

ReButel to El Paso, Houston, and San Antonio 4/25/68; San Antonio teletype 4/29/68 setting forth lead to interview RUSSELL JOHNSTONE, St. Francis Hotel, Hollywood, California; Los Angeles teletype 5/1/68 indicating JOHNSTONE may be identical with ROBERT P. ANDERSON shown in VA Hospital records as having schizophrenic reaction and being paranoid type.

Enclosed to the Bureau are the following:

1. Approx. 5" x 11" brown manilla envelope, addressed to MAXINE INGRAM

2. White (legal-size sealed) envelope bearing two unused 10¢ airmail stamps, addressed to Mrs. DEMPES

3. Postcard, addressed to MAXINE INGRAM, postmarked 5/2/68

RE: TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS

Mrs. MAXINE INGRAM, aka Mrs. SAM INGRAM domestic, a Negro female, 121 Omaha St., San Antonio, Texas, made apprilable a postcard which she identified 5/10/68 as coming from ROBERT P. ANDERSON, aka, RUSSELL JOHNSTONE, for whom the had warned as a domestic when ANDERSON lived at 3320 N. Flores, April 1, San Antonio.

Postcard is picture of downtown San Diego and postan Diego, p.m., May 2, 1968. Addressed to Mrs. INGRAM,

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it reads: "Be sure & put that letter you receive tomorrow in the mail box- Listen to nobody or call the F.B.I. office if anybody tells you not to." Card bore a 10¢ airmail stamp, cancelled.

Mrs. INGRAM at same time furnished an opened brown manilla, large size envelope, also bearing p.m., May 2, 1968, postmark and addressed to MAXINE INGRAM, which she identified as coming also from ROBERT P. ANDERSON, her former employer.

Inside this manilla envelope was a white legal-size envelope addressed: "Mrs. DEMPES, 8251 Burley, Chicago, Illinois 60617". The second letter in name DEMPES is not clearly legible.

None of the above-described card or envelopes bears ANDERSON's name of return address.

Review of San Antonio files reflects ROBERT P. ANDERSON known to Chicago Office, when he was considered as possible suspect in UNSUB; MURDER OF VALERIE PERCY, Kenilworth, Illinois, 9/18/66, POLICE COOPERATION, Chicago file 62-6435.

The following description of ANDERSON was obtained 8/1/68 from Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago, Ill., Police Department:

ROBERT P. ANDERSON, white male; born Chicago, Ill.,; 5'10"; 180 pounds; blue eyes; blond or brown hair; ruddy complexion; SSN ; VA C-4-906-733. ANDERSON has San Antonio PD # 68285.

Retel 5/1/68 reflects ANDERSON on interview by Bureau Agents in recent past acknowledged writing letter to SAC JOHN P. MULL, JR., Phoenix Division: "Either JOHN C. MULL JR. kills himself or certainly I will".

ANDERSON also came to notice of Chicago, Illinois, Police in the pest, having shot and injured a woman at a social gathering.

Inasmuch as ANDERSON, aka, RUSSELL JOHNSTONE, appears

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to have resided in St. Francis Hotel, Hollywood, California, at same time as subject RAY in this case, the enclosures are forwarded to the Bureau for consideration.

#### REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

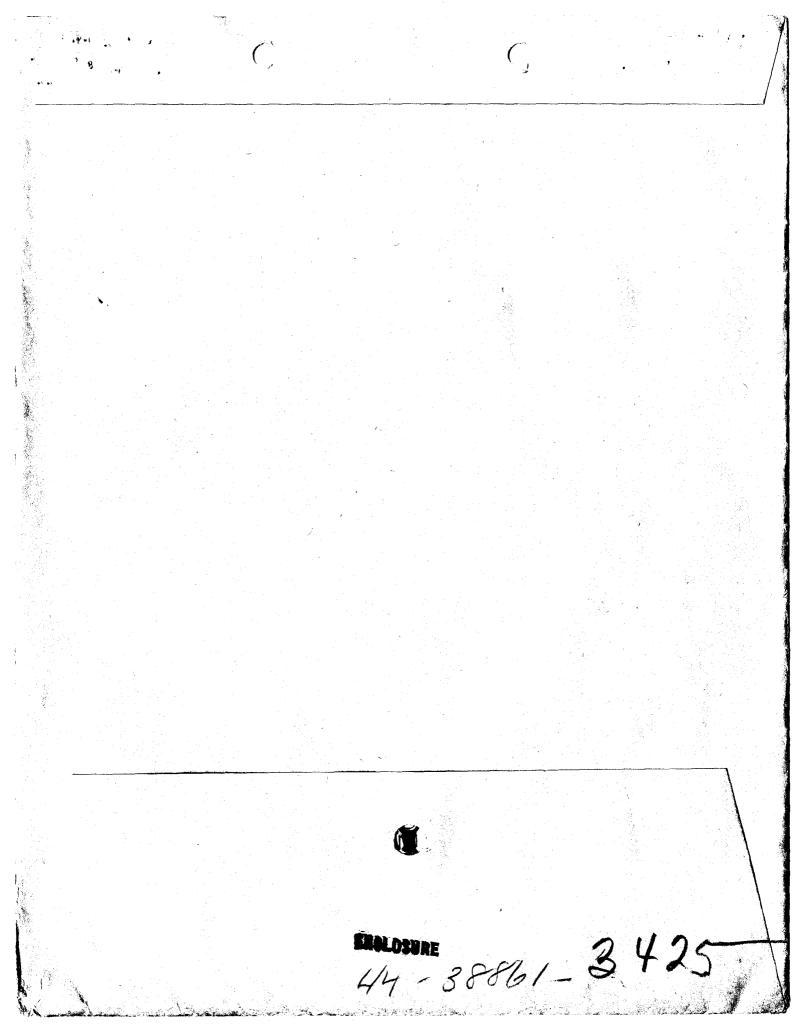
Open sealed white envelope addressed to Mrs. DEMPES, Chicago, Illinois, and following photostating of contents return same to San Antonio for return to original contributor, Mrs. MAXINE INGRAM, 121 Omaha St., San Antonio, Texas.

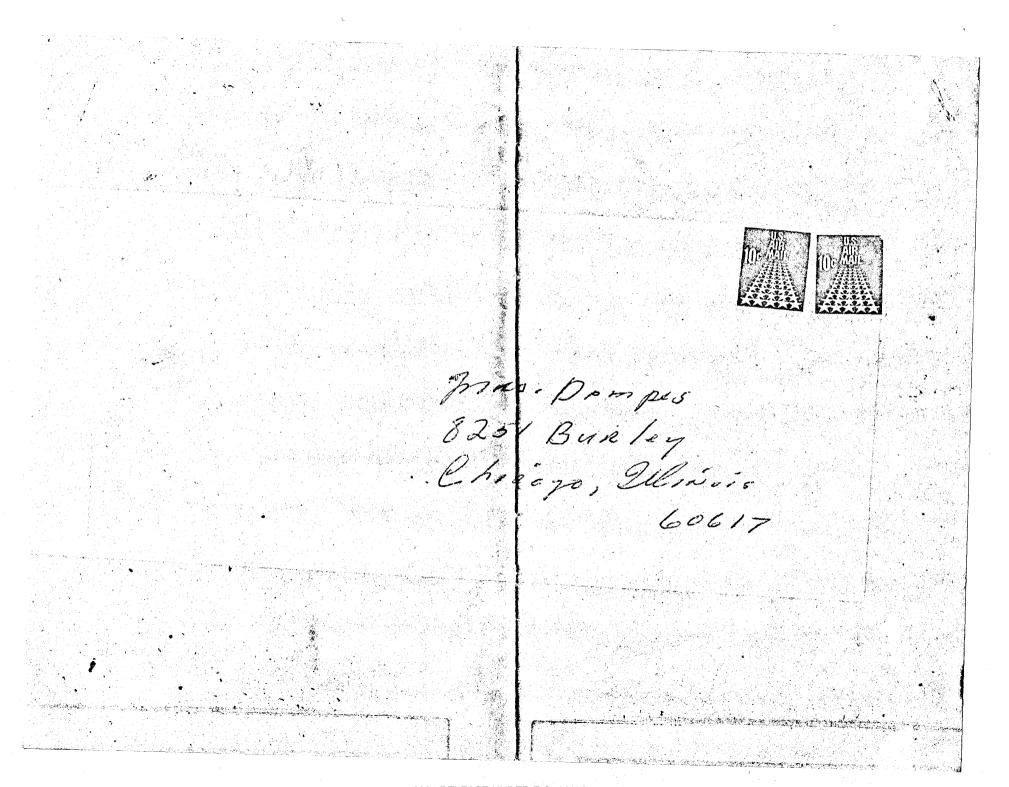
If contents of sealed letter indicate possible Federal violation on part of ROBERT P. ANDERSON, Bureau is requested to compare handwriting with known examples available in fingerprint records of Identification Division.

