



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

St. Louis, Missouri

April 22, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY,
Also Known As
Eric Starvo Galt,
W. C. Herron,
Harvey Lowmyer,
James McBride,
James O'Conner,
James Walton
James Walyon,
John Willard
"Jim"

A Federal warrant was issued April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging the above individual with conspiring to interfere with a constitutional right of a citizen. A Federal warrant was also issued July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging this individual with interstate flight to avoid confinement for the crime of robbery.

Ray's sister, Melba Marie Ryan, has advised that he enjoyed his military duty in Germany, and had a girl friend there for which reason he might attempt to return to Germany.

A review of his Army service record on April 22, 1968, disclosed that he was assigned as follows in Germany, Army Serial Number 16 153 129:

53rd Quartermaster Base Depot, APO 124,
Nurenberg, Germany, one day, August 12, 1946;

626th Quartermaster Refrigeration Company (M),
APO 162, Nurenberg, Germany, August to
December, 1946;

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nor its contents are to be distributed
outside of the agency to which loaned.

FBI - KNOXVILLE
Fleming

Re: James Earl Ray

Companies C and B, 392nd Military Police Battalion, APO 69, Bremerhaven, Germany, December, 1946 to April, 1948. It is noted that during this assignment he was temporarily assigned to "D/S W/Brake MP School, APO 751, Bremen, Germany", February to March, 1947;

Company B, 7892nd Infantry Regiment, APO 757, Frankfort, Germany, April to June, 1948;

Company B, 16th Infantry, APO 757, and 696 (note APO 696 was Firth), June to December, 1948;

7749th Staging Area, APO 69, Bremerhaven, Germany, December, 1948.

His description during his Army service was -- born [redacted], Alton, Illinois, 5'11", 145 pounds, white, black hair, blue eyes, occupation, Military Policeman.

It is requested that an attempt be made to reconstruct his background while overseas; to identify his girl friend and alert her and appropriate individuals to report any contact with him or any information that he is in Germany.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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VIA TELETYPE
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ENCHIPHERED

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

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URGENT 4-23-68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 185

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Handwritten signatures: Long, M. DeLoach

MURKIN.

REMYCAB APRIL TWO TWO LAST.

IRMA MORALES (TRUE NAME MANUELA AGUIRRE MEDRANO) PROSTITUTE WITH WHOM GALT SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME WHILE AT PUERTO VALLARTA IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, INTERVIEWED BY MEX - TWO FOUR AT SMALL TOWN NEAR GUADALAJARA. PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT FURNISHED BY MORALES WHICH WAS TAKEN IN PUERTO VALLARTA ON NOVEMBER THREE, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, HAS BEEN FORWARDED BUREAU WITH PILOT OF EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT NINE ZERO FOUR, APRIL TWO THREE INSTANT, AS BUREAU HAS BEEN TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED. ORIGINAL PHOTO WAS POLAROID OF GALT AND MORALES BUT BEFORE GIVING UP PICTURE, SHE INSISTED ON HER PHOTOGRAPH BEING CUT OUT.

MEX - TWO FOUR HAS EXTENSIVELY INTERVIEWED IRMA MORALES, WHO CLAIMS NOT TO HAVE SEEN GALT SINCE NOVEMBER NINE LAST AND NOT TO HAVE HEARD FROM HIM SINCE THAT TIME.

MORALES CLAIMED THAT ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER TWO NINE LAST, GALT WAS DRINKING AT SAME TABLE WITH HER ABOUT NINE PM AND FOUR NEGROES AND SEVERAL WHITE PEOPLE WERE SEATED AT ANOTHER TABLE. GALT KEPT "GOADING" THE NEGROES, ONE OF WHOM WAS DESCRIBED AS

Handwritten signature

cc - Long

4/23/68
Thomson
Flannery

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VERY TALL AND ANOTHER AS VERY SHORT AND FAT. GALT THEN LEFT TO GO TO HIS CAR AND WHEN HE RETURNED HE ASKED MORALES TO FEEL HIS POCKET. SHE DID AND NOTED HE HAD A PISTOL IN HIS POCKET, THE HANDLE OF WHICH SHE SAW. GALT STATED HE WANTED TO KILL THE NEGROES. HE CONTINUED TO BE INSULTING AND WHEN NEGROES LEFT, HE STATED HE WANTED TO "GO AFTER THEM." MORALES, HOWEVER, TOLD HIM THAT IT WAS ABOUT TEN O'CLOCK WHEN THE POLICE WOULD COME TO CHECK THE PLACE AND HE STATED HE WANTED NOTHING TO DO WITH THE POLICE, THEREBY TERMINATING THE INCIDENT.

MORALES SAID THAT MOST OF TIME GALT WAS IN PUERTO VALLARTA HE WORE DARK GLASSES.

