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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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REBUTEL TO ALL OFFICES DATED JULY 28, 1976, WHICH SET FORTH BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONCERNING REVIEW OF OUR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. INVESTIGATIONS BY A TASK FORCE OF THE OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (OPR), DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ).

PURPOSE OF THIS TELETYPE IS TO ALERT BALTIMORE REGARDING PLANS OF OPR TASK FORCE PERSONNEL TO VISIT THAT OFFICE TO CONTINUE REVIEW OF OUR KING INVESTIGATIONS.

ON DECEMBER 15, 1976, TASK FORCE PERSONNEL MR. JEFF COVERT AND MS. HOPE BYRNE WILL ARRIVE AT THE BALTIMORE OFFICE. THEY DESIRE TO REVIEW KING ASSASSINATION FILES (MURKIN), THE INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION OF KING, AND ALL

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KING RELATED SECURITY FILES, INCLUDING "COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL," "COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS," AND CPUSA - NEGRO QUESTION."

IT IS NOTED THAT ALL PERSONNEL ON THE TASK FORCE ARE AUTHORIZED TOTAL ACCESS TO PERTINENT FILES AND SUBFILES AT FBIHQ AND IN THE FIELD REGARDING INVESTIGATION OF KING, HIS FAMILY MEMBERS, AND ASSOCIATES. THIS WILL INCLUDE COVER PAGES OF COMMUNICATIONS CONTAINING IDENTITIES OF SOME FBI SOURCES AND INFORMANTS WHO WERE NOT AFFORDED SYMBOL NUMBERS AT THAT TIME AND INDIVIDUALS WHO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED CONFIDENTIALITY. INFORMANT FILES ARE NOT TO BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHOUT PRIOR FBIHQ AUTHORITY.

BALTIMORE ASSIGN COORDINATOR TO HANDLE LIAISON WITH TASK FORCE PERSONNEL AND PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE IN WHICH TO CONDUCT REVIEW. CONFIRM THEIR ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE BY TELETYPE AND KEEP FBIHQ ADVISED OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.

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NOTE: The Attorney General has ordered a review of our King investigations. It is to be conducted by a task force of OPR and is a continuation of a previous review by the Civil Rights Division of the DOJ.

Baltimore has been telephonically furnished contents of teletype. Task Force personnel have been advised concerning address of Baltimore Office and appropriate FBI personnel to contact. Baltimore has been instructed to refer any questions concerning the review to Deputy Assistant Director J. O. Ingram or SA V. R. Thornton.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW; COST DATA
RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED AUGUST 6, 1976.

MANPOWER AND UNUSUAL COST EXPENDITURES BY WASHINGTON
FIELD REGARDING CAPTIONED PROJECT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER,
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- (1) MANPOWER: NONE.
- (2) UNUSUAL COSTS: NONE.

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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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REBUTEL DECEMBER 10, 1976, AND YOUR TELETYPE DECEMBER 14, 1976.

OBTAIN ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MRS. BETTY RAY BRASHEAR MAY HAVE AS TO THE SPECIFIC LOCATION OF JIMMY WAYNE RAY IN NEW ORLEANS AND SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEAD TO HAVE JIMMY WAYNE RAY INTERVIEWED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS IN REBUTEL.

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NOTE: This is the Civil Rights assassination investigation of Martin Luther King, who was killed on 4/4/68 in Memphis, Tennessee. James Earl Ray pled guilty to this murder and presently is in local confinement.

Alfred William Martinez has made allegations that while incarcerated with Simponis in 1966-1967, he wrote letters to James Earl Ray in Memphis, Tennessee, for Simponis and Simponis told Martinez to go to Memphis when he got out and contact Ray to pull off a big job. Martinez states he never went. From investigation conducted to date, it appears the only time Simponis and Martinez were incarcerated together at Salt Lake County Jail was from either 1/29/68 to 3/2/68 or from 2/13/68 to 3/2/68. Prison records reflect one Jimmie W. Ray of Memphis, Tennessee, was on correspondence list of Simponis in 1968.

By Butel 12/10/76, Memphis instructed to locate and interview Jimmie W. Ray. By teletype 12/14/76, Memphis advised Mrs. Betty Ray Brashear advised her brother, Jimmy Wayne Ray, previously resided at address listed on correspondence list. Memphis discontinued investigation and this instructs Memphis to have Jimmy Wayne Ray interviewed.

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Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 6/21/76

Attached advises that the Department Task Force of the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), now in Memphis reviewing Martin Luther King assassination files of that office, desires to interview Supervisor Joe C. Hester of Memphis who was case agent during the assassination. Request of Task Force is in accord with Attorney General's instructions pertaining to the King review which is to include personnel interviews as well as access to files. FBIHQ interposes no objection to interview and accordingly Hester will be interviewed 6/23/76.