Copies of this communication are furnished to Los Angeles, Chicago, San Diego for information purposes.

DUE TO MENTAL HISTORY AND PAST USE OF FIREARMS, ROBERT P. ANDERSON SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS, TO POSSIBLY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES, AND POSSIBLY BE ARMED.

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From:

Director, FBI (44-38861) -

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Re San Juan routing slip dated 5/3/68.

Your routing slip requests that the news mat regarding publicity to be afforded subject be done in Spanish language for dissemination to newspapers in Puerto Rico.

The cost of producing such a mat at the Bureau would be prohibitive. You may desire to have a plate done locally for publication in the newspaper. The cost of such an item should not exceed \$20, and you should utalize the photographs of subject as enclosed.

Armed and dangerous.

Enclosures (5)

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SAC, San Juan by R/6 dated 5/3/68, requested that the newspaper mat as furnished by Crime Records regarding data of James Earl Ray be translated into Spanish and be done in new newspaper mat.

Crime Records advises that to have this entirely made up in Spanish in the form of a new mat would cost approximately \$1,000, Crime Records advised that a material could have this plate would a local bysiness establishment at San Juan and this plate would not exceed a cost of \$20. San Juan being instructed if they may desire to have plate made up locally.

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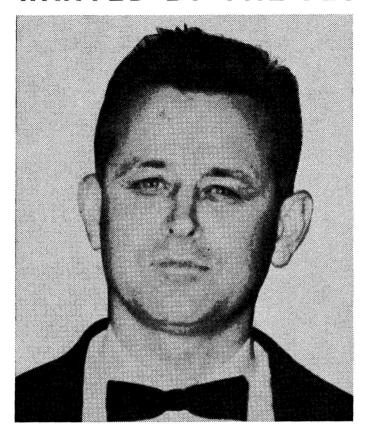
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## WANTED BY THE FBI



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

James Earl Ray, a Missouri prison escapee, 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 "Top Ten" list to insure widespread dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to

speed his location.

Ray has been intensively sought since the murder 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 finger-latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against finger-latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against finger-latent finger-latent forces on whom wanted notices were posted, prints of over 53,000 persons on whom wanted notices were posted, determined that Galt and Ray are identical.

A Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, under the alias of Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen. Ray, who escaped on April 23, 1967, from the Missouri State Penitentiary, is also sought for unlawful flight to avoid confinement for robbery.

also sought for unlawful flight to avoid confinement for robbery. His long criminal record also includes convictions for burglary and forging U.S. Postal Money Orders.