MEX - THREE THREE IMMEDIATELY SENT TO SAN LUIS POTOSI REGARDING LEAD IN BUCAB NUMBER ONE THREE EIGHT RECEIVED APRIL TWO THREE INSTANT AND BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

MEX - TWO FOUR IN SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE HAS BEEN UNABLE AS OF AFTERNOON APRIL TWO THREE INSTANT TO LOCATE CAR DESCRIBED IN BUCAB NUMBER ONE THREE FIVE OF APRIL TWO TWO LAST. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CONTINUES IN FOCAL PARTS OF MEXICO AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

RECEIVED: 10:21PM LRC

RD CC: MR. BRANNAN

WNFBI@KNOXVLE

FBI WASH DC

210PM URGENT 4/26/68 CAB

TO KNOXVILLE

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN, OO: MEMPHIS

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE MAIN FILE
ON KING:

ON THREE/THIRTY, SIXTY-FIVE, JACK WILLIAM BROWN, IMPERIAL
WIZARD, DIXIE KLANS, WAS INTERVIEWED BY SAS HERBERT C. MAYS
AND JAMES H. RIKE AT CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE. AT THAT TIME
BROWN STATED HE WAS SURPRISED KING HAD NOT BEEN KILLED IN
ALABAMA TO DATE. HE SAID IF KING EVER CAME TO THE CHATTANOOGA
AREA AND DID THE SAME THINGS HE WAS DOING IN ALABAMA, SOMEONE
WOULD KILL HIM. HE DID NOT COMMENT AS TO WHO WOULD KILL KING.
ALTHOUGH SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE ASSAILANT, YOU
SHOULD CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF BROWN MIGHT BE
IMPLICATED AS A CONSPIRATOR.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
617 Walnut Street, S. W.
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902
April 26, 1968

Gentlemen:

Attached is material on JAMES EARL RAY
who was added to the FBI's list of "Ten Most Wanted
Fugitives," Saturday, p.m., April 20, 1968.

Very truly yours,

W. F. ESTILL
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosures

This letter and indicated enclosures sent to
all outlets listed on top serial 80-151.

1 - 80-151
① - JAMES EARL RAY

/jss

44-696-195

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA Henry A. Quinn Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/25/68 Mr. RICHARD D. SMYSER, Managing Editor, The Oak Ridger, Daily newspaper, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, telephonically advised that he had recieved a call from Mrs. Wallace de Laguna, 129 Iris Circle, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, advising that she had had a letter from her daughter advising and reminding her that there were a number of billboards on the highways several years ago with the question in large letters "WHO IS JOHN GALT?". He advised that Mrs. de Laguna would like a call if the FBI was interested.

Mrs. de Laguna was contacted telephonically and was advised that the FBI was interested in any information which could possibly assist in the investigation of the case. She stated that she recalls the signs and also recalls that a book written by Ayn Rand entitled "ATLAS SHRUGGED" began with the first line "Who is John Galt?". She stated that this book was the story of a group of people who were superior and would be the rulers of the world.

Mrs. de Laguna indicated that Mr. Smyser was rather interested in the group or business who would have gone to the expense of having large signboards on the highway and she recalled that someone told her that these people were "Objectivists", who based their philosophy on the writings of Ayn Rand.

This memorandum has been prepared as a matter of record due to a newspaper contact.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 20, 1968

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

FUGITIVE

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY

"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM

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

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

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

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W. L. ... JST

An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom wanted notices have been posted in the FBI's Identification Division, succeeded in determining that Galt and Ray are identical.

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

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

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

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

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

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

He is known as an avid dancer who has taken dancing lessons. He also completed a course at a school of bartending in the Los Angeles area early in 1968.

Ray should be considered armed and extremely dangerous. Anyone with information concerning this fugitive is requested to immediately contact the nearest office of the FBI, the telephone number of which may be found on the first page of local telephone directories.



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Described as a "loner and "drifter," with a "rural" quality in his speech, 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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OK

Fleming JF

4/26/68

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: *wh* SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696) (P)
RE: MURKIN
CR

Re Atlanta teletype to Director, 4/26/68.

Flight of Mrs. JUDY CHANCE, South Pittsburg, Tennessee, telephone number 837-7207, from Atlanta, Georgia, to London, England on 4/5/68 verified. Mrs. CHANCE is visiting husband in military service.

3 - Bureau
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info.)
1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Info.)
2 - Knoxville

WBH:lm

(7) *elm*

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: *WR* SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696) (P)
RE: MURKIN;
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Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau, Memphis and Knoxville 4/26/68.

Investigation at Holiday Inn Motel, Market Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee, 4/26/68, developed no information JAMES EARL RAY has been at this motel. LINDA SUTTON, bar maid, Holiday Inn, has no information that would identify the anonymous female caller to the Atlanta Office on 4/25/68. She does not recall anyone identifying RAY in either the restaurant or the bar at the motel.

Holiday Inn has received numerous circulars concerning RAY and according to the Innkeeper, none of the employees or guests have ever indicated they have seen anyone at the motel resembling a photograph of RAY.