If you approve Memphis will be telephonically advised to instruct Hester to record his account of the interview in summary form and submit to FBIHQ by letterhead memorandum and cover airtel.

This matter has been coordinated with SA R. F. Olmert of Legal Counsel Division and SA E. J. McDonough of the General Investigative Division.

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CITY, DEC. 2, 1976.

A REVIEW OF INDICES AND FILES OF THE MEMPHIS OFFICE
REVEALED NO INFO IDENTIFIABLE WITH ALFRED WILLIAM MARTINEZ,
EILL SIMPONIS, OR WILLIAM SIMPONIS BASED ON INFORMATION SET
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RE BUTEL TO SACRAMENTO, DEC. 2, 1976.

ON DEC. 3, 1976, BILL WALINOW, FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER, KANSAS CITY, MO., MADE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW FILE PERTAINING TO WILLIAM B. SIMPONIS, MEDICAL CENTER FOR FEDERAL PRISONERS (MCFP) #P-827-H.

SIMPONIS WAS SENTENCED AUG. 12, 1966, DISTRICT OF UTAH, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, FOR VIOLATION OF NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE TRANSPORTATION ACT. HE WAS CONVICTED UNDER SECTION 4246, T. 17, USC, HAVING BEEN FOUND INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL. HE WAS COMMITTED MCFP AUG. 21, 1966 AND RELEASED JAN. 27, 1968 TO RETURN TO COURT AND AGAIN COMMITTED TO MCFP MAR. 2, 1968. SIMPONIS DIED AT 12:10 AM, JULY 14, 1968. CAUSE OF DEATH.

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FILE DISCLOSED SIMPONIS INCARCERATED SALT LAKE CITY COUNTY JAIL, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH FROM JULY 26, 1966 THROUGH AUG. 19, 1966 AND AGAIN ON JAN. 29, 1968.

FILE DISCLOSED ON MAR. 2, 1968, SIMPONIS REQUESTED TO CORRESPOND WITH ONE FREDDIE MARTINEZ, RT. 1, BOX 403, ORCHARD PARK, CANON CITY, COLO., AND ALSO ON MAR. 25, 1968 REQUESTED TO CORRESPOND WITH ONE JIMMIE W. RAY, 492 CLAP ICE DR., MEMPHIS, TENN. BOTH WERE APPROVED, HOWEVER, FILE CONTAINS NO CORRESPONDENCE.

ON APRIL 1, 1969, ONE JIMMIE W. RAY, P.O. BOX 6, OLIVE BRANCH, MISSISSIPPI, MADE INQUIRY THROUGH MCFP RE WILLIAM B. SIMPONIS. RAY WAS ADVISED APRIL 3, 1969 OF SIMPONIS' DEATH.

MEMPHIS, AT MEMPHIS, TENN., ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF JIMMIE W. RAY, AS SET FORTH ABOVE, COULD BE IDENTICAL TO JAMES EARL RAY.

AIR MAIL COPIES FOR INFO FURNISHED SACRAMENTO AND SALT LAKE CITY.

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RE BUTEL, DEC. 2, 1976.

ON DEC. 7, 1976, ALFRED WILLIAM MARTINEZ, 807 GREENWOOD ST., WEST SACRAMENTO, CALIF., PHONE 372-0780, WAS INTERVIEWED IN DEPTH AT 1401 11TH AVE., SACRAMENTO, CALIF., WHERE HE WAS WORKING THAT DATE.

MARTINEZ ADVISED HE WAS IN SALT LAKE COUNTY JAIL FOR TWO AND

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ONE-HALF TO THREE MONTHS IN WHAT HE BELIEVES WAS LAST PART OF 1966 OR EARLY 1967.

MARTINEZ ADVISED DURING THIS INCARCERATION HE BECAME FRIENDLY WITH WILLIAM SIMPONIS. HE ADVISED SIMPONIS WAS ILL WITH EMPHYSEMA, AND AT SIMPONIS' REQUEST MARTINEZ WROTE SEVERAL LETTERS FOR HIM. HE ADVISED HE WROTE APPROXIMATELY THREE LETTERS A WEEK DURING THE ENTIRE PERIOD HE WAS INCARCERATED, TO AN INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED AS JAMES RAY AND EARL RAY BY SIMPONIS. HE ADVISED HE MAILED THESE LETTERS TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, BUT HE COULD NOT REMEMBER THE ADDRESS. MARTINEZ ADVISED HE HAD KEPT A SHOE BOX FULL OF LETTERS HE RECEIVED FROM RAY AND SOME ITEMS WHICH BELONGED TO SIMPONIS. MARTINEZ ADVISED TWO OF THESE LETTERS WERE ADDRESSED TO HIM AND THE REST TO SIMPONIS. HE ADVISED HE LOST THESE ITEMS FOUR OR FIVE YEARS AGO AND HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO LOCATE THEM.

MARTINEZ ADVISED THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTERS USUALLY CONSISTED OF INFO ABOUT WHEN SIMPONIS WAS GOING TO GET OUT OF JAIL AND HOW THEY WOULD GET TOGETHER. MARTINEZ CANNOT THINK OF ANY OTHER TOPICS ABOUT WHICH HE WROTE.

MARTINEZ WAS TOLD BY SIMPONIS THAT HE SHOULD CONTACT RAY

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WHEN HE GOT OUT OF JAIL AND "THAT THEY HAD A JOB GOING ON; THEY WOULD NEED SOME HELP ON IT; THAT I COULD MAKE QUITE A BIT OF MONEY ON IT AND I WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT WORK ANY MORE." SIMPONIS NEVER IDENTIFIED ANY VICTIMS OF SUCH A PLAN. HE ADVISED SIMPONIS HATED BLACK PEOPLE VERY MUCH BUT HE NEVER MENTIONED MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., OR ANY OTHER BLACKS SPECIFICALLY THAT HE COULD REMEMBER.

MARTINEZ ADVISED WHEN HE GOT OUT OF JAIL SIMPONIS GAVE HIM THREE LETTERS WRITTEN BY SIMPONIS TO BE MAILED TO RAY. MARTINEZ ADVISED HE DID NOT READ CONTENTS OF THESE LETTERS BUT HE DID SEND THEM. MARTINEZ ADVISED HE WAS TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH SIMPONIS, WHO WOULD ADVISE HIM TO GO TO MEMPHIS AT A SPECIFIED TIME, AND THAT SIMPONIS WOULD HAVE MAILED A PICTURE OF MARTINEZ TO RAY FOR PURPOSE OF IDENTIFICATION. WHEN THIS OCCURRED, RAY WAS TO MEET MARTINEZ AT MEMPHIS AIRPORT ON A DESIGNATED DATE. MARTINEZ ADVISED HE NEVER CONTACTED SIMPONIS AFTER HE GOT OUT OF JAIL IN SALT LAKE CITY AND WAS ARRESTED FOR BURGLARY IN CANYON CITY, COLORADO, AND SENT TO COLORADO STATE PRISON FROM MAY 28, 1967, UNTIL THE LAST OF 1967.

MARTINEZ FURTHER ADVISED HE WROTE LETTERS FOR SIMPONIS TO

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OTHER INDIVIDUALS. HE IDENTIFIED THESE INDIVIDUALS AS JEANNETTE SCOTT, GIRL FRIEND OF SIMPONIS, PIONEER HOTEL, 342 FIFTH STREET, ELKO, NEVADA (MARTINEZ SEEMED TO RECOLLECT SCOTT WAS PART OWNER OF THIS HOTEL AND WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE LARGE COLLECTION OF GUNS); LILLIAN SCHURTER, 1274 WEST STREET, POSSIBLY ELKO, NEVADA, PHONE TE3-7226; KALIOPE SOLIATES, 1226 WEST 20TH, POSSIBLY ELKO, NEVADA, PHONE TE3-3617; AND NICK SIMPONIS, GARDENA, CALIF., PHONE 434-8747 (BROTHER OF WILLIAM SIMPONIS, STREET ADDRESS NOT KNOWN).

MARTINEZ IS MEXICAN MALE, 5'9", 157 LBS., BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, BORN JUNE 26, 1946, CANYON CITY, COLORADO, FBI NO. 8390LG, SSAN [REDACTED] ADDRESS 807 GREENWOOD STREET, WEST SACRAMENTO, PREVIOUS ADDRESSES 3427 4TH STREET, SACRAMENTO; 1651 ILLINOIS AVENUE, CANYON CITY, COLORADO; CURRENTLY ON PROBATION FOR DRUNK DRIVING CHARGES.

MARTINEZ ADVISED HE DOES NOT KNOW IF INDIVIDUAL REFERRED TO AS JAMES OR EARL RAY IS IDENTICAL TO JAMES EARL RAY CONVICTED IN MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DENVER AT CANYON CITY REVIEW COLORADO STATE PRISON RECORDS FOR MARTINEZ FOR POSSIBLE LEAD PURPOSES RELATING TO SIMPONIS OR RAY.

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SOLICITS TO INTERVIEW FOR ANY INFO PERTINENT TO THEIR CONNECTION,
OR CONNECTION OF WILLIAM SIMPONIS, WITH JAMES EARL RAY OF
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RE SACRAMENTO TELETYPE, DECEMBER 9, 1976.

ALL OFFICES DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION REQUESTED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE.

BUREAU SHOULD NOTE THAT ALFRED WILLIAM MARTINEZ INDICATED HE WAS IN SALT LAKE COUNTY JAIL FOR 60 TO 90 DAYS DURING LATE

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1966 OR EARLY 1967. SALT LAKE JAIL RECORDS DO NOT CORROBORATE THIS; HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE NOTED JAMES EARL RAY WAS IN THE MISSOURI STATE PRISON FROM MARCH 17, 1967, UNTIL HIS ESCAPE APRIL 23, 1967. ANY MAIL ADDRESSED TO JAMES EARL RAY DURING THIS PERIOD WOULD HAVE GONE TO THE MISSOURI STATE PRISON.

SALT LAKE COUNTY JAIL RECORDS INDICATE THAT MARTINEZ AND WILLIAM SIMONIS WERE INCARCERATED TOGETHER AT THE MOST FROM JANUARY 29, 1968, TO MARCH 2, 1968. PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION HAS ALREADY DISCLOSED THAT JAMES EARL RAY ON JANUARY 29, 1968, WAS RESIDING IN LOS ANGELES AND APPEARS TO HAVE REMAINED THERE UNTIL AT LEAST MARCH 17, 1968, SO IT IS OBVIOUS ANY MAIL ADDRESSED TO JAMES EARL RAY DURING THIS PERIOD WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN SENT TO MEMPHIS, TENN.

MEMPHIS CONCLUDES THAT JAMES EARL RAY AND JIMMIE W. RAY, AN ACQUAINTANCE OF WILLIAM SIMONIS, HAVE NO CONNECTION AND THAT FURTHER INQUIRY BASED ON INFO FURNISHED BY MARTINEZ WOULD BE OF NO VALUE.

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS, DECEMBER 10, 1976.

MRS. BETTY RAY BRASHEAR LOCATED, DECEMBER 14, 1976, AT 491 CLARICE, MEMPHIS. SHE VERIFIED THAT HER BROTHER, JIMMY WAYNE RAY, HAD PREVIOUSLY RESIDED AT 492 CLARICE, MEMPHIS.

FROM INFORMATION FURNISHED BY MRS. BRASHEAR, RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS JIMMY WAYNE RAY, FBI NO. 904 936 F. RAY WAS ARRESTED, JANUARY 19, 1967, AT MEMPHIS AND CHARGED WITH VIOLATION OF T18, SECTION 659. ON FEBRUARY 7, 1967, HE WAS COMMITTED TO U.S. MEDICAL CENTER, SPRINGFIELD, MO., FOR OBSERVATION. HE WAS AT U.S. MEDICAL CENTER APPROXIMATELY FEBRUARY TO MAY, 1967, WHICH PERIOD IS CONCURRENT WITH THE TIME THAT WILLIAM SIMPONIS WAS AT THE MEDICAL CENTER.

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OF PHOENIX TELETYPE TO MEMBERS, DECEMBER 16, 1976.
MEMBER BAY BEAVER LOCATED, DECEMBER 19, 1976, AT 401
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WAS PREVIOUSLY RESIDED AT 400 N. 40TH STREET, MEMBERS.
FROM INFORMATION FURNISHED BY BAY BEAVER, BAY HAS BEEN
IDENTIFIED AS JIMMY WARD BAY, FBI NO. 44-1987-1. BAY WAS
ARRESTED, JANUARY 10, 1967, AT MEMPHIS AND CHARGED WITH VIOLATION
OF FEDERAL STATUTE, 18 USC 2385. HE WAS COMMITTED TO
FEDERAL REFORMATORY, BRIDGEMAN, KY., FOR REFORMATION. HE WAS
RECEIVED AT THE FEDERAL REFORMATORY, BRIDGEMAN, KY., IN
MAY, 1967. APPROXIMATELY HE CAME TO MAY, 1967.
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ON MAY 29, 1967, RAY ENTERED PLEA OF GUILTY IN USDC, MEMPHIS,
AND WAS SENTENCED ON JUNE 1, 1967, TO EIGHTEEN MONTHS PROBATION.

MRS. BRASHEAR STATES RAY NOW RESIDING AT UNKNOWN ADDRESS IN
NEW ORLEANS, LA., WITH HIS WIFE AND FAMILY.

MEMPHIS SEES NOTHING TO BE GAINED BY PURSUING THIS MATTER
FURTHER AND NO LEADS BEING SET OUT FOR NEW ORLEANS.

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TO : Mr. Gallagher

DATE: 12/14/76

FROM : J. S. Peelman

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

PURPOSE: To advise of an article appearing in the "Washington Star" 12/12/76, reporting that a recent book by George McMillan entitled "The Making of an Assassin - The Life of James Earl Ray" concludes that Ray acted alone in committing the assassination of Dr. King, and of an article appearing in the "Washington Post" 12/14/76, reporting that the United States Supreme Court refused without comment to disturb the guilty plea and conviction of Ray.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

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DETAILS: This case pertains to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on 4/4/68, in Memphis, Tennessee. On 3/10/69, in State Court, Memphis, James Earl Ray entered a plea of guilty to charges of the murder of Dr. King and received a 99-year sentence. Ray is presently in local confinement.

The Office of Professional Responsibility, United States Department of Justice, presently has the FBI investigation of Dr. King under review. The United States House of Representatives has recently created a Select Committee to investigate the assassinations of Dr. King and President John F. Kennedy.

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A Six-Year Trail on James Earl Ray

By Jeremiah O'Leary

THE MAKING OF AN ASSASSIN. The Life of James Earl Ray, by George McMillan. Little, Brown & Co. \$8.95. 318 pages.

Reflecting on the tidal wave of assassination books that erupted after the murders of President John F. Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King and Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, it is a professional pleasure to encounter a volume that reflects a solid six years of original research instead of ivory tower thumb-sucking.

It is especially timely that George McMillan is now in the book stores since a House Select Committee on Assassinations is about to embark on a full-scale investigation of the murders that shook the world in the 1960s. McMillan, unlike most of the assassination authors, did not rely almost wholly on the investigative work of such entities as the Warren Commission, the FBI and various police departments.

McMillan immersed himself in the lives of the family and friends of James Earl Ray, certainly no pleasurable enterprise considering the skid-row/Tobacco Road milieu of the suspicious and amoral background of the man who killed America's foremost black leader.

Instead of analyzing the official reports and the newspaper clippings and then coming up with startling theories, spread wholesale as if they were facts, McMillan plunged into the world of James Earl Ray and stayed there with little surcease for years. The result is a sensitive and immensely revealing story of the Midwestern background that spawned Ray and how he came to his fateful meeting with King in Memphis, Tenn. in April, 1968.

THE BOTTOM LINE, McMillan concludes, is that Ray acted alone in committing the assassination of Dr. King, that there was no conspiracy except in the mind of the smalltime criminal who pulled the trigger. McMillan has found more than enough witnesses to the fact that Ray was consumed with racial hatred and determined long before the final act that he committed in the conviction that it was his mission in life to kill the "Big Nigger," as Ray called King.

An important part of McMillan's exhaustive reporting was to discover persuasive reasons for

believing that Ray's year of wandering and his getaway from Memphis were financed by funds he had available to him from his activities as a "merchant" of contraband in the last prison he was in before the murder. McMillan has managed to demonstrate persuasively that Ray had enough money to finance his pre-assassination odyssey and his escape to Canada and Europe without being bankrolled by anyone.

But it is the psychological portrait of Ray and his antecedents that is so chilling. McMillan found Ray to be a product of the poor-white culture of the Mississippi river towns in which he grew up and an almost predestined fate to be outside the law from his earliest youth. McMillan found Ray to be a moderately intelligent man but one whose perceptions of society were warped by the Jukes-Kallikak family to which he belonged.

HIS FATHER, "SPEEDY," and his mother, Ceal, were hopelessly in the grip of their urban hillbilly environment. His siblings and other relatives were and are almost completely alienated from the mainstream of life. Given a windfall of money, the Ray family members preferred the sleazy slums or rural shacks in which they lived. Freed from prison, a Ray family member more often than not could barely stay at large any longer than it took to think of the next crime.

Ray knew prisons all his life and he knew how to survive in them. He seems to have enjoyed the outside life of whores, cheap bars and slums in which he moved yet he always managed to get caught again as if the only real security for him was inside prison walls. Yet, Ray was not a stupid man. He was a sucker for the pipe dreams that came to him: his fascination with the Nazis, even when he saw them humbled in post-war Germany, and his attempts to improve his knowledge of law, bartending and even ballroom dancing are cases in point.

In retracing Ray's movements in the year he was at large before the slaying of King, McMillan proves that Ray was a cunning and resourceful man. Ray, it seems, could have actually made it in the straight world if he had really tried but he appears to have become overcome with the obsession

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JAMES EARL RAY** FBI No. 405,942 G

Photographs taken 1963 Photograph taken 1968 (eyes drawn by artist)

Aliases: Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Connor, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim."

DESCRIPTION

Age: 40, born March 10, 1928, at Quincy or Alton, Illinois (not supported by birth records)	Eyes: Blue
Height: 5' 10"	Complexion: Medium
Weight: 163 to 174 pounds	Race: White
Build: Medium	Nationality: American
Hair: Brown, possibly cut short	

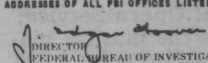
Occupations: Baker, color matcher, laborer
Scars and Marks: Small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand
Remarks: Noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending.
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CRIMINAL RECORD
 Ray has been convicted of burglary, robbery, forging U. S. Postal Money Orders, armed robbery, and operating motor vehicle without owner's consent.

CAUTION

RAY IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.
 A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Ray as Eric Starvo Galt with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241). A Federal warrant was also issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging Ray with Interstate Flight to Avoid Confinement for the crime of Robbery (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073).
IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE NOTIFY ME OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.


 DIRECTOR
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535
 TELEPHONE, NATIONAL 8-7117

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to kill King while he was in that most racist of prisons, Jefferson City, Mo. state pen.

THIS IS NO STUDY of the manhunt and world-wide investigation that led to Ray's capture in London airport. This book is really a John Guntherine attempt to get inside Ray and learn what made him tick from the moment he was born. McMillan succeeds admirably. He incontrovertibly places Ray in a fringe of society that most of us do not even see and terrifies the reader with the knowledge that there are so many people in the U.S. to whom jails, violation of the law and squalor are a way of life.

The appalling thing is that Ray contained within himself enough assets of intelligence and ambition to have crossed over into the straight world. I am no psychologist and therefore cannot entirely subscribe to McMillan's idea that, in killing King, Ray was really committing parricide against his own Jeter Lester-like father. I feel, on the basis of the McMillan dissection of James Earl Ray, that he was a lawless bigot to whom it was a natural thing to plan and execute the murder of the civil rights leader.

The House Select Committee, among others, should take the reporting of George McMillan into account when it begins probing the murder of King. McMillan has done a good deal of the committee's work already when it comes to deciding whether the world knows all there is to know about Ray and why he set out to kill Dr. King and did so with nearly as much skill as the fictional "Jackal" of screen and novel.

This is a most important book, and incredibly timely, since the King assassination will soon be probed by a committee which does not have six years in which to reach a conclusion.●

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Denial of Benefits to Divorcees Upheld

By John P. MacKenzie
Washington Post Staff Writer

Social Security laws that bestow some benefits on married women while denying them to divorced women were upheld yesterday by a unanimous Supreme Court.

The court held that the laws, far from being irrational as a lower court had ruled, made a reasonable distinction between the economic circumstances of divorced and married women.

"Divorce by its nature works a drastic change in the economic and personal relationship between a husband and wife," Justice Potter Stewart wrote for the court. "Ordinarily it means that they will go their separate ways."

Lawyers for Helen de Castro of Chicago, who divorced her husband after more than 20 years of marriage, argued that the breakup increased her need for Social Security benefits, which were based on her former husband's eligibility for old-age assistance, for the care of their mentally disabled child who was in her custody.

Mrs. de Castro, who was 56 when she applied for the aid, would have received the benefits if she had remained married, but the law withholds the payments from single women in her situation until they are 62 years old.

Stewart rejected her arguments, saying Congress could reasonably take into account such facts of life as that "a divorced wife need not forgo work in order to stay home to care for her disabled husband. She may not feel the pinch of the extra expenses accompanying her former husband's old age or disability. In short, divorced couples typically live separate lives."

The justice acknowledged that many divorced women suffer when their ex-husbands can't work and fall behind in alimony or child support payments. But, he said, "Congress was not constitutionally obligated to use the Social Security Act to subsidize support payments."

He said the old age and disability program is designed to replace lost wage-earner income, not provide general public assistance to the needy.

The case did not produce any outward split among the justices. Justice Thurgood Marshall noted that he concurred only in the court's judgment and not necessarily the language of the opinion, but there was no dissent. Women's groups, some of which have expressed special concern for the hardships faced by divorced women, did not file legal briefs in the case.

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nan objecting, the court refused to hear a complaint by Americans United, an organization opposed to government aid to religion, that Missouri's program of reimbursement to needy college students is unconstitutional as applied to students in schools with religious affiliations.

JAMES EARL RAY

The court refused without comment to disturb the guilty plea and conviction of James Earl Ray, who is serving a 99-year prison sentence for the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

It was the latest of several unsuccessful attempts by Ray to withdraw his plea and contest the murder charge. Among his claims, rejected by lower federal courts, is that the plea was tainted by conflicts of interest among defense lawyers who stood to gain from publication rights to his story.

SEX DISCRIMINATION

The court agreed to decide whether the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission can wait indefinitely to file suits charging employees with specific acts of sex or race bias or whether it is bound by any statute of limitations. Lower courts are split on the issue.

The court refused to hear the complaint of a Kentucky woman challenging the state's right to require her to use her married name on her driver's license. A divided Sixth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said it was bound to reject her suit because of a brief,

unexplained 1972 high court ruling in a similar case from Alabama.

THREATS

The court let stand the conviction of Russell Kelner, an officer of the Jewish Defense League, for threatening to assassinate Yasser Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization. The threat came during a New York press conference in November, 1974. Lawyers for Kelner said he could not be convicted of the federal crime of causing his threat to cross state lines since the transmission was accomplished via television over which he had no control. Lower courts said Kelner violated federal law by taking action that had foreseeable interstate consequences.

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS, DECEMBER 15, 1976.

ONE ALFRED WILLIAM MARTINEZ HAS ADVISED SACRAMENTO OFFICE THAT WHILE IN SALT LAKE COUNTY JAIL ABOUT JANUARY TO MARCH, 1968, HE MET WILLIAM B. SIMPONIS. MARTINEZ CLAIMS TO HAVE WRITTEN LETTERS FOR SIMPONIS, ADDRESSED TO JAMES EARL RAY IN MEMPHIS, TENN. SIMPONIS ALLEGEDLY TOLD MARTINEZ TO GO TO MEMPHIS WHEN HE GOT OUT AND TO CONTACT RAY TO PULL OFF A BIG JOB. MARTINEZ COULD NOT GET CLOTHES AND MONEY FOR TRAVEL SO HE NEVER WENT TO SEE RAY.

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NEW ORLEANS NOTE THAT JAMES EARL RAY IS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN RESIDING AS A FUGITIVE IN LOS ANGELES DURING THE PERIOD MARTINEZ AND SIMPONIS WERE INCARCERATED TOGETHER AT SALT LAKE COUNTY JAIL.

SIMPONIS WAS SENTENCED AUGUST 12, 1966, AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, FOR ITSMV VIOLATION. HE WAS CONVICTED UNDER TITLE 18, SECTION 4246, HAVING BEEN FOUND INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL. HE WAS COMMITTED TO MEDICAL CENTER FOR FEDERAL PRISONERS (MCFP), SPRINGFIELD, MO., AUGUST 21, 1966, AND RELEASED JANUARY 27, 1968. HE RETURNED TO COURT AND WAS AGAIN COMMITTED TO MCFP MARCH 2, 1968, AND DIED THERE ON JULY 14, 1968. WHILE AT MCFP SIMPONIS REQUESTED TO CORRESPOND WITH ONE JIMMIE W. RAY, 492 CLARICE DRIVE, MEMPHIS. HIS REQUEST WAS APPROVED. ON APRIL 1, 1969, ONE JIMMIE W. RAY, P. O. BOX 6, OLIVE BRANCH, MISS., INQUIRED OF SIMPONIS THROUGH MCFP AND WAS ADVISED OF SIMPONIS' DEATH.

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MEMPHIS OFFICE HAS LOCATED MRS. BETTY RAY BRASHEAR, 491 CLARICE, MEMPHIS, THE SISTER OF JIMMIE WAYNE RAY WHO PREVIOUSLY RESIDED 492 CLARICE, MEMPHIS. JIMMIE WAYNE RAY, FBI NO. 904936F, WAS ARRESTED AT MEMPHIS JANUARY 19, 1967, FOR TFIS AND ON FEBRUARY 7, 1967, WAS COMMITTED TO MCFP, SPRINGFIELD, FOR OBSERVATION. HE REMAINED MCFP UNTIL MAY, 1967, AND APPARENTLY KNEW SIMPONIS DURING THAT TIME.

THE BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT RAY BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED "TO DETERMINE IF SIMPONIS CORRESPONDED WITH HIM WHILE IN JAIL IN SALT LAKE CITY, NATURE OF ANY SUCH CORRESPONDENCE, AND WHETHER HE HAS ANY ASSOCIATION WITH JAMES EARL RAY OF CAPTIONED MATTER." MRS. BRASHEAR DOES NOT KNOW RAY'S ADDRESS BUT STATES HE RESIDES IN NEW ORLEANS, LA., AND IS EMPLOYED BY A BOAT COMPANY. RAY DOES NOT WORK ON A BOAT BUT WORKS FOR A COMPANY WHICH OPERATES BOATS. RAY IS A WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AT LEWISBURG, MISS. IN 1967 HE WAS DESCRIBED AS 6'1" TALL, PII

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176 POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES. HE WAS DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMY IN 1963 FOR "REASONS OF NERVOUS BREAKDOWN AND ATTEMPT TO COMMIT SUICIDE." SINCE SIMPONIS WAS INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL AND SINCE RAY HAD SUFFERED A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN AND HAD ATTEMPTED SUICIDE, IT WOULD APPEAR THEY HAD MUCH IN COMMON AT MCFP AND WERE VERY LIKELY ACQUAINTED. MEMPHIS IS CONVINCED THAT JIMMIE WAYNE RAY IS THE INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM MARTINEZ ADDRESSED LETTERS FOR SIMPONIS, AND THAT MARTINEZ IS OBVIOUSLY MISTAKEN IN BELIEVING HE WROTE LETTERS TO JAMES EARL RAY AT MEMPHIS.

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TO : Mr. J. S. Peelman *JSP*

DATE: 12/22/76

FROM : E. J. McDonough *epm*

1 - Mr. Lawn

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On December 21, 1976, Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) representative Jim Kieckhofer interviewed Unit Chief Edward J. McDonough, Civil Rights Section, relative to his knowledge of the supervision of the Murkin case in 1968. In line with Kieckhofer's questions, he was advised that Special Agent (SA) Richard E. Long was the case Supervisor, SA Edward J. McDonough was Unit Chief, SA Joseph G. Kelly was Number One Man and SA Clement L. McGowan was Section Chief and the mail relating to leads and developments in the investigation were handled in that chain of command. With respect to communications from legal attaches, Kieckhofer was advised that the originals came to the General Investigative Division (GID), were processed through the section chief to the case supervisor and copies of these communications also went to the liaison section at the Bureau. He was advised that pertinent developments were brought to the attention of the Number One Man, James R. Malley and Assistant Director Alex Rosen and from thence through the chain of command to the attention of the Director as evidenced by notes on teletypes and/or memos in the Murkin file.

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With respect to supervision of the case, he was advised that the Special Agent In Charge in the field had primary responsibility for running the case in the field and the Bureau had supervisory responsibility to suggest leads, arrange support facilities, keep officials advised and in general maintain overall administrative supervision of the case. He inquired as to who originated the search of fingerprint records to identify the assailant and he was advised that it was SA McDonough's recollection that Mr. Rosen may have instituted the search although the potential had been the topic of general discussion previously.

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Memorandum to Mr. Peelman
Re: MURKIN

In response to Kieckhofer's questions, he was advised that although SA McDonough was aware that there had been a Bureau Domestic Intelligence Division (DID) investigation on Martin Luther King, Jr., this had no effect on our efforts to solve this murder and the Bureau went all out on it. In response to his inquiry as to whether the DID had been contacted or consulted, he was advised that the GID had received some input and suggested leads from DID some of which may have been pursued and others may not have been run out and it was believed that justification pro and con may have been reflected in memos in the file.

In response to this inquiry, Kieckhofer was advised that the investigative aspects were primarily handled and pursued by the Bureau and we only discussed aspects of the case with the Department where some legal ramification might be involved such as the extradition and the like; however, the Department was kept advised of developments through informative memos and reports which were disseminated to the Department on a timely basis.

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FROM: SAC, DALLAS (100-11108) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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Re Dallas airtel to the Bureau dated 10/26/76.

The following costs were incurred by the Dallas Office in connection with the above-captioned matter during October, 1976:

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No costs were incurred by the Dallas Office in connection with this investigation during November, 1976.

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FROM : ~~SAC~~, WFO (44-703) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Remylet, dated 12/7/76.

Docket of U.S. Supreme Court showed:

Case Number: 76-5508

Title of Case: JAMES EARL RAY vs.
WARDEN J. H. ROSE

Petition denied on 12/13/76.

The petition contained no serious allegations against the FBI.

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Docket of U.S. Supreme Court showed:

Case Number: 76-5508

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FRANK WINSETT (PROTECT), WHITE MALE, AGE 26, WHOSE RELIABILITY IS UNKNOWN, VISITED BIRMINGHAM OFFICE DECEMBER 3, 1976, AND EXPRESSED DESIRE TO FURNISH INFORMATION HELPFUL TO A RECENT BIRMINGHAM DIVISION BANK ROBBERY. HIS INFORMATION WAS NON-SPECIFIC AND THE BANK ROBBERY HAD BEEN SOLVED. HE ADVISED HE WAS A ONE-TIME UNSUCCESSFUL BUREAU APPLICANT-CLERK, AND DISCUSSED SOME LOCAL CRIMINAL CHARACTERS AND GAMBLERS GENERALLY, CLAIMING TO BE KNOWLEDGEABLE REGARDING SOME CRIMINAL PERSONALITIES. 15 JAN 3 1977

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HE THEN ADVISED HIS REAL REASON FOR COMING TO THE OFFICE WAS TO FURNISH THE FOLLOWING REGARDING THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ASSASSINATION.

A FRIEND, A WHITE MALE, WHOM HE WOULD NOT IDENTIFY, HAS

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Fred Folsom, Dept. ORR advised 12/14/76

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