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furnished his data to SA WARREN L. WALSH. For the past several years WILSON has been voluntarily advising Louisville of reservations made by groups apparently in connection with civil rights activities.

Major PRIEST M. FRY, Chief of Detectives, Louisville, Kentucky Police Department, referred to in the enclosed, furnished his information to SA WARREN L. WALSH. He advised that he could not disclose the identity of the Louisville Police Department source.

The enclosed has been classified confidential because unauthorized disclosure of its information could jeopardize sources of continuing value, namely sources utilized in the characterization of SCEF, Inc.

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Galt Apparently Eluded the FBI In California

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The FBI distributed wanted posters of Eric Starvo Galt yesterday after the 36-year-old mystery man apparently eluded FBI agents Wednesday in California.

A source said that agents had believed Wednesday, when U.S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark announced that a warrant had been issued for Galt's arrest in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., that they were close to seizing Galt.

When the arrest failed to materialize Wednesday night, thousands of wanted posters, asking for the public's help in locating the suspected assassin of Dr. King, were distributed around the nation.

Exact Location Not Disclosed

The exact location in California where the FBI expected to arrest Galt was not disclosed. Sources said a tip on Galt's whereabouts obviously was wrong or that Galt—if he is in California—eluded authorities.

Galt was charged in Birmingham Wednesday with conspiracy to violate Dr. King's civil rights, and was charged

by the state of Tennessee with murdering the 39-year-old civil rights leader with a single rifle shot on April 4.

An unnamed "alleged brother" of Galt was said in the FBI complaint to be a co-conspirator. No warrant has been issued for the arrest of the brother and the FBI has steadfastly declined to discuss him.

An FBI source indicated yesterday that the tip may have been supplied by the brother. Speculation that the FBI had the brother in custody was denied at FBI headquarters in Washington.

"The FBI has no one in custody in connection with Dr. King's slaying," the bureau said.

Galt is known to have twice mentioned a brother during the last two months.

There was some indication yesterday that the FBI still had not learned whether Eric Starvo Galt is a fictitious name, although the agency was reported Wednesday to have decided that it was.

Although no copies of the first-degree murder warrant filed against Galt were publicly distributed, Memphis police were known to be investigating a report by a night desk clerk at the Rebel Motel in that city that a man registered as Eric S. Galt on April 3 and a white Mustang auto with Mexican tourist stickers was parked at the motel.

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FBI Says He's 'Galt'

Escaped Convict Named In Slaying of Dr. King

By FRED P. GRAHAM

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WASHINGTON—The FBI announced yesterday that an escaped convict named James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, is the man it is seeking in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Information released by the FBI

pictured Ray as a trouble-prone "drifter" and habitual criminal with a long record of erratic and violent behavior.

Galt's true identity was discovered after fingerprints uncovered in the investigation of Dr. King's death were compared with the prints of more than 53,000 persons listed as "wanted" by the FBI.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said in a joint announcement with Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark that Ray escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967.

Ray, a 40-year-old native of Illinois, had served seven years of a 20-year sentence for armed robbery and car theft in St. Louis.

Photos Released of Ray

The FBI released front and side photographs of Ray that were taken by Missouri prison officials in 1960. They bear a close resemblance to pictures of Galt, taken in 1968, that the FBI released earlier this week.

The convict Ray had close-cropped hair and a leaner face than the Galt photo shows, but the protruding left ear, which the FBI emphasized in its initial description of Galt, appears the same in both photographs.

The FBI's description of Ray was much more detailed than that given for Galt. Ray was said to be about 5 feet, 10 inches tall and to weigh about 163 to 174 pounds. He has blue eyes, brown hair and



Associated Press

THE MAN identified as Eric Starvo Galt (1968 photo at left) is also said to be James Earl Ray, in 1960 photo at right.



THESE PICTURES of James Earl Ray were taken at the Missouri State Penitentiary Jan. 4, 1966. He escaped in 1967.



THE FBI earlier had released these artists' sketches—from Mexico (left) and Memphis—of the man it is seeking.

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The description, however, did not completely match those given by earlier witnesses in the case. These included:

✓ A long-nosed man in his late 20s who was seen in Memphis at a rooming house from which the shot was fired that killed Dr. King.

✓ A 30-year-old, quiet-spoken man who talked about the weather at a Birmingham rooming house last fall.

✓ A 36-year-old "avid dancer" who bought a rifle in Birmingham and who took dancing lessons in New Orleans at the time when James Earl Ray was imprisoned in Missouri.

The witnesses who saw Galt at a Memphis rooming house the day Dr. King was slain said that he was 5 feet, 11 inches or 6 feet tall, slender, weighing 165 pounds, with sandy hair. The oldest estimate of his age was 32 years, the youngest 26. He was said to have a long pointed nose and a Southern accent.

At a Birmingham rooming house where Galt lived for six weeks last fall, he was described as being 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighing 175 pounds, with brown hair and a slightly Southern accent. He was described as being about 30 years old.