3 - Bureau
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info.)
1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Info.)
② - Knoxville
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FBI JACKSVLE

6:23 PM EST URGENT 4-26-68 TN

TO KNOXVILLE (44-696)

FROM JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

MURKIN.

RE MOBILE TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL TWENTY FOUR, LAST.

REFERENCE IS MADE TO IRS FORM SEVENTEEN RECEIVED FROM POST-MASTER, ALBERTA, ALA.

INSPECTOR JOHN BREWSTER, PENSACOLA, FLA., ADVISED THIS DATE THAT THERE IS NO POSSIBLE WAY TO IDENTIFY THE INDIVIDUAL MAILING REFERENCED FORM.

MRS. R. B. MOORE, IRS, PENSACOLA, ADVISED THEIR FORM SEVENTEEN IS FEDERAL INCOME TAXFORM THREE THIRTY FOUR IS TAX GUIDE FORM FOR SMALL BUSINESSES. SHE STATED THAT THESE FORMS ARE LEFT ON COUNTER AT IRS FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND THERE IS NO WAY OF IDENTIFYING WHO OBTAINS THESE FORMS AS THEY ARE NOT NUMBERED OR OTHERWISE IDENTIFIABLE.

MOBILE ADVISED AM.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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*Fleming advised
Stout advised*

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FBI ATLANTA

7:30 PM URGENT 4/26/68 LCC
TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN.

THE MAIN FILE ON KING HAS BEEN REVIEWED AT THE BUREAU AND LEADS ARE BEING SENT OUT CONCERNING PERSONS INVOLVED IN PRIOR THREATS AGAINST KING. THESE LEADS AS WELL AS LEADS CONCERNING ANY OTHER SUSPECTS DEVELOPED FROM ANY SOURCE MUST BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE AND THOROUGH HANDLING ON A TOP PRIORITY BASIS. PROCESS HAS BEEN OBTAINED AGAINST JAMES EARL RAY AND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING TO LOCATE RAY AND TO ESTABLISH MOTIVE OF CRIME. YOU HAVE BEEN AND WILL BE FURNISHED INFORMATION RELATING TO OTHER POSSIBLE CONSPIRATORS. THESE MUST ALL BE THOROUGHLY RESOLVED NO MATTER HOW REMOTE.

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Date: 4/24/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
AND ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)
MURKIN
OO: Memphis

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of photograph of subject JAMES EARL RAY, which was taken 1/4/66 at Missouri State Penitentiary.

Two copies of above-mentioned photograph are enclosed for each of the Continental Offices.

This additional photograph is being furnished, inasmuch as resemblance is quite different from previous photographs furnished, and it may be helpful in aiding sources to identify subject.

Also, it is to be noted that ~~WALTER TERRY RIFE~~ has been located and interviewed in this matter.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3-Bureau (Enc. 4)
2-Each Continental Office (Enc. 2 each) *Knoxville*
2-Kansas City
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Approved: *16D*
Special Agent in Charge

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Per *Fleming JH*
with encl.

FBI KNOXVLE

FBI NEWARK

3:56 PM URGENT 4/27/68, PAC

TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, KNOXSVILLE, MEMPHIS
FROM NEWARK (44-854)

MURKIN

RE NK TEL TO DIRECTOR, APRIL TWENTY FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT,
RE MARJORIE FETTERS.

TODAY JERRY RAY, BROTHER OF SUBJECT, WHO RESIDES
CHICAGO, ILL., AREA, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED MARJORIE
FETTERS, CAMDEN, NJ, FETTERS WHO HAS EXPRESSED A DESIRE
TO COOPERATE WITH THE FBI INQUIRED OF JERRY AS TO THE
WHEREABOUTS OF HIS FAMILY. HE TOLD HER HIS FATHER LIVES
ON A FARM, RT. TWO, CENTERVILLE, MISSOURI, AND WHEN ASKED
IF HE HAD ANY BROTHERS HE STATED HE HAD ONE WHO WAS BUYING
A BAR.

JERRY RAY ALSO MENTIONED HE HAD A SON, [REDACTED], AGE
SIX, WHO RESIDED WITH THE PARENTS OF HIS DIVORCED WIFE, NAME
NOT GIVEN, IN WHITESBURG, TENN. HE STATED HE HAD MARRIED
HIS WIFE IN ST. LOUIS, MO., BUT DID NOT SAY WHEN. FOR THE
INFORMATION OF KNOXSVILLE, MARJORIE FETTERS; FORMER "STRIPPER"

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*SAC advised 4:05 PM
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hear from Chicago soon.*

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AND GO-GO DANCER, CONTACTED JERRY RAY THROUGH THE EXPOSE
NEWSPAPER KNOWN AS THE CHRONICLE. SHE HAS NEVER SEEN
JERRY RAY, BUT HAS WRITTEN LONELY-HEART TYPE LETTERS TO
HIM. JERRY RAY DOES NOT KNOW THE FBI IS COGNIZANT OF THIS
RELATIONSHIP AND FETTERS IS ATTEMPTING TO FIND OUT FURTHER
INFORMATION CONCERNING FAMILY BACKGROUND OF RAY FOR THE
FBI. NO MENTION OF FETTERS SHOULD BE MADE TO ANYONE ON
INTERVIEWS.

LEADS

IF THE LOCATION IN WHITESBURG IS NOT KNOWN, CHICAGO
SHOULD FURNISH KNOXSVILLE WITH ANY BACKGROUND INFORMATION
AVAILABLE ON EX-WIFE OF JERRY RAY, THAT WOULD ASSIST
KNOXSVILLE IN LOCATING FORMER IN-LAWS OF JERRY RAY.

KNOXSVILLE SHOULD LOCATE THE IN-LAWS WHO POSSIBLY
RESIDE ON A "POOR" TOBACCO FARM IN THE WHITESBURG, TENN.,
AREA AND WHO ARE TAKING CARE OF JERRY RAY'S SON, MICHAEL.

MAIL COPIES SENT TO BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY AND
ST. LOUIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DCK

FBI KNOXVLE

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Date: 4-27-68

Transmit the following in PLAIN
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: CHICAGO
MEMPHIS

FROM: KNOXVILLE (44-696)

MURKIN

RE NEWARK TELETYPE TO DAY.

FOR INFORMATION CHICAGO, THERE IS TWO WHITESBURG
CITIES WITHIN KNOXVILLE TERRITORY AND KNOXVILLE OFFICE
NOT IN POSSESSION OF SUFFICIENT BACKGROUND INFORMATION
TO IDENTIFY IN-LAWS OF JERRY RAY REFERRED TO IN
REFERENCED TELETYPE.

CHICAGO FURNISHED KNOXVILLE BACKGROUND INFORMATION
CONCERNING NAMES OF IN-LAWS REFERRED TO WITH ANY SPECIFIC
DETAILS AS TO THEIR EXACT LOCATION IN ORDER THAT KNOXVILLE
MAY BE ABLE TO CONDUCT REQUESTED INVESTIGATION.

A&D.

END

Fleming JR

44-696-205

Approved *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

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N\FBI KNOXVLE

FBI CHICAGO

450PM URGENT 4/27/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, KNOXVILLE, MEMPHIS AND NEWARK
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

MURKIN

RE NEWARK TEL TO DIRECTOR TODAY.

CHICAGO AWARE OF INFORMATION FURNISHED TO MARJORIE
FETTERS BY JERRY RAY. RAY COOPERATING FULLY WITH CHICAGO
OFFICE. IN VIEW OF THIS INVESTIGATION, KNOXVILLE SHOULD BE
HELD IN ABEYANCE.

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696) (P)
RE: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

Re Bureau teletype to Knoxville 4/26/68.

JACK WILLIAM BROWN, Bufile 157-988, died
10/4/65.

3 - Bureau
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info.)
2 - Knoxville
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- Tokyo

Date April 26, 1968

RE:

MURKIN

- For information Retention optional For appropriate action Surep, by _____
- The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, conceal all sources, paraphrase contents.
- Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____.

Remarks:

Enclosed are copies of photographs taken by a woman companion of the subject while he was in Mexico in the Fall of 1967.

These are for your further assistance in connection with efforts to locate the subject.

CCO [unclear] make exhibit + copy out.

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Enc. (3)
Bufile (44-38861)
Urfile

wa *Fleming JA*
with index
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA WILBERT W. SMITH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/29/68, ASAC KYLE G. CLARK, Chicago Office, called in reference to Newark teletype to Director, Chicago, Knoxville, and Memphis dated 4/27/68 (Serial 204 KX file.)

According to CLARK, subject's brother, JERRY RAY, who resides in the Chicago area, has been contacted by Agents and has promised to cooperate in locating subject. CLARK said that JERRY RAY has claimed that during the period he was married to CAROL, subject was in the penitentiary and would not be acquainted with JERRY RAY's wife or her relatives. He said that CAROL is believed now living in Morristown, Tennessee, present address and name she is using unknown; however, her parents are Mr. and Mrs. WILLARD SARTAIN, who reside R 2, Whitesburg, Tennessee. CAROL and JERRY RAY (brother of subject) have a son, MICHAEL, approximately six years old, who is believed staying with the SARTAINS at Whitesburg.

CLARK emphasized that interviews conducted by KX Office should be handled so that JERRY RAY will not learn of these contacts. He said further that although, according to JERRY RAY, there is little likelihood that subject is acquainted with the SARTAINS or JERRY RAY's ex-wife, CAROL, this fact is based upon information received during contacts with JERRY RAY and has not been positively resolved.

LEADS:

Hamblen County

Mr. and Mrs. WILLARD SARTAIN, in-laws of JERRY RAY, should be interviewed at R 2, Whitesburg, Tennessee,

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for any information concerning subject, and present whereabouts of their daughter CAROL should be obtained so that she can be immediately contacted.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA DALE R. MEWHORTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
OO:MEMPHIS

Re SA JOSEPH L. FLEMING's memo dated 4/23/68.

On 4/24/68, ROY MOORE, Molloy Laundry and Dry Cleaning Co., 207 N. Spring St., McMinnville, Tenn., advised that this marks only wearing apparel with Thermo-Seal laundry tapes, and that pillowcases and bedsheets so marked would not have been handled by this company. He further advised that this company does not have an "R" route.

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TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR, 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

ALL OFFICES HAVING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THEIR TERRITORIES WHICH MAINTAIN UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS IN CONNECTION WITH MATTERS UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THESE AGENCIES AND REQUEST THAT THE FINGERPRINTS OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY AS SET FORTH ON THE IO BE COMPARED WITH LATENTS OBTAINED SINCE HIS ESCAPE FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY ON FOUR TWENTY-THREE SIXTY-SEVEN.

THIS IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLY ESTABLISHING RAY'S PAST WHEREABOUTS AND SOURCE OF FUNDS. LEGATS/ OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY REQUESTED TO DO LIKEWISE. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Knoxville, Tennessee
April 18, 1968

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka.,
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Harvey Lowmeyer,
John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING -
VICTIM;
CIVIL RIGHTS

Captain Wilborn A. Ray, Instructor, Army ROTC, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee, advised that in about September, 1966, while stationed at Fort Eustis, Virginia, he and Army Major Henry McAden, a Negro now in Vietnam, were discussing racial problems when Dr. Martin Luther King's name came up. Ray continued he told McAden if Dr. King ever appeared in Memphis, Tennessee, he would be murdered. Captain Ray stated that he further told Major McAden that Dr. King would be shot while standing on a motel balcony, away from his friends, either looking over the area or praying. He said that he also told Major McAden that Dr. King's assassin would be aiming at his head but would hit him in the throat or high in the chest.

Captain Ray explained that later in either January or February, 1967, he and Major McAden were drinking in a club at Fort Eustis when McAden again brought up the subject of Dr. King's possible murder in Memphis, Tennessee. He stated that Major McAden asked him if he knew who would shoot Dr. King. He said that he replied that the man who would assassinate Dr. King was Eric Starvo Galt.

Ray stated he cannot explain why he was able to come forth with the above information and especially the name Eric Starvo Galt since he never knew anyone by

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka.,
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John Willard;
MARTIN LUTHER KING -
VICTIM

that name, in fact, had never heard the name until after the assassination of Dr. King. He said, however, in the past on several occasions he had been able to predict future events.

Captain Ray requested that the information furnished in this matter be kept confidential since he is aware that it makes him appear a mental case, but he wants the information a matter of record since he feels that when Major McAden receives the details of Dr. King's death, he will recall their previous conversation concerning Dr. King's assassination in Memphis and will report it to military authorities.

On April 17, 1968, Agent Jerry Thurlow, Military Intelligence, Johnson City, Tennessee, advised that Captain Wilborn A. Ray, ROTC Instructor, East Tennessee State University, has an above average IQ, an excellent Army record, and is considered an above average instructor at East Tennessee State University. Thurlow added that Colonel Richard Krueger, Captain Ray's Commanding Officer at East Tennessee State University, has advised that at the time of Dr. King's death in Memphis, Tennessee, he and Captain Ray with other members of a bowling team were bowling in Johnson City, Tennessee.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SAC W. F. ESTILL

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATE

OFFICE DEADLINE 5/1/68

By airtel 4/19/68 Memphis requested the following information be obtained and expeditiously furnished to Memphis two work days after the close of each month:

- 1) Number of man-hours spent on case broken down as to regular hours, overtime hours, and total man-hours by following employees (separate figures for each class of employees shown):
 - A. Special Agents
 - B. Clerical Employees
- 2) Total mileage (estimated or actual) traveled by BUCars used on case. Include mileage for cars traveling to and from other field offices on special assignment and any personally-owned cars.
- 3) Any unusual or out-of-ordinary costs, such as cost of chartering airplane, rental of special office space, leased telephone lines, etc. These should be itemized and cost of each item shown.
- 4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case during month for which report is submitted.

Each Agent should submit to SA FLEMING by routing slip data for classifications #1, #2, and #3.

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1 - Each Agent
1 - 66-3

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

FROM : SA DALE R. MEWHORTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/26/68

The following, contacted on the dates indicated, advised there are no adult dancing classes or schools in their towns:

Sheriff EVERETT PEARSALL, SO, McMinnville, Tenn., and Mrs. EVERETT PEARSALL, on 4/17/68.

COP HERMAN MITCHELL, PD, McMinnville, Tenn., on 4/18/68.

Mayor CLYDE MYERS and COP BOBBY McCULLOUGH, PD, Manchester, Tenn., on 4/18/68.

COP PAUL STOCKTON, PD, Tullahoma, Tenn., on 4/17/68.

Mrs. LILLIAN MCKENZIE, McKenzie School of Dancing, Tullahoma, Tenn., 4/17/68.

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FBI CHICAGO

429PM URGENT 4/29/68 LMA

TO DIRECTO (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), KNOXVILLE (44-696).
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

MURKIN.

RE NEWARK TEL TO BUREAU, ET AL; CHICAGO TEL TO BUREAU,
ET AL; AND KNOXVILLE TEL TO CHICAGO AND MEMPHIS, ALL APRIL
TWENTY SEVEN, LAST; CHICAGO TEL CALL TO KNOXVILLE INSTANT.

BROTHER JERRY RAY ADVISED PREVIOUSLY THAT BROTHER JAMES
NOT ACQUAINTED WITH EX-WIFE CAROL OR CAROL'S PARENTS, MR. AND
MRS. WILLARD SARTAIN, WHO RESIDE RURAL ROUTE TWO, WHITESBURG,
TENNESSEE, ABOUT TWENTY FOUR MILES FROM KNOXVILLE. SARTAINS
PRESENTLY CARING FOR JERRY'S SON, [REDACTED], AGE SIX. JERRY
DOES NOT KNOW CAROL'S PRESENT LAST NAME, AND LAST RESIDENCE
KNOWN IS MORRISTOWN, TENNESSEE.

LEADS. KNOXVILLE INTERVIEW SARTAINS FOR PRESENT ADDRESS
OF CAROL. INTERVIEW ALL RE ANY INFORMATION SUBJECT'S
PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

AM CC TO NEWARK.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC 137-2669

DATE: 4-29-68

FROM : SA M. Ilay Hawkins

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PCI PSI R

SUBJECT: KX277C

Dates of Contact 4-29-68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted MURKIN - (44-696)		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE James Earl Ray unknown to informant by name, description, aliases or photograph <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating good	Coverage no change 44-696-217

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

4/26/68

SAC, WFO (44-703)

ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

MURKIN

Enclosed for FBI Laboratory is a Mail Order Form to the Government Printing Office postmarked Pensacola, Florida, April 22, 1968, requesting a Federal Income Tax Book to be sent to ERIC STARVO GALT, E Street, Elberta, Alabama, obtained from HARRY J. HUMPHREY, Assistant to the Public Printer, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.

A fingerprint and handwriting examination is requested of enclosed Mail Order Form.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH L. FLEMING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

By teletype 4/29/68, the Bureau advised as follows:

All offices having law enforcement agencies in their territories which maintain unidentified latent fingerprints in connection with matters under their jurisdiction should immediately contact these agencies and request that the fingerprints of subject JAMES EARL RAY as set forth on the IO be compared with latents obtained since his escape from Missouri State Penitentiary on 4/23/67.

This is for the purpose of possibly establishing RAY's past whereabouts and source of funds.

LEAD

The following police departments should be contacted to determine whether they maintain any unidentified latent fingerprint files or whether unidentified latent fingerprints maintained by them could be located.

Johnson City
Chattanooga
Kingsport
Bristol
Knoxville

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH L. FLEMING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The Bureau has set out a lead in an attempt to determine the manner used by RAY to leave the Atlanta, Ga. area since he was last seen there 3/24/68.

All continental offices have been requested to determine the identity of all automobiles recovered in their areas from the State of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68. In each instance where the individual who transported the car or who is involved in each instance cannot be identified, subject RAY should be considered to be a suspect and investigation should be conducted to determine whether he used any particular automobile to effect transportation from the State of Georgia.

Investigation has already been conducted and it has been ascertained that the counties covered by the Tullahoma RA have not recovered any Georgia automobiles subsequent to 3/23/68.

LEADS

State Patrol Headquarters should be contacted at Chattanooga, Kingsport, and Knoxville.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

FROM : SA JOSEPH A. HIGGINS, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/30/68

At 3:00 P.M., 4/25/68, Mr. WAYNE CHANCE, 229 Main Street, Sevierville, Tennessee, phone number 453-7385, telephonically advised that at approximately 3:30 P.M. the day before, 4/24/68, he had seen an individual whom he believed to be identical to JAMES EARL RAY sitting in a white 1965 Ford bearing Ohio license plates. The individual was alone in the car and was holding sunglasses in his hand which he put on when he noticed Mr. CHANCE was looking at him. This individual was wearing a brown mustache which was thick but not long. The car was headed towards Gatlinburg.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

FROM : SA EMIL P. MOSCHELLA

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

DATE: 4/30/68

On 4/26/68 Mrs. ELIZA NELSON, 296 McConnell Street, Knoxville, Tennessee, advised that she bought a washing machine from Central Avenue Refrigerator Company, 105 South Central. She stated that the man who owns this company and who owns Refrigerator and Appliance Repair Service, 1020 Cedar Avenue, is known as CHARLIE GAUT. She ordered a new washing machine on 10/5/67. It was supposed to be a new washer but she alleges that they delivered a second-hand one instead. She refused to pay the balance due on her account and on or about the last of December, 1967, CHARLIE GAUT came to her home and asked her for some money on the account. She refused and he thereafter threatened to repossess the machine. This was the last time she observed the man known as CHARLIE GAUT. She observed a Wanted Flyer concerning JAMES EARL RAY and stated that the pictures resemble CHARLIE GAUT.

A check of the City Directories for the Knoxville area for 1968, 1967, and 1966, indicates that CHARLES E. GAUT is listed as an electrician residing at 1020 Cedar Avenue, NE, and has a wife, LOIS T.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

FROM : SA DAVE J. COOK

SUBJECT: MURKIN;
CR

DATE: 4/30/68

Re memorandum of SPC WILLIAM T. BECKLER dated 4/6/68.

Attempts to locate THURMON through information he had provided to the effect he would be attending an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at Chattanooga, Tennessee, until 10:00 A.M., 4/6/68, were unsuccessful. BOB SEAL, Custodian, Alcoholics Anonymous, 102½ East Eighth Street, advised no meetings are held on Saturday morning and THURMON is not known to him.

By telephone contact 4/6/68, THURMON requested to meet with an Agent at 11:00 A.M., 4/6/68, at the corner of Main and Cowart Streets, Chattanooga, Tennessee. At the time he spoke in a rambling manner regarding a former roommate of his named TONY HARRISON whom he said had stated a strong dislike for MARTIN LUTHER KING. THURMON advised he would wait on the corner and would be wearing a brown sports jacket and sky blue trousers.

Attempts to contact THURMON at the corner of Main and Cowart Streets between 10:50 A.M. and 11:30 A.M. on 4/6/68 were unsuccessful and no one was observed in the vicinity wearing clothing as described by THURMON.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-696)

FROM : SA ROBERT B. STROM

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/30/68

The following investigation was conducted by
SAS DAVID J. COPPINGER and ROBERT B. STROM on 4/18/68:

Mrs. VINCENT (JACQUELINE) CUTULO, who resides at 610 S.W. 14th Street, Miami, Florida, was interviewed at the Tennessee Host Motel, Alcoa Highway, concerning her employment as an instructor for the Continental Dance Studio, New Orleans, Louisiana, during 1964. Purpose of the interview was to establish ERIC STARVO GALT as a student at this studio in New Orleans, Louisiana, during 1964.

Inasmuch as the identity of the person using the name ERIC STARVO GALT has been established as JAMES EARL RAY and as it has been established that RAY was in custody during this period of time, no further action is being taken and no FD-302 is being prepared.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696) (P)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA RICHARD A. LORAH

SUBJECT: MURKIN;
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: Memphis)

Pursuant to a telephone call from SA STANNARD E. WIDENER.

On 4/26/68, wherein it was advised by SA STANNARD E. WIDENER that the Attorney General had received a letter from one EDWARD D. GRAYBILL, Johnson City, Tennessee, indicating that CURTIS NEELY, an employee of the Tennessee Eastman Company, was a look-alike for the composite sketch of subject in this case and requesting that it be determined whether or not NEELY was employed at Tennessee Eastman Company during the pertinent period, the following investigation was conducted:

On 4/26/68, JOE PYLANT, Security Officer, Tennessee Eastman Company, advised that records of that company reflect that CURTIS NEELY, a mechanic in Department 3191, Payroll No. 26757, had worked the 7:45 A.M. to 4:45 P.M. shift on both 4/4/68 and 4/5/68.

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TO ATLANTA AND KNOXVILLE
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 4P

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RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTY FIVE LAST.

REVIEW OF MESSAGES OF THE TENNESSEE HIGHWAY PATROL (THP),
NASHVILLE, TENN., FOR PERIOD APRIL FOUR LAST THROUGH THREE P.M.
APRIL TWENTY SIX LAST REVEALED FOLLOWING INFO:

MESSAGE DATED APRIL SIX LAST, KNOXVILLE THP # SIX EIGHT ONE
SEVEN, ANDERSON COUNTY SO, REQUESTED GEORGIA STATE POLICE (GSP)
TO FURNISH REGISTRATION DATA AND STOLEN STATUS RE SIXTY EIGHT
GEORGIA LICENSE ONE SEVEN J FIVE ONE TWO SIX. THP # SIX EIGHT
ONE EIGHT REVEALS GSP REPLIED THIS LICENSE NOT IN FILE.

THP, NADISONVILLE, TENN., UNDER NASHVILLE THP MESSAGE
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ADVISED THIS LICENSE NUMBER NOT IN FILE.

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TENN., ON APRIL TWENTY FOUR LAST REQUESTED REGISTRATION AND
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REPORT REFLECTED.

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SEVEN GEORGIA DEALER LICENSE ONE TWO SIX SEVEN SIX WAS STOLEN FROM DENTON AND GERNR USED CAR DEALERS.

DETERMINE FROM J. R. RITCHIE SIGNIFICANCE OF THP INTEREST IN NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN GEORGIA LICENSE SIX NINE A TWO THREE ZERO ISSUED TO RITCHIE AND IF INTEREST THIS CASE.

AT ROSSVILLE CONTACT LEWIS S. SHEPPARD JR. AND ASCERTAIN IF THP INQUIRY RE GEORGIA LICENSE ONE FIVE J FOUR FOUR TWO THREE AND NINETEEN SIXTY THUNDERBIRD IS OF INTEREST THIS CASE.

KNOXVILLE AT ANDERSON COUNTY, TENN., DETERMINE SO INTEREST IN GEORGIA LICENSE ONE SEVEN J FIVE ONE TWO SIX AND IF POSSIBLE INTEREST THIS CASE.

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AT CLEVELAND, TENN., WILL THROUGH THP OR BRADLEY COUNTY
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J FIVE THREE ZERO ONE, ABANDONED AT CLEVELAND IS OF INTEREST

THIS CASE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Knoxville

DATE: April 29, 1968

JRM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #4182; W. F. #442-A
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM
NEWSPAPER MAT

Being forwarded under separate cover is a supply of newspaper mats and proofs for expeditious distribution to all cooperative daily and weekly newspapers in your territory. Additional publications such as shoppers' guides should not be overlooked in obtaining the greatest possible publicity regarding this fugitive.

In most cases, these mats and proofs may be distributed by mail but when circumstances warrant they may be personally delivered by Special Agents. A form letter over the signature of the Special Agent in Charge may be utilized in distributing this material by mail and this letter should point out that the FBI is requesting the aid of the Nation's press in bringing about the prompt apprehension of this badly sought fugitive.

Prompt distribution should be made and additional supplies, if needed, are available at the Bureau. The following number of mats and proofs are being forwarded to your office under separate cover: 70.

As an additional means of securing widespread publicity concerning Ray, offices covering the place of publication of magazines which have previously cooperated in publicizing FBI fugitives should request the assistance of such publications in carrying an article on captioned fugitive. The Bureau press release, copies of which are available in each office, along with a glossy photograph of this fugitive can be furnished. The earliest possible utilization of this material should be encouraged and special attention should be given to publications aimed at minority groups.

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JK

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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

Date: **April 29, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR**

FBI File No. **44-38861**

Lab. No. **D-661681 JK**

Specimens received **4/26/68** from Washington Field Office

Q292 Mail Order Form to Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., postmarked "PENSACOLA FLA. APR 23 1968," bearing the hand printed name and address "Eric Starvo Galt, E - Street, Elberta, Ala."

Result of examination:

Significant differences were noted as a result of comparing the hand printing appearing on Q292 with that appearing on items previously received in this case under the name Eric S. Galt. The limited nature of the questioned hand printing involved precluded a definite opinion from being reached.

Q292 will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.

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Ballard

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

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

Date: **April 29, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

OO: **MEMPHIS**

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-561681 JK**

Examination requested by: **Washington Field Office**

Reference: **Letter 4/26/68**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

**You will be advised separately regarding the results
of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q292.**

- Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**
- 2 - Washington Field Office (44-703) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**
- ① - Knoxville (44-696) Enclosure (Lab report)**

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, (44-696) (P)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA HENRY A. QUINN, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA HENRY A. QUINN, JR. dated 4/19/68, setting forth information furnished by Mr. GLEN E. ELLISON concerning an individual known to him as JOHN C. BULL.

On 4/19/68, Mr. HOWARD L. HAY, 102 E. Newkirk Road, Oak Ridge, Tenn., owner of the apartment building in which JAMES C. BULL and his wife, MAROT BULL, resided. Mr. HAY stated after looking at the photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT that this photograph did not in any way resemble the photograph of JAMES C. BULL or RALPH CARROLL who lives with the BULL Family.

Mr. HAY was shown a photograph of RALPH ELLIOTT CARROLL, FBI #798738D, Knoxville PD #54261, and he was asked if he had ever seen anyone that resembled this photograph. Mr. HAY took one look at the photograph and positively stated that this was the photograph of RALPH CARROLL, who lived with Mr. and Mrs. JAMES C. BULL at 240 W. Tennessee Avenue, until 4/7/68.

On 4/19/68, Mrs. BUFORD GUY, JR., 244 W. Tennessee Avenue, viewed the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT and stated that this positively did not resemble in any way JAMES C. BULL or RALPH CARROLL, who resided with the BULL family.

Mrs. GUY was shown a photograph of RALPH ELLIOTT CARROLL, FBI #798738D, Knoxville PD #54261, and she positively stated that this was a photograph of RALPH CARROLL, who resided with Mr. and Mrs. JAMES C. BULL.

Inasmuch as two individuals who knew JAMES C. BULL and RALPH CARROLL have positively identified these individuals as not being identical to ERIC STARVO GALT, no further investigation is being conducted.

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On 4/19/68, Mr. ROBERT SMITH (NA), Oak Ridge PD, was advised that two persons had informed the writer that RALPH ELLIOTT CARROLL was identical with Knoxville PD #54261, inasmuch as the Oak Ridge PD has two bad check cases involving MAROT BULL, her husband, JAMES C. BULL, and RALPH CARROLL.