

- (3) This suit of clothes bearing the name Galt in the label which Mr. Edward John Feigan, owner of English and Scotch Woolen Co., Ltd., in Montreal would identify as being same suit made for Eric Galt, being ordered on July 21, 1967, and upon completion shipped on September 9, 1967, to Eric Galt at 2608 South Highland, Birmingham, Alabama.

The State would offer the testimony of Mr. Morris Quintal to identify this lease agreement signed by the defendant as Eric S. Galt and show the defendant did occupy the premises at 2589 Notre Dame East during the period July 18 through August 24, 1967.

Tracing the defendant's activities further would show through Mr. or Mrs. Klingeman their employment of the defendant under the name John L. Rayns from May 3 to June 24, 1967.

Various experts from the FBI Laboratory would be introduced to introduce the key testimony as follows:

George J. Bonebrake who has been working with fingerprints since 1941 would testify that at 5:15 a.m., April 5, 1968, he received these items from Memphis (which other proof has shown were picked up in front of Canipe):

- (1) That he found a print of sufficient clarity on this rifle.
- (2) Another print on this scope.
- (3) Found print on Afta Shave Lotion bottle (part of kit from Rexall.)
- (4) Found print on binoculars
- (5) Found print on Schlitz beer can.
- (6) Found print on front page of MEMPHIS COMMERCIAL APPEAL

Further he would testify that on April 17, 1968, he received this Map of Mexico heretofore described as coming from Garner's Rooming House and upon examination, he found two fingerprints as same.

That he started extensive investigation through the fugitive file consisting of some 53,000 fingerprint cards and on April 19, 1968, he identified all the before-mentioned prints as being identical with the records bearing the name and photographs of James Earl Ray.

That on June 24, 1968, he compared above prints in London, England, with those obtained by Insp. Brine and on July 22, 1968, he also compared prints of James Earl Ray obtained when defendant delivered to Shelby County Jail and would testify that in his opinion all the before-mentioned prints were made by one and the same person to the exclusion of all other persons in the world.

That on May 6, 1968, he examined this Modern Photo Bookstore coupon bearing Eric S. Galt, 2608 Highland, Birmingham, Alabama and found a thumb print identical with the left thumb print of James Earl Ray.

That further on August 27, 1968, he examined several checks from the Indian Trail Restaurant, payable to John L. Rayns, and found a print which he identified as being that of the defendant on one of the checks.

Robert A. Frazier, Chief of Firearms Identification Unit, at the FBI Lab with 27 years experience would testify as to his examination and test firing of this rifle, these cartridges, this hull from the chamber and the slug removed from Dr. King's body by Dr. Francisco and his conclusion in substance is as follows:

- (1) The death slug was identical in all physical characteristics to the 5 loaded 30.06 Springfield Caliber Remington Peters Cartridges found in the bag in front of Canipe's.
- (2) The Cartridge case had in fact been fired in this rifle.

(3) That the death slug contained land and groove impressions and direction of twist consistent with those present in the barrel of this rifle.

***** That he also made microscopic comparisons between the fresh dent in the window sill from the bathroom and concluded it was made by an object with a rounded surface and flat end and contained the same type of microscopic marks as appear on the barrel of subject rifle.

That his examination of the 243 Winchester revealed that this rifle would not chamber and fire due to crusty material on the head or face of the bolt.

Morris S. Clark, expert in hair and fibers examination with the FBI Laboratory would testify as to how he prepared slides of fibers of this green bed spread ^{which was not the property of rooming house} and found the same type fibers on the sheets and sofa pillow removed from Room 5B. Q206, 207, and 208.

That he found fibers of the exact same type on the following items recovered from the white mustang in Atlanta.

Q95 Sweat shirt

Q97 & 100 Sheets

Q98 Jacket

Q99 Pillow case

Q102 Walking shorts

Q103 Rug from trunk

Q104 Pillow from *trunk*

Q117 Sweepings from car

That he prepared slides of hair from the hair brush (Q38) found in zipper bag with hairs found on the following items in the Mustang:

Q95 Sweat shirt Q100 Sheet

Q97 Sheet Q103 Rug from trunk

Q99 Pillow case Q114-117 Sweepings from Mustang

and found them to have same characteristics in every respect.

He also compared with hair we would show to have been collected after Ray received a haircut here in jail and he would testify this hair from Ray had all the same characteristics as that from brush in bag left in front of Canipes, items above-mentioned from Room 5B and the items mentioned from the Mustang.

He would further identify this styrofoam container recovered from the mustang in Atlanta as being identical to the type used to package the Polaroid 230 camera (same type found in Ray's possession in London).

The State would also offer the testimony of James H. Mortimer, Examiner of Questioned Documents, commonly referred to as a handwriting expert and would show his examinations and conclusions as follows:

That the same person who prepared and signed the application and note under the signature Eric S. Galt (identified as the defendant in this picture and by Mr. Lau of the International School of Bartending Q261 & 262) also signed the registration card at the Rebel Motel Q86; signed the registration at the Provincial Motel in New Orleans Q141; and signed this motor vehicle transfer from Paisley to Galt and driver's license application in Birmingham under the name Eric Starvo Galt KC4, and to be the same person who signed the safe deposit box records in Birmingham K5 and also to be the same person who prepared this writing on the Modern Book Store coupon found to bear the thumbprint of Ray as heretofore explained and that he also wrote Eric S. Galt on an envelope introduced by Garner from Atlanta Q246. There were many other documents used in tracing and identifying the defendant but I felt the above to be the key ones of interest to you Gentlemen.

3-10-68
Agreed:
Ray Foreman
att'y for James
Earl Ray,

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 3/10/69

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Bishop

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BP
S AC Jensen telephonically advised the state court proceedings at Memphis, Tennessee, in captioned case, were completed at 12:10 p.m. today, at which time Ray was found guilty and was sentenced to 99 years' imprisonment.

SAC Jensen advised that at the commencement of proceedings this morning, Attorney Percy Foreman addressed the court, stating that his client, Ray, was willing to enter a plea of guilty if the court would accept same and give a 99 year sentence, and added that he was making a motion to this effect. Following Foreman's motion, Ray openly and voluntarily agreed to enter a plea of guilty and accept the above-mentioned sentence.

The State then introduced five witnesses. There was no cross examination of any of the witnesses by defendant's attorney. There was a short recess; court then reconvened, at which time James Beasley, Assistant Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, gave a summation of all the facts in this case.

The Judge then indicated to the jury that he wanted a vote from them, at which time they did vote to accept a plea of guilty from Ray and that he would be sentenced to 99 years' imprisonment. This vote was taken in open court, at which time there was a unanimous verdict to accept the plea of guilty and sentence of 99 years. (The all-male jury consisted of 10 white and 2 Negro jurymen.) The court agreed on the acceptance of the plea of guilty and the 99 year sentence was imposed.

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AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long

To: Legat, Mexico City (173-1)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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and 2-14-69.

You should advise the results of investigation
conducted to date regarding telephone calls allegedly made
from Acapulco, Mexico, to Corpus Christi, Texas, by James Earl
Ray and alleged dealing of Ray in marijuana at Puerto Vallarta,
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NOTE:

Information has come to the Bureau's attention through interview of William Bradford Huie by Memphis state authorities to the effect that James Earl Ray while in Mexico allegedly made telephone calls from Acapulco, Mexico, to Corpus Christi, Texas, and that he was dealing in marijuana in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. It is noted that Ray was in Mexico during part of October and November 1967.

We transmitted this information to Legat, Mexico City, and instructed that appropriate investigation be conducted. This communication is a follow-up to determine the results of investigation conducted to date.

3-12-69

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long

To: Legats, Paris
Ottawa
London
Mexico City

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

For information of Offices receiving this communication, James Earl Ray on March 10, 1969, in Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee, entered a plea of guilty to the state charge of murder in connection with the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., and was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for 99 years.

In the event you receive any inquiries from individuals who have been placed on notice regarding their appearance in Memphis, you may advise them of the results of the court proceedings. If any individuals who contact you desire any further details, they should be advised to correspond directly with Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County Courthouse, Memphis, Tennessee.

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NOTE:

This is to advise respective Legats of the conviction of James Earl Ray in state court in the event they receive inquiries from individuals who have been placed on notice by Tennessee state authorities regarding their possible appearance in Memphis. The Legats are also being instructed that if any of these individuals contact them regarding this matter, and if they have any further questions they should be advised to contact Mr. Canale directly.