A white American, born in Alton, Illinois, on March 10, 1928, Ray is 5'10" tall, weighs 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. Known as a "loner" and "drifter," 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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Washington, D. C. 20537

## REPORT

#### IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO.

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FBI FILE NO. LATENT CASE NO. 9-47966

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TO:

SAC, Miami

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EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY 6/68

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SPECIMENS:

Postal card addressed to the editor of the Miami Hews, Q2

No latent impressions of value found or developed on the postal card, which is enclosed.

Laboratory report separate.

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May 10, 1988

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#### **IDENTIFICATION** DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. FBI FILE NO. LATENT CASE NO. May 10, 1968

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TO: SAC, Miami

O MURKIN

RE: UNSUB. : **ADAM CLAYTON POWELL - VICTIM** EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTER

REFERENCE:

Airtel 4/29/68

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY:

Miami

SPECIMENS:

Two envelopes, Q1 and Q3

Accompanying sheet of paper, Q Accompanying hand printed message, Q4 NOT RECORDED

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One latent fingerprint of value developed on \$2, and two latent fingerprints of value developed on Q4. No latent impressions of value developed on the other specimens.

Referenced Miami airtel, 4/24/68, captioned "Unsub.; Editor, Miami News, Miami, Florida - Victim; Extortion -Racial Matter," Bufile #9-47966, latent case #91878, refers only

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SAC, Miami

to James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G, and mentions no other suspects in that case. No latent impressions of value were developed in that case and no other suspects are named in correspondence available in Bufile.

Latent fingerprints this case not identical fingerprints of Ray.

Specimens enclosed.

Laboratory report separate.

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# WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

May 10, 1968

Examination requested by:

Examination requested:

John Edgar Hoover, Director



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

FBI. Miami (9-2010)

FBI File No. 9-47966

May 10, 1968

Lab. No. **D-362611 IH** 

UNSUB: EDITOR. "MIAMI NEWS". MIAMI, FLORIDA -EXTORTION - PM

Specimens received /7/68

Q2 Unpostmarked postal card bearing hand printed address "Editor Miami Nove Miami, Florida," and hand printed message on reverse side beginning "As I Said before, I . . ," ending " . . . good Luck F. B. I."

#### Result of examination:

It was concluded that the hand printing on Q2 was prepared by the writer of Ql, previously submitted in this case.

Although some hand printing differences were noted in the questioned hand printing on Q1 and Q2, a definite conclusion could not be reached whether this hand printing was prepared by JAMES MARL RAY, FBI#405942G, because of insufficient comparable material and the presence of distortion in the hand printing on Q1 and Q2.

Q2 has been photographed and is being returned to Miami separately.

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The Director

DATE: 5-10-68

FROM

N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT:

The Congressional Record

Pages H3611. Congressman Ichord, (D) Missouri, stated "the Washington Star carried a very interesting article by columnist Carl T. Rowan yesterday in which he comments upon the growing possibility that Martin Luther King was assassinated by a hired killer in a plot which involves Cuba and Red China. There has been considerable evidence uncovered which does give credibility to this theory." He included this article entitled "King Murder Hatched Abroad?" and an article from Time magazine of May 10 entitled "The Assassination According To Capote" with his remarks.

Mr. Rowan stated "The FBI has had as many as 2,000 agents working at one time, in cooperation with hundreds of local policemen and other U. S. intelligence agents, to track down every lead—including the above possibilities that the assassination was plotted with the intention of creating internal chaos in the United States. - - - The FBI is pouring vast amounts of manpower and money into the search because it knows its reputation is at stake. It also knows that if King's killer is not found all sorts of rumors will arise."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for - was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate ways as a specific point of the original memorandum may be clipped.

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6, 1968 Mr. Callahan Mr. Conrad Mr. Felt. Ir. J. Edgar Foover Director, Federal Bureau Mr. Tayek of Investigation Mr. Tutter Department of Justice Tele. Room. Miss Holmes Tashington, D.C Miss Gandy Dear Fr. Foover. Sir, I am appalled at the behavior of you and your organization. "hat does your organization stand for ---- Truth or Montruth? the Land of the Free and Justice or is this Soviet Russia? How dars you interfere with Jim Garrison's investigation. You had your chance to find the real killers of JFK. Now it is Fr. Garrison's turn. Stay off his back. If you want to regain the faith of the American people in your agency, start my investigating the roll of the Dallas police force in the JFK killing. There're so involved it's not even funny. And what's worse, you know they are involved. Do you think we're all stupic. Sir, you have greatly underestimated the ability and the capability of the American people to understant what happened on November 22, 1963. You can scare C.B.S. and M.B.C, and most of the major newspapers with your propaganda, but you can't fool we Americans, who are thinking and reading about the assassination and the aftermath. That about the Martin Luther King murder? Oh My/ sounds just like Movember 2°, 1963 all over again. Who do you think did it? I think the people behind the Kennedy assassination are the same ones behind the King murder. It's going to be a long hot summer, Mr. Hoover, unless your image concerned bureau finds the killers of our last two leaders. But you won't find them, Garrison will find them first and show your agency Well, Mr. Foover, a decision is required of you. Are we to have Truth and Justice, or are the Nazis going to get away with it. 44-38861 NOT RECORDED 99 MAY 14 1968 Don Began 5091 Abrego Apt. 11 Goleta, California 93017, O MAY 17 1968

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5/7 (68) Dear Mr. Hoover, Is there any truth to this article? Do you expect to comment on King probe? Isn't this an attack on F. B. I.? Don't Stokey Carmichel & Rap Brown use treasonable methods like this too? Sincerely Jim Winch Jr. 1221 14th A. N. Who is Louie Lomax? A Commie? COPY:nm

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# Needed: A Warren-Type Probe Of Dr. King's Death

#### By LOUIS E. LOMAX

Special To The Times From North American Newspaper Alliance

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

Presidential aspirant Hubert Humphrey came close to the buth 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 assas-

sination 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 In-

vestigation 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 few black people indeed who believe Hoover will work overtime in this search. The feeling is not without some foundation; either the FBI is inept or the bungling of the King case is intentional.

THE FBI issued a report that James Earle Ray took dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964-65. The FBI's own files show that Ray was in prison at the time.

Somebody, somehow, managed to circulate the wrong fingerprints for Ray. Up until the latter part of last week the Georgia Bureau of Investigation 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. It guards it jealously; King has been dead a month now and the FBI is yet to ask the cooperation of the 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.

It is also known that he associated with a mysterious girl who left Los Angeles to visit her relatives in the Middle West.

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 have and do not now trust either J. Edgar Hoover or the FBI. Those of us who have been assigned to cover civil rights stories in the South know all too well how much the FBI can fumble when it does not wish to solve a case.

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

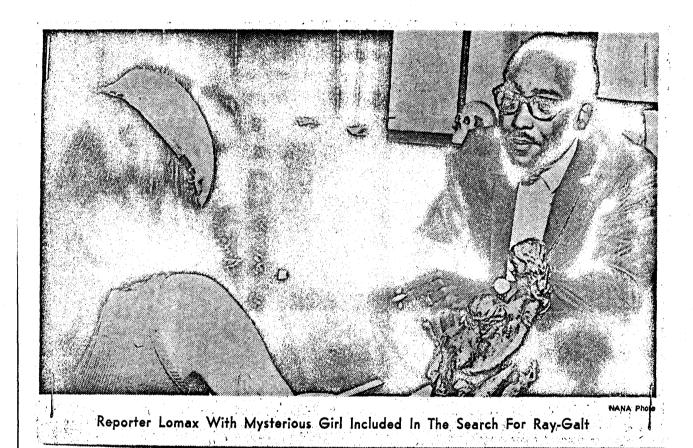
THE FBI ATTEMPT to discredit the dead civil rights leader was so blatant that even white reporters who knew of the story recoiled in fury.

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

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.

Petersburg Times, Monday, May 6.



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# Memorandum

TO

: Mr. Bishop

DATE: 5/3/68

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SUBJECT:

JERRY O'LEARY AND
''THE READER'S DIGEST''

MARTIN LUTHER KING INVESTIGATION

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Jerry O'Leary, a very friendly and reliable contact of the Bureau with 'The Evening Star,' has advised that he has been contacted by 'The Reader's Digest' on the possibility of writing a story regarding the Martin Luther King case for the July, 1968, issue of 'The Reader's Digest.' O'Leary has been the author of two outstanding articles on the Director.

O'Leary said that the officials of 'The Reader's Digest' still remember very vividly that it was an article in the November, 1960, issue of their magazine which led to the apprehension of Joseph Corbett, Jr. --the kidnap-murderer of Adolph Coors III. We, of course, cooperated with 'The Reader's Digest' in the preparation of that article; and 'The Reader's Digest' has told O'Leary that they are hopeful a similarly effective article concerning the fugitive in the King case can be published.

According to O'Leary, "The Reader's Digest" feels that the search for James Earl Ray contains many of the same elements as did the search for Joseph Corbett, Jr. --in that both cases involve a "loner" who used fictitious names and backgrounds to conceal true identity. With a multimillion circulation in the United States, Canada, Mexico and other countries, "The Reader's Digest" feels it may be able to stage a repeat of the success which followed its 1960 article on the Coors case.

If James Ray is still at large when the July, 1968, issue of "The Reader's Digest" goes to press, the magazine would like to publish an article setting forth brief facts of the King case and extensive data regarding Ray's background and character which might prove helpful in turning him up. If Ray is apprehended prior to mid-June, 1968, when the Puly issue of "The Reader's Digest" is printed, the magazine would, of course, change its approach to the article.

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Jones to Bishop memo

Re: Jerry O'Leary and "The Reader's Digest"

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That we cooperate with Jerry O'Leary and "The Reader's Digest" on this article to the extent of making available previously published information regarding the King investigation and factual information regarding James Earl Ray's character and background. In view of the many unfactual and speculating-type articles which have been published regarding this case by others, it is felt that such guidance is necessary in order to assure that "The Reader's Digest" article will be accurate and, thereby, of maximum benefit.

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KASPER was telephonically contacted by the NYO and a date for an interview had been established for 1/22/68, however, KASPER failed to appear for this interview and no further action has been taken on his application.

With regard to the actions of SA LOFTUS, NYO feels that they were proper and correct. Even though SA LOFTUS is assigned to the NYO, the urgency of the situation concerning the possibility of fugitive JAMES EARL RAY being in the apartment complex precluded SA LOFTUS' notifying the Newark Office prior to instituting action. It is obvious from a review of NYO file on KASPER, briefly set out above, that he is of questionable reliability and character. Therefore, no further action is deemed warranted.

BAC, NY (67-0B-48455)

4/19/68

JOHN P. DI MARCHI, NIGHT SUPERVISOR

PETER PAUL KASPER MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

At 11:50 p.m., SA PETER G. LOFTUS contacted the writer and advised that the Woodbridge, N. J. Police Department had been called to the apartment opposite the apartment of SA LOFTUS where three young men, who were babysitting there, notified the police that a man resembling JAMES MARL RAY (MURKIN) was seen in the apartment complex driving a 1968 Impala, MY license #2272DX.

IOFTUS, hearing the conversation and the mention of RAY, talked with the police officers. The officers subsequently made a license check through their office and determined that the license did not match the car to which it had originally been issued. It was then decided to check the residence of the owner, one PETER KASPER, to ascertain if he were identical to JAMES HARL RAY. The pretext utilized was that the police had received a complaint that KASPER was seen speeding on local streets. SA LOFTUS who had accompanied the police officer, had identified himself and KASPER immediately wanted to know what jurisdiction the FBI had in this matter. Without waiting for an answer, he then called the Woodbridge PD to ascertain who had made the complaint against him; however, he did not receive a definite reply. KASPER then called the Newark FBI office and spoke to Security Clerk O'MEILL and stated that he wished to make a complaint.

SA LOFTUS explained to KASPER that due to the fact that the license number did not match the car, there was a possibility that his car may have been a stolen auto which could fall within the jurisdiction of the FRI. At no time was the name of JAMES EARL RAY mentioned. Upon hearing the explanation, KASPER seemed to be satisfied and, therefore, SA LOFTUS and the police officer departed the KASPER residence.

SA LOFTUS advised that he would prepare a memo 4/20/68.

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4/20/68

SA PETER G. LOFTUS (311)

PETER PAUL KASPER INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re memo from SA JOHN P. DI MARCHI to SAC, NY, 4/19/68, captioned SA PETER LOFTUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING.

At approximately 10:00 p.m., 4/19/68, while watching television in my apartment at 4 Tulip Drive, Apt. 3B, Fords, H. J., with my wife, we heard several voices outside the door talking about the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. It was evident that at least two of the participants were police officers. I overheard someone tell them that he had seen a man fitting the description of JAMES EARL RAY leave a car at one end of the apartment complex and enter one of the buildings. I decided I had better look into this, but by the time I got to the door the police had departed and no one was in sight. I went outside and found a uniformed patrolman and a plainclothes detective from the Woodbridge Township, W. J., FD sitting in an unmarked patrol car. I identified myself and advised them I had caught fragments of their conversation. They identified themselves as Detective FRANK FERRARO and Patrolman ROBERT JUGON. FERRARO advised that two teenage boys who were babysitting across the hall from our apartment called, stating they had seen a man resembling RAY leave a 1968 Chevrolet Impala in front of 9 Tulip Drive and enter the building. The car, dark body and a white top, bearing NY license 2272-DE, was still parked there and they were in the process of checking the registration through their office. They asked if I wished to join them which I did. After about 20 minutes they received a message that the license was registered to a PETER KASPER, 789 Newbridge Road, Bellmore, W. Y. The license had been issued for a 1967 yellow Pontiac.

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We checked the mail boxes in the building and found a listing for KASPER in Apartment IC. We discussed the situation and decided we would pretext the apartment by having FERRARO identify himself and advise KASPER he had received a complaint the Impala had been seen speeding on the local street and upon checking the registration it was discovered the plates were not on the automobile to which they were originally issued. Since FERRARO was not certain he would be able to make the identification since he had not paid very close attention to the published photos, I stated I would accompany him and hang back in a position where I could see the person coming to the door.

At approximately 10:45 p.m. we approached the door. As we could hear a typewriter being used inside, FERRARO knocked and the door was opened by a woman. He identified himself and asked to see KASPER. When KASPER appeared at the door it was obvious he was not RAY. FERRARO used the pretext upon which KASPER became indignant and stated he had recently purchased the car and it had been officially registered. He also stated that although they had been living in the apartment for two months he didn't have to register it in New Jersey since each month he returned it to New York for a 48-hour period. Besides he stated it was now on private property and the police could not ticket him. FERRARO attempted to interject a more detailed explanation on what he wanted, but KASPER cut him short, stating he did not want to discuss the matter in the hall, but that we should come in.

Upon entering the apartment with them I identified myself and showed KASPER my badge at which point he became obnoxious and insulting, stating he was not impressed with my little tin badge. He went on to state that he did not mind the police coming around, but he didn't see how the FBI had any jurisdiction. I attempted to explain our ITSMV responsibility, but he was openly hostile and refused to listen, stating he had several complaints of his own which included such items as dogs on the loose, children knocking on his windows and loud hi-fi sets. He appeared highly irrational and was unwilling to

listen to further explanations. He called the Woodbridge Police and asked them if they knew where their detectives were and if anyone had filed a complaint against him and, if so, who? Not receiving any assistance from them, he announced he was going to call the FBI in Newark. informed him I was with the New York Office and he would receive faster service there. He refused and insisted on calling Newark, but he could not get an operator. I told him the number could be found inside the front tover of the local phone book. He then called and spoke to SE JAMES P. O'NEILL, demanding to know what I was doing and what jurisdiction we had concerning his car. He told O'NEILL that he had a complaint he thought I should cover and that was to tell the lady in the apartment above to stop her dog from barking so much. I then talked to O'NEILL and advised him I would write a memo in the morning in the NYO. KASPER then calmed down considerably and we finished explaining what we wanted. He produced his registration. We told him that was sufficient proof, shook hands and departed.

Upon arriving home I called the NYO and made a brief report as per referenced memo.

At no time during the course of our conversation with KASPER did it appear feasible to announce our actual intent since it was felt this would only aggravate matters more than they already were.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO

FROM

DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/22/68

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SUBJECT:

SA PETER G. LOFTUS NEW YORK OFFICE: PETER PAUL KASPER - COMPLAINANT RERSONNEL MATTER

SAC, NEWARK (67-1000)

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Enclosed for the Bureau and the New York Office is a copy of a self explanatory memorandum submitted by JAMES P. O'NEILL, clerk in the Newark Office, dated 4/22/68.

SA LOFTUS, who resides in Fords, New Jersey, was advised by a detective of the Woodbridge, New Jersey Police Department on the night of 4/19/68 that a complaint had been received to the effect that KASPER was considered identical with JAMES EARL RAY, aka.; Civil Rights - Conspiracy; UFAC -Robbery. Rather than telling KASPER the true basis for the inguiry. SA LOFTUS and the detective checked out his 1968 Impala which contained a New York license plate registered to a 1967 Pontiac.

At 8:45 PM. complainant telephoned the Newark Office and inquired as to the propriety of SA LOFTUS' accompanying a police officer. He was advised of FBI jurisdiction over ITSMY Violations and seemed somewhat calmed.

At 11:10 PM he again telephoned and inquired as to which senator or congressman he should contact to complain against SA LOFTUS. When informed that the matter would be given proper attention locally, complainant agreed and hung up.

At 1:00 AM on 4/2D/68 the complainant again telephoned and stated that he wished to withdraw the prior complaint made against SA LOFTUS. Our indices were negative as to complainant.

On the receipt of the enclosed mangrandum I checked telephonically with the New York Office and ascertained that SA LOFTUS is assigned to a squad under the supervision of

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SAC TURYN; that SA LOFTUS had submitted an appropriate memorandum as had the night supervisor of the New York Office. Mr. TURYN informed that complainant had filed an application for employment with that office but did not appear for interview on 1/22/68.

The New York Office is forwarding appropriate memoranda to the Bureau and will make recommendations as to administrative action since SA LOFTUS is assigned to that office.

Foregoing for information.

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## Memorandum

TO

SAC, NEWARK

DATE:

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FROM

JAMES P. O'NEILL, CLERK

SUBJECT:

SA PETER G. LOFTUS NEW YORK OFFICE;

PETER PAUL KASPER - COMPLAINANT

PERSONNEL MATTER

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It is to be noted that KASPER stated he was at one time a Bureau applicant for a computer programmer position. Nothing more was mentioned regarding Bureau position.

During the second of above conversations with KASPER, the writer clearly overheard KASPER being coached or aided as to what to say by a woman whom KASPER referred to as his wife. KASPER was rather belligerent not only concerning SA LOFTUS but also toward the whole FBI in references and implications.

On 4/20/68 at 1:00 AM, KASPER again contacted the Newark Office and spoke to Clerk ROBERT C. MC GONIGEL. KASPER stated he wished to withdraw any charges against SA LOFTUS.

Newark indices negative regarding PETER PAUL KASPER.

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