRIL 5-12, 1968

NOTE CONTINUED:

a review of those cases in which indictments were actually filed would be made with a view to interviewing likely individuals. It is felt that this review should also include cases of persons in which indictments are not returned as many of these persons were evidently at the scene or have some knowledge of major incidents during the riot.

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CODE

1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. Long

CABLEGRAM

URGENT

TO: LEGAT, OTTAWA

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

AS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED, YOU SHOULD CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF SUBJECT SECURING CANADIAN PASSPORT PAPERS. INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT SUBJECT EXPRESSED AN INTEREST FOR TRAVEL TO RHODESIA. YOU MAY DESIRE TO RECHECK APPROPRIATE CANADIAN AGENCY FOR POSSIBILITY OF ISSUANCE OF PASSPORT OR OTHER NECESSARY PAPERS FOR TRAVEL. YOU SHOULD ALSO DETERMINE WHAT FLIGHTS ARE AVAILABLE, IF ANY, WHEREBY PERSON DEPARTING FROM MONTREAL OR TORONTO MIGHT GET TO RHODESIA.

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1 - SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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- 1 - Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long 2260)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
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- 1 - Lab File



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 13, 1968**

MURKIN
Re: **CR**
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

44-38861
FBI File No. **D-562677 JK**
Lab. No.

Examination requested by: **New York**
Reference: **Airtel 5/4/68**
Examination requested: **Document**
Remarks:

The results of the fingerprint examination will be furnished to you separately.

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- Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**
- 1 - New York (44-1609) Enclosure (Lab report)**
 - 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) Enclosure (Lab report)**
 - 1 - Knoxville (44-696) Enclosure (Lab report)**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 13, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

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Specimens received 5/8/68

Q326 Coupon of Modern Photo Bookstore bearing the hand printed name and address "ERIC S. GALT 2608 HIGHLAND AVE. BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35205"

Q327 Sheet of ruled paper bearing handwritten and hand printed message dated 9/26/67, beginning "I recently order..." signed "Eric S. Galt"

ALSO SUBMITTED: Typewritten letter dated April 29, 1968, to ERIC S. GALT from Modern Photo Bookstore

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writings appearing on Q326 and Q327 were prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, whose known handwriting and hand printing appear on specimens K171, K211 and K257.

The submitted evidence has been retained.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/6/68

Enclosed for the Bureau are 6 copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning one JOSEPH FORRESTER, a possible suspect in this matter, which LHM should be furnished to the Legat, Ottawa, in order that FORRESTER may be eliminated.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to
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Memphis, Tennessee
May 6, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM;
CIVIL RIGHTS

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3/5/68 *25/1/68*

RE MR CABLE ON 2/5/68 IDENTIFICATION ORDER NUMBER 4192 REGARDING
JAMES EARL RAY ALIAS ERIC STARVO GALT NOT RECEIVED STOP PLEASE
FINGERPRINTS AIRMAIL DIRECT TO CENTRAL FINGERPRINT BUREAU
ORIGINAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH SYDNEY.

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1 - Mr. Hudson

To: SACs, Houston
New Orleans (157-10673)

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From: Director, FBI

44-27861-3286

MURKIN

EX 101

Re Joe Bailey Musgrove.

Reference is made to WFOairtel 5-2-68 regarding individual observed in Nigeria who resembled the subject.

Enclosed for Houston and New Orleans are two copies of a memorandum from [CIA dated 5-7-68.] One copy is enclosed for the other offices.

In view of the fact "Joe Musgaque" has been identified as Joe Bailey Musgrove, no further action is necessary.

- 1 - Albuquerque (47-715)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - WFO (44-703)

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

7 MAY 1968

Refer to 9/10/68 5/14/68

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TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Mr. S. J. Papich

FROM : Deputy Director for Plans *tan*

SUBJECT: MUSGROVE, Joe Bailey

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1. The following paragraphs summarize information relayed telephonically to the Bureau, and are forwarded to you for confirmation and for your files.

2. On 28 April 1968, our representative in Addis Ababa reported that Doctor Klaus Steer, a West German citizen and Director of the African Scientific Department, E. Merck Aktiengesellschaft, Karmstady, Germany, visited the American Embassy, at the request of the local German Ambassador, and reported that he had seen a man in Lagos, Nigeria on 23 April 1968 who strongly resembled newspaper photographs of Eric Stavros Galt, who is currently wanted in connection with the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. Dr. Steer said that he saw the Subject at the desk of the Bristol Hotel on the afternoon of 23 April when both were checking out of the hotel. Dr. Steer was accidentally given the hotel accounting receipt for the Subject, on which he noted "Name: Joe Musgaque, Room No: 403, Receipt No: D 52138, Account No: 08325." In a short conversation with Subject, Dr. Steer learned that Subject was employed by the "Wilder Oil Company" and was en-route to Warri, Nigeria on an 18 month contract. Subject told Dr. Steer that he had recently arrived in Lagos from Las Palmas via Accra on Nigerian Airlines.

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3. The above information was relayed to the Bureau upon receipt by our duty officer on 29 April 1968. We were advised that the Bureau records did

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cc: AD, ME, WSD
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not contain information on Subject or the Wilder Oil Company. We then requested our representative in Lagos to investigate this matter through unilateral means and through liaison.

4. On 29 April, liaison in Lagos checked the Bristol Hotel and determined that a ~~Joe Musgrove~~ ^{JOE MUSGROVE}, an American employee of McDermott Overseas Incorporated, arrived in Lagos on 23 April from Las Palmas and stayed in Lagos until 26 April, when he was to leave for the Midwestern State (Warri). Our representative received this information on 30 April 1968, and then visited Mr. Ray Landry, a U. S. citizen, Acting Chief of the McDermott Company, and obtained the following information from a personnel file: ~~Joe Bailey~~ ^{MUSGROVE} departed the U. S. on 9 October 1967 for employment with McDermott Nigeria. He has been resident in Nigeria since that date, except for the period 10-23 April, when he went to Las Palmas on leave. Date of Birth: 24 April 1933. Occupation: Welder. Home Address: P.O. Box 1002, Farmington, New Mexico. Married, wife in U. S. Father: Banks Musgrove, 1017 East Garden (city and state not recorded). C. H. A. N. H.

5. Our representative also obtained a passport photograph of the Subject from the McDermott Company and is forwarding the photo to our Headquarters. Later on 30 April, liaison informed our Lagos representative that the Subject holds a U. S. Passport Number H-1052048, issued in the U. S. and valid until 4 October 1970.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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May 7, 1968

The attached copy of the Louis Lomax
column, "King Killer Aided By
Hoover's Hate," was sent to the
Director from an anonymous source
in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

MR. OLSON ✓
MR. DELOACH ✓
MR. MOHR ✓
MR. BISHOP ✓
MR. CASPER _____
MR. CALLAHAN _____
MR. CONRAD _____
MR. FELT _____
MR. GALE ✓
MR. ROSEN ✓
MR. SULLIVAN ✓
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MRS. METCALF _____
MISS GANDY ✓

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By LOUIS E. LOMAX
North American Newspaper Alliance

LOS ANGELES — The search for the slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is more than a manhunt for James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt. For the search is that of a troubled nation trying to locate its soul, of a republic in search of its own value system.

Presidential aspirant Hubert Humphrey came close to the truth a few days ago when he said we are not lost, that we are a nation growing up and trying to find better ways. The assassination of Dr. King has intensified the search for better ways and I suspect there will be a good deal of foundation shaking, in high places at that, before the entire matter is put to rest.

I am speaking specifically of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its director, J. Edgar Hoover.

It is open public knowledge that Hoover deeply disliked Martin Luther King. He once referred to King as "the most notorious liar in the nation." Now Hoover is called upon to locate King's assassin.

There are a few black people indeed who believe Hoover will work overtime in this search. The feeling is not without some foundation. Either

the FBI is inept or the bungling of the King case is intentional.

The FBI issued a report that James Earl Ray took dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1963-65. The FBI's own files show that Ray was in prison at the time.

Somebody, somehow, managed to circulate the wrong fingerprints for Ray. Up until the latter part of this week the Georgia Bureau of Investigations had wrong prints for Ray. Had he been arrested in Atlanta on the day he abandoned the White Mustang he would not have been identified as Ray.

The FBI has preempted local police from the case by declaring the King murder a conspiracy. Thus the full burden of the investigation rests with the FBI. A guards it jealously. King has been dead a month now and the FBI is yet to ask the cooperation of Los Angeles Police Department. Yet Ray lived in Los Angeles for several months and it is known that he made at least three trips from Los Angeles to New Orleans and that he carried a Los Angeles man with him on one occasion.

Shortly after I discovered telephone booths in Los Angeles from which Ray allegedly made phone calls, the FBI moved in and confiscated the telephone company records. They and only they know what

those records reveal.

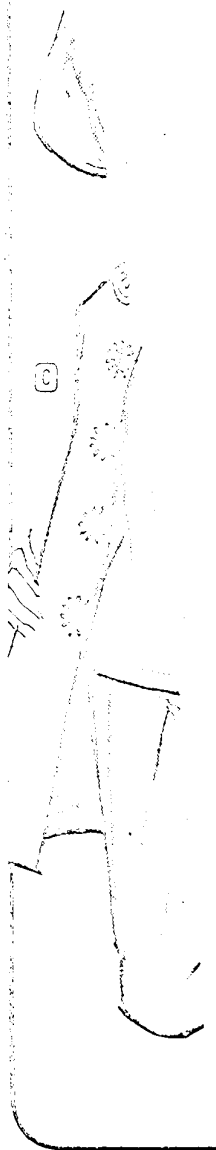
Let me make it plain, very plain: America's blacks never gave and do not now trust either J. Edgar Hoover or the FBI. Those of us who have been assigned to cover civil rights stories in the south know all too well how much the FBI can fumble when it does not wish to solve a case.

The suspicion is defended by the fact that the FBI "leaked" a story to newsmen that suggested that a Negro with an animus toward King was behind the assassination. The story was completely false, but if newsmen had written it, Dr. King would have been smeared even in his grave.

J. Edgar Hoover would do his nation a great service if he were to admit publicly his dislike for Dr. King and then share the hunt for the assassin with a less prejudiced agency.

Perhaps the cause of justice would be better served if the investigation was placed under the guidance of a Warren-type commission composed of both blacks and whites.

The murder of Dr. King was an organized and well planned exercise. This was not the deed of "some white nut." Rather there is a sense in which society itself committed the act. And it is certain that powerful men in American society were part of the deed most foul.



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