Long Arrest Record

The FBI announcement said Ray has a known arrest record dating back to 1949, when he was convicted of burglary in Los Angeles. In 1952 he was convicted of armed robbery in Chicago and in 1955 he was found guilty of forging U.S. postal money orders in Missouri.

He served a jail term in Los Angeles County in 1949 and in the Illinois state prisons at Joliet and Pontiac in 1952-54. He served a term in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., in 1955-58.

While he was serving his latest sentence, Ray was confined for a time in 1966 in the maximum security ward at the state hospital at Fulton, Mo.

3 Tries at Escape

Missouri officials said yesterday that Ray made three unsuccessful attempts to escape before he finally got away last April. One attempt came when he bolted from sheriff's deputies who were guarding him during his trial. He was quickly caught and sentenced to 20 years as a habitual offender on Dec. 17, 1959.

He tried to escape again in 1961 and 1966.

The FBI statement said Ray was an enlisted man in the Army from February 1946 to December 1948, when he was given a general discharge due to "infirmity and lack of adaptability for military service." While in the Army he was given a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and breaking arrest.

Ray was said to have also used the aliases of James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Connor. When the FBI filed formal charges against him Wednesday in the name of Galt, it gave two other aliases, John Willard and Harvey Lowmyer.

Attended Illinois School

According to the FBI, Ray claimed to have been born on March 10, 1928, in an upstate location in Illinois. He said he attended school through the 10th grade in Alton, Ill. Since then, the FBI said, "He has had the reputation of being a 'drifter'."

The identification of Galt as the escaped convict Ray explains some of the strange circumstances about Galt that led to some speculation that he might have established a false identity in contemplation of assassinating Dr. King.

Galt first appeared, according to FBI statements, on Aug. 30, 1967, when he purchased a white Mustang auto in Birmingham. Despite efforts to check on Galt's earlier activities, no trace of him before last fall was ever disclosed.

Hoover did not mention the discrepancies between his statement Wednesday and his latest announcement. FBI officials handed the announcement naming Ray to reporters and refused to answer questions.

Thus left open to speculation were these points:

✓ On March 1, an Eric Galt telephoned the Alabama Highway Patrol to ask for a duplicate copy of the driver's license that he had gotten in September 1967. The copy was mailed to a Birmingham address and a bill for 25 cents, which was enclosed with the duplicate, was returned to Montgomery on March 6 along with the 25 cents due.

The FBI had said Wednesday Galt was in California during this time.

✓ In its bulletin on Wednesday describing Galt as an avid dancer, the FBI said he had taken dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965.

Yesterday's bulletin said that Galt, under the name James Earl Ray, had been in prison in Missouri from 1960 until he escaped in April 1967.

✓ Yesterday's bulletin did not mention Galt's "alleged brother," which the FBI had said entered into a conspiracy with Galt in Birmingham on March 29, 1968, to deprive Dr. King of his civil rights.



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THE ST. LOUIS Police Department yesterday released this 1959 photo of James Earl Ray, who is being sought by the FBI in the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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// Each office is requested to expeditiously furnish the Memphis Division with the above designated data within two work days after the close of each month. Secondly, each office is also requested to advise the Memphis Division even in the event each category is zero or no work is performed on this case during the month.

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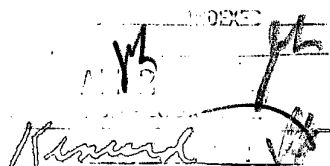
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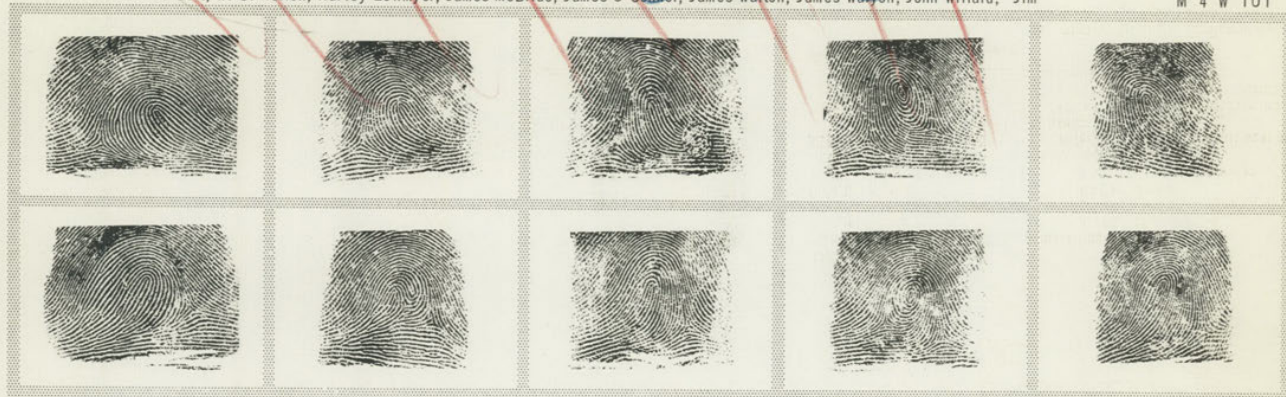
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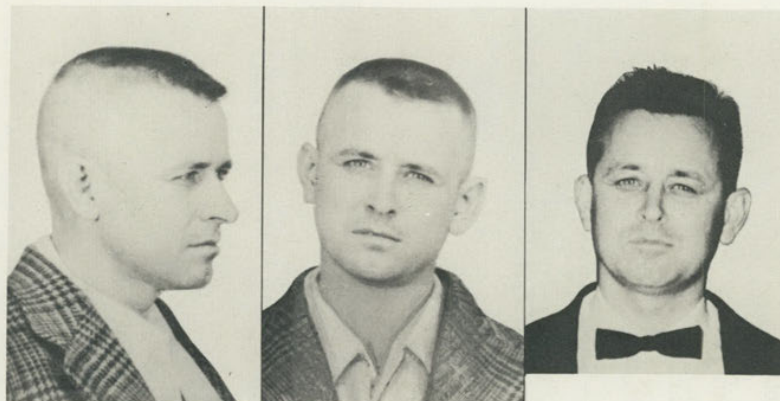
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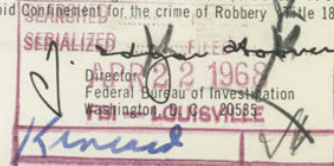
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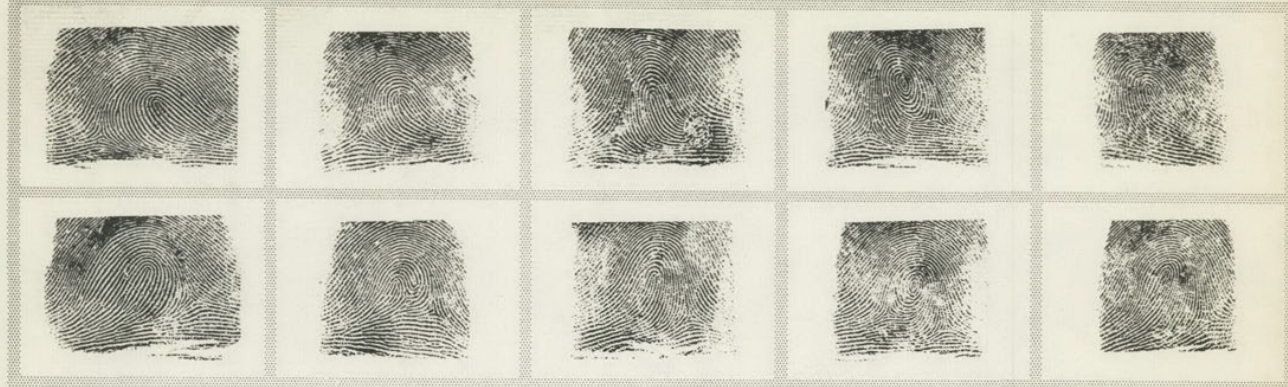
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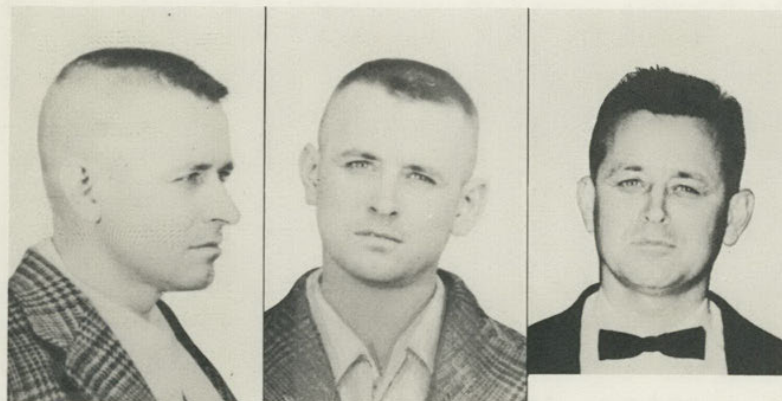
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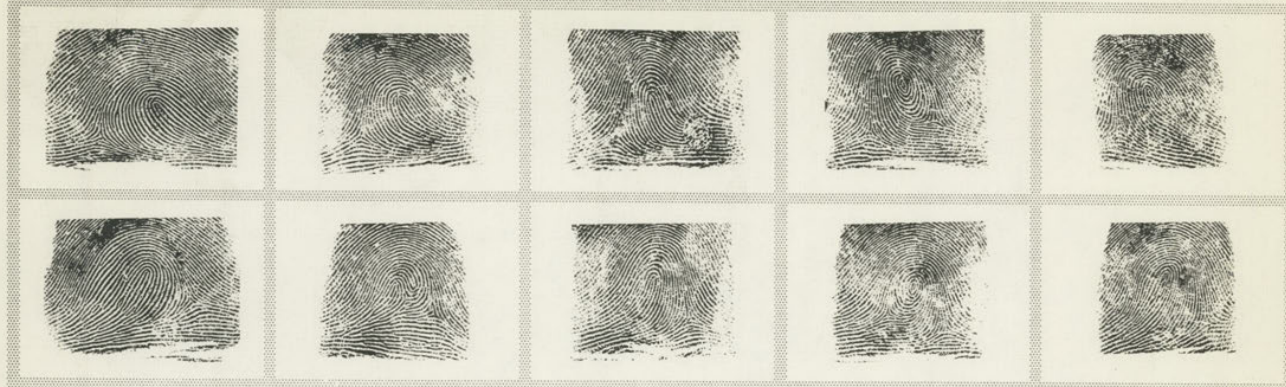
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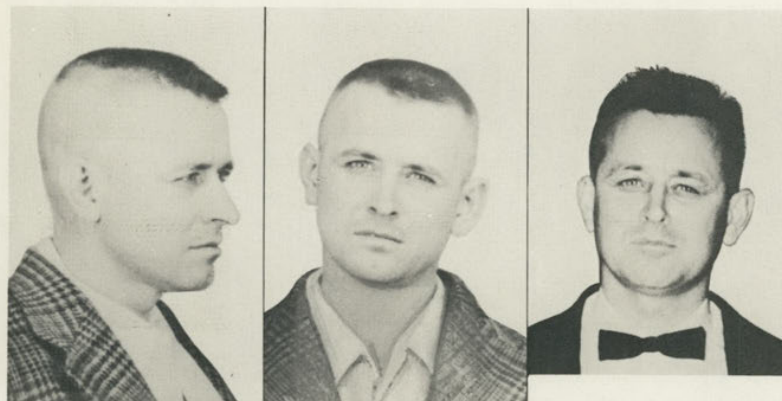
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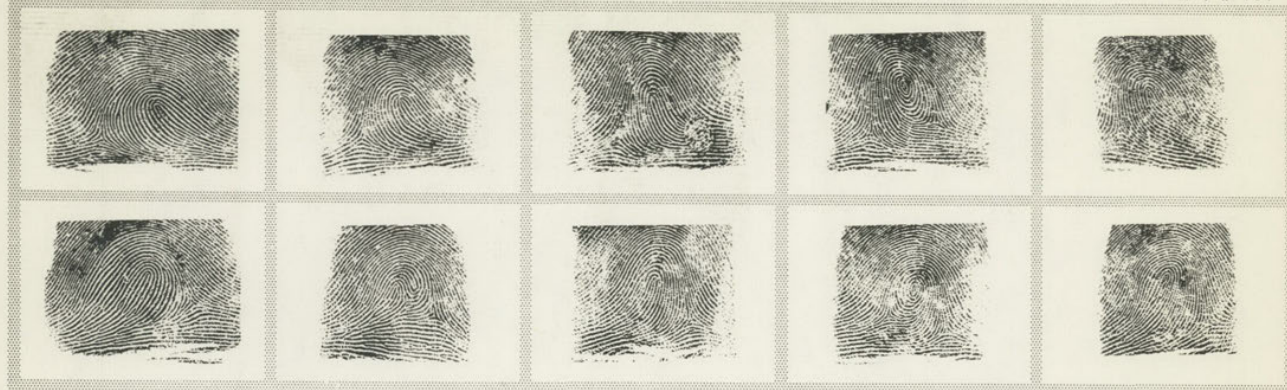
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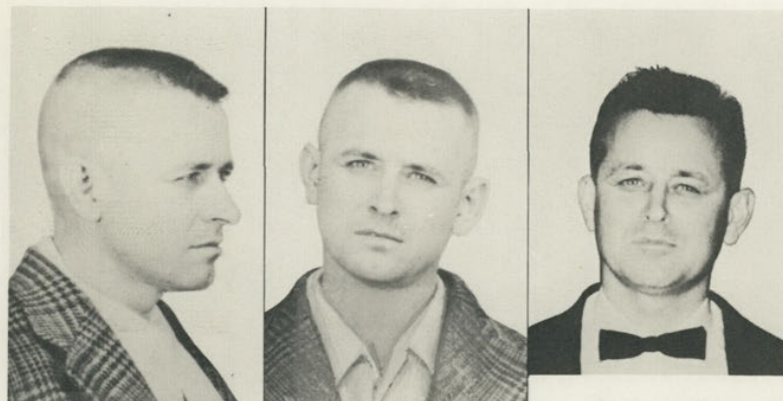
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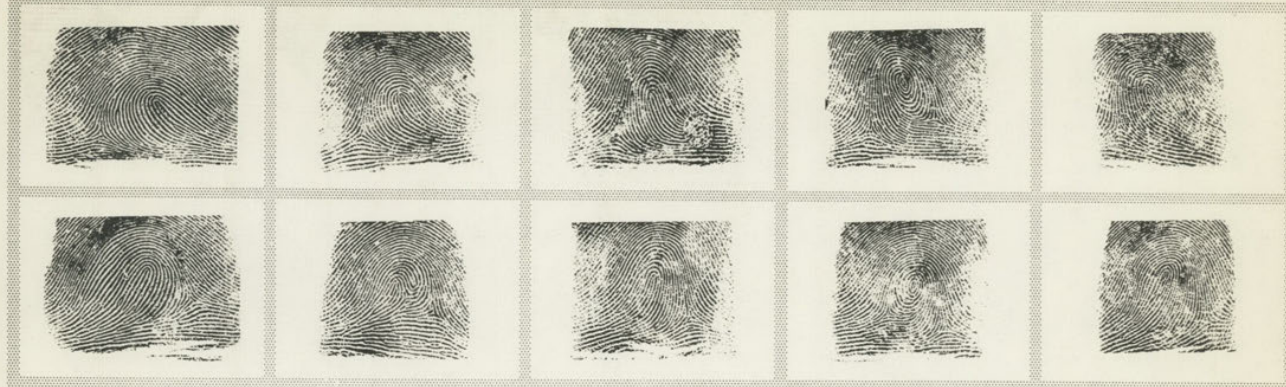
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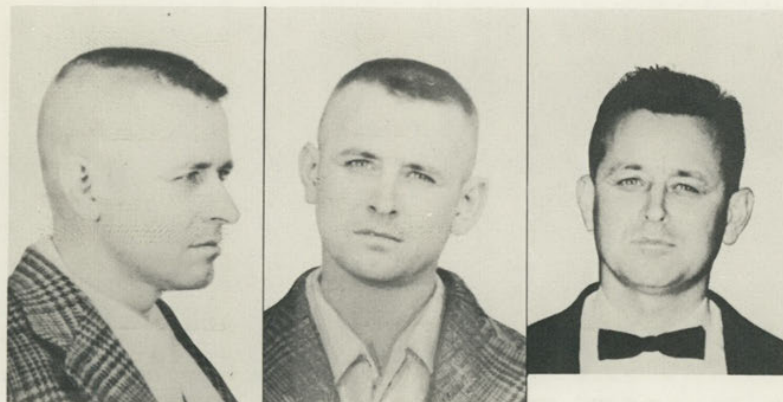
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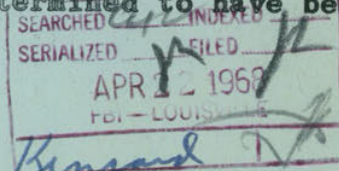
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At about 6 p.m. on 4/4/68, while standing on the second floor balcony outside Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry Street, Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. MARTIN/LUTHER KING, JR. was struck in the right side of the face by a single bullet fired from a 30-06 rifle. The bullet severed KING's spinal cord and death was almost instantaneous.

This investigation, predicated upon a specific request from the Attorney General of the United States, disclosed that the fatal shot had been fired from the bathroom of a cheap rooming house located at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, which bathroom was located at the rear of the rooming house, and had a window overlooking the Lorraine Motel.

At about 3 p.m. on 4/4/68, an individual using the name JOHN WILLARD had rented Room 5-B in the rooming house at 422½ South Main Street and had paid one week's rent. After hearing the rifle shot at about 6 p.m. on that same day, other tenants in the rooming house observed a man presumably identical with WILLARD, fleeing from the rooming house carrying a large package which was subsequently abandoned by him on the sidewalk in front of the Canipe Amusement Co., 424 South Main Street, Memphis. A neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of 424 South Main Street disclosed that the subject had fled from the scene in a white Mustang.

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Reverend A. D. WILLIAMS KING, 1005 Southwestern Parkway, Louisville, Kentucky, pastor of the Zion Baptist Church, 2200 West Walnut Street, Louisville, Kentucky, was interviewed in the office of his church. He furnished the following information:

He is the brother of the late Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Late on the night of April 3, 1968, Reverend A. D. WILLIAMS KING arrived in Memphis, Tennessee, and registered in the Lorraine Motel for the purpose of assisting his brother in connection with the brother's efforts to settle the sanitation strike then in progress in Memphis. He had several contacts with his brother on Thursday, April 4, 1968. During the morning of April 4, 1968, he was in the company of his brother when the brother held a strategy meeting in Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel concerning the action to be taken by his brother and his associates with respect to efforts to obtain a suitable settlement to the sanitation strike. This meeting lasted several hours in the morning.

On the afternoon of April 4, 1968, Reverend KING was with his brother and other individuals at the Lorraine Motel for several hours. This was not a business meeting but rather a social gathering. This gathering ended shortly before 6 p.m. April 4, 1968, when the participants had decided to go to dinner. Reverend KING had taken several sleeping pills during the gathering and went to his room and fell asleep. Sometime shortly thereafter, exact time not remembered, he was awakened and told that his brother had been shot and had been taken to a hospital. Reverend KING immediately felt in his own mind that his brother was dead although as yet no announcement of death had been made. For several minutes Rev. KING felt extreme bitterness, but then when he became rational, he reasoned that whoever had done such a deed had to be mentally "sick" and the bitterness left Reverend KING and he remembered a passage

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by SA WARREN L. WALSH & SA CHARLES A. KINCAID WLW/pam Date dictated 4/22/68

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in the Bible in which JESUS CHRIST, during his agony and death, called upon His heavenly father to:

Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.

Reverend KING then realized that if his Christian upbringing was what he feels it to be, he had to feel the same way about the shooting of his brother.

Reverend KING further commented that the murder of his brother has only served to make him see more clearly that violence is not the answer to the Negroes' problem.

Reverend KING stated that during the several contacts he had with his brother on April 4, 1968, his brother gave no indication that he had received any information indicating an attempt on his life would be made on that date. On the contrary, his brother seemed to Reverend KING to be overly jubilant in that he, the brother, felt that he was making progress in obtaining a desirable solution for the sanitation strikers in Memphis, Tennessee.

Reverend KING advised that after his arrival in Memphis, Tennessee, late on April 3, 1968, until after the shooting of his brother, he, Reverend KING, had left the Lorraine Motel on only one occasion, that being around noon, April 4, 1968, when he, in the company of Mrs. LUCRETIA WARD of Louisville, Kentucky, who was also staying on that date at the Lorraine Motel, went to a nearby dry cleaning establishment and drugstore to make some purchases. On this occasion, they were gone from the motel but for a short time and Reverend KING observed nothing unusual or indicative of any indication that harm might befall his brother on that date.

Reverend KING further commented that prior to his above visit to Memphis, Tennessee, he had last personally seen his brother in Washington, D.C., in February, 1968, exact date not recalled. However, he frequently telephonically was in contact with his brother and during none of these contacts did his brother indicate to him that any open threat upon his life had been made. However, Reverend KING

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commented that he knew his brother lived with the thought in mind that efforts might be made to assassinate him and Reverend KING feels such an effort did occur in Birmingham, Alabama, several years ago, when first Reverend KING's home was dynamited and about 20 minutes later, the motel at which his late brother was then staying was also dynamited.

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TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947)

DATE: April 21, 1968

FROM : SPC, JAMES MICHAEL RAY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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SA DOBSON advised that appropriate Resident Agencies should be contacted.

This memo is being submitted for any appropriate action deemed necessary.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY, CHICAGO,

LITTLE ROCK, LOUISVILLE, SPRINGFIELD.

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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TO : ALL SAS (68-259) DATE: 4/23/68

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SUBJECT: MURKIN
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BUFILE: 44-38861

Reference is made to previous memos to all SAS in this matter.

The following additional information is being furnished your for your future guidance:

JAMES EARL RAY, aka Earl James Ray, W.C. Herron, Earl James, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, and "Jim", a UFAC fugitive, OO: Kansas City, has been positively identified through fingerprints as the subject in instant case. RAY, an inmate of the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo., escaped from that institution 4/23/67. Investigation indicated RAY concealed himself in a breadbox and escaped from a truck making a delivery to an auxiliary farm. RAY was serving twenty years on a charge of Armed Robbery-1st Degree, and for Operating a Motor Vehicle Without the Owner's Consent.

On 7/20/68, Federal complaint was authorized by AUSA WILLIAM A. KITCHEN, Western District of Missouri, Kansas City, Mo., and filed before USA, Jefferson City, Mo. charging RAY with violation T. 18, Sec. 1073, USC. A warrant was issued.

RAY for the most part has been a "loner" and little information is known re any associates or accomplices.

On 3/7/55, however, RAY and WALTER TERRY RIFE, burglarized a U.S. Post Office at Kellerville, Ill. and stole 66 blank MOs which they passed during 3/55 in numerous states with the result that both were sentenced in USDC,

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Kansas City, Mo., on 7/1/55 to the USP, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Appropriate consideration should be given to RIFE being in contact with RAY particularly in the event further information is developed re a co-conspirator.

Photographs of RIFE are being prepared and will be distributed to each RA and a quantity retained on file in Louisville for future display to witnesses.

The following description of JAMES EARL RAY was furnished by the Identification Division of the FBI under FBI number 306 44 3A:

Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	3/10/28 or 3/10/29
POB	Decatur, Quincy, or Alton, Ill.
Height	5'10"
Weight	174 pounds (9/66)
Complexion	Ruddy
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Build	Medium
Occupation	Laborer, baker
Scars and marks	Small scar on center of forehead; scar in palm of right hand
Peculiarities	Has protruding left ear, has nervous habit of pulling at left earlobe
Addresses	2015 Park, St. Louis, Mo., 3/60; St. Louis, Mo., 10/59; Quincy, Ill., 7/55, 3/55, 4/50

RAY under his true name served in the U.S. Army under ASN [REDACTED] enlisting on 2/46 at East St. Louis, Ill., and served on active duty until 12/23/48, at which time he was given a general discharge as a private first class at Camp Kilmer, N.J., by reason of ineptness and lack of adaptability for military service. The records also indicate that he received treatment for gonorrhea and syphilis while in the military.

The following is a description of WALTER TERRY RIFE FBI number 455 87 66 as obtained from the files of the USP, Leavenworth, Kansas:

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	44
DOB	4/19/24
Height	5'9½"
Weight	161 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue-gray

Another former associate of RAY has been identified as JAMES DAVID DAILEY, W/M, DOB 3/23/27, Wardell, Mo., 5'9", 155 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes, FBI #499 3150. DAILEY operates a restaurant in Portigeville, Mo., and allegedly owns a farm either in Portigeville or Wardell, Mo., in the Boot Hill area. DAILEY is regarded as the type of individual that would harbor the subject RAY. He has been interviewed and denied having recently seen RAY. Appropriate investigation is being conducted in the surrounding areas of Boot Hill and Portigeville, Mo., which is located in the southeastern tip of Missouri in an effort to develop any information re current contact or connection between DAILEY and RAY.

This man should be borne in mind also in connection with any inquiry re associates or acquaintances of JAMES EARL RAY.

The Bureau has instructed that all leads in this matter be covered within a 24-hour period. This investigation is to be given preferred attention and any leads set out in the most expeditious manner.

You are instructed to conduct additional credit and criminal checks in the above listed name of JAMES EARL RAY and known aliases, as well as contact informants of all types, criminal, security, and racial, in an effort to develop information concerning the captioned fugitive. Contacts with Louisville and Jefferson County police as well as credit checks in headquarters city will be conducted by SA CHARLES A. KINCAID.

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State wide checks throughout Kentucky have been completed in the names of HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER, WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER, JOHN WILLARD and ERIC STARVO GALT all with negative results through contact with the following agencies:

Credit bureaus, local county and state police departments, a check of city and telephone directories, Driver's License Bureau at Frankfort, Kentucky, as well as Automobile Registration Bureaus located in each of the 120 counties in Kentucky. A similar check was also made of Voter Registration Bureaus in the above counties.

Laundry checks as well as contact with Stry-Lenkoff Company, Louisville, Ky., manufacturers of the dry cleaning tickets "flag tags", the results of the latter which have been reported by separate communication. Other investigation regarding laundry checks have been negative throughout the State of Kentucky.

A check of all dancing schools throughout the State of Kentucky affording additional dancing lessons has also been completed.

A stop which had been placed on 4/11/68, with the Division of Motor Vehicles and KSP, Frankfort, Kentucky, resulting in an APB regarding the 1966 white Mustang was removed on 4/12/68.

A check was also made of Maritime Union at Paducah,

2-Memphis
1-Birmingham (info)
1-Louisville

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Kentucky, and with a subsidiary of American Barge Line Company, Jeffersonville, Indiana, (serving the Louisville, Kentucky, metropolitan area) has been made with negative results. All of these above agencies have been alerted as to suspect GALT.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947)

DATE: 4/12/68

FROM : SA DONALD L. SMITH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The persons listed below were contacted by SA DONALD L. SMITH on 4/11/68, and each advised they have no record of a ERIC STARVO GALT. The name GAULT was also checked with negative results.

Mr. BARRY ARMSTRONG
The Peoples Bank
Mt. Washington, Ky.

Mr. ROGER ALFRED
Bullitt County Bank
Shepherdsville, Ky.

Mr. BILLY HARDY
People Bank
Shepherdsville, Ky.

Deputy Sheriff C. L. CROAN
Bullitt Co. SO
Shepherdsville, Ky.

Mrs. SUE SMITH
Peoples Bank
Taylorsville, Ky.

Deputy Sheriff JOHN WATERFILL
Spencer Co. SO
Taylorsville, Ky.

Chief NAT LESLIE, JR.
PD
Taylorsville, Ky.

Mr. ROY LEE WIGGINTON
Muir, Wilson & Muir Bank
Bloomfield, Ky.

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The following investigation, of the same type as above, conducted by SA WILLIAM F. LYNCH on 4/11/68, with negative results; persons contacted set out below:

J. KUNDLER
West Point ~~XXXX~~ Pawn Shop
West Point, Ky.

West Point Bank, HOLLIE SOUCHE, Cashier.
West Point, Ky.

Mr. ROBERT TERRY MURPHY
Seaboard Finance Co.
Muldraugh, Ky.

Mr. CHARLES ROGERS
Bennett's Military & Pawn Shop
Muldraugh, Ky.

Mrs. JUANITA HIGGINS
Household Finance Co.,
Radcliff, Ky.

Mr. T. A. LINK
CAC Finance Corp.,
Radcliff, Ky.

In connection with contact with Mr. LINK, see attached list. Mr. LINK called a central office and determine no GALT or GUALT with account at any of the firms on attached list.

Mr. LOY R. BRASHEAR
Knox Finance Co.,
Radcliff, Ky.

Mr. GUY BERRY
Ft. Knox Credit Union
Ft. Knox, Ky.

Mrs. OLIVA CLOPTON
Ft. Knox National Bank
Ft. Knox, Ky.

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MEMBERS

THE LOUISVILLE AREA CONSUMER FINANCE EXCHANGE, INC., MARCH 29, 1968

1. Franklin Finance	367-6141	3344 Taylor Blvd.	Ernest Crady
2. Time Finance	897-1505	3908 Frankfort Avenue	W. D. Carver
3. Household Finance	584-2484	426 South Fourth Street	M. Twist
4. Local Loan	447-1704	3935 Seventh Street Road	T. P. Mulhall
5. Beneficial Finance	583-4360	300 West Chestnut Street	H. R. Miller
6. Community Finance	584-7151	209 South Fourth Street	Charles Kincer
7. Beneficial Finance	584-2428	236 Commonwealth Building	Charles Kempfling
8. Popular Finance	587-6338	301 Republic Building	R. S. Keller
9. Provident Loan	584-5361	301 Speed Building	L. J. Strothman
10. Public Finance	636-1370	806 Clarks Lane	J. W. Jackson
11. Dial Finance	584-6206	645 South Fourth Street	J. B. Roby
12. Time Finance	587-0961	574 South Fourth Street	W. F. Hale
13. Midwest Credit	585-3201	550 Lincoln Federal Building	C. D. Cook
14. Time Finance	582-1619	228 South Fourth Street	F. J. McClary
15. Aetna Finance	582-2551	539 South Third Street	George Diaz
16. Household Finance	893-2591	23A Shelbyville Road Plaza	J. F. Cechura
17. General Finance	772-3676	3441 Cane Run Road	Winston Church
18. Associates Finance	583-7763	636 South Third Street	J. C. Hohman
19. Dial Finance	635-6311	2511 Preston Highway	M. A. Kline
21. Royal Finance	583-5571	664 South Fifth Street	John Norton
22. Citizens Finance	583-0653	324 West Chestnut Street	Virgil Tapp
23. Modern Loan	587-8623	645 South Third Street	G. Paul Creddock
24. Louisville Finance	585-4378	623 South Third Street	Carl L. Vierling
25. Franklin Finance	969-9346	5622 Preston Highway	G. Bennett
26. Public Finance	937-9300	9218 Dixie Highway	Tom Allen
27. Beneficial Finance	459-6216	2944 Yorkshire Blvd.	B. C. Meyers
28. Kentucky Finance	589-9261	614 West Broadway	Ray Watson
29. Popular Finance	969-9856	5721 Preston Highway	Marion E. Coleman, III
30. Kentucky Finance	584-6317	633 South Fifth Street	Ray Beall
32. Public Finance	447-6425	4470 Dixie Highway	Robert Rairden
33. Modern Loan	583-3896	1021 West Broadway	W. P. Steeves
34. Local Loan	634-0559	2505 Preston Highway	R. L. Loughmiller
35. Liberty Loan	583-0237	327 West Jefferson Street	O. P. Hensley
36. Bond Finance	585-5027	311 West Jefferson Street	J. L. Paulley
37. Century Finance	584-4334	325 West Jefferson Street	T. A. Palfreeman
38. G. A. C. Finance	582-1866	330 West Jefferson Street	D. R. Miller
39. G. A. C. Finance	935-3422	6804 Dixie Highway	E. G. Carlson
41. Budget Finance	582-3891	401 South Third Street	Ira Runyon
42. Public Finance	969-3210	7906 Preston Highway	Tony R. Garcia
43. Public Finance	583-0692	609 South Third Street	Jack Fox
44. Liberty Loan	584-2334	501 South Third Street	Earl Willoughby
46. Regal-Globe	582-2201	1101 W. Broadway	J. E. Barr
47. Allstate Finance	583-8357	430 West Chestnut Street	Karl Thomas
48. Modern Loan	584-0284	821 East Broadway	Donald Shaw
49. Time Finance	583-8869	672 South Fifth Street	Bill Smith
50. Sun Finance	584-5295	653 South Third Street	J. F. Harbison, Jr.
51. G. A. C. Finance	459-4292	1250 Bardstown Road	J. E. Owens
53. Dial Finance	366-0393	3467 1/2 Taylor Blvd.	G. A. Minch
54. Friendly Finance	895-5426	3808 Frankfort Avenue	Don Smith
55. Time Finance	448-4840	4002 Dixie Highway	J. P. Mattingly
56. Welfare Finance	582-3833	423 West Liberty Street	A. L. Hengar
57. Consolidated Credit	583-4961	323 W. Jefferson Street	Anthony Cassetta
59. Public Finance	363-2600	5330 South Third Street	William Brown
60. Franklin Finance	582-1664	715 South Fourth Street	Don Godfrey
61. Household Finance	283-6095	881 Dixie Highway, Radcliff, Ky.	W. H. Harding
62. Modern Loan	448-4651	4046 Dixie Highway	Arnold H. Jones
64. Empire Finance	587-8651	301 West Chestnut	R. R. Hyden
65. Time Finance	775-6474	3565 Cane Run Road	David Ford
66. Liberty Loan	584-1197	211 Heyburn Building	Robert Voigneir
67. Century Finance	584-5116	527 South Third Street	Bill Applegate
68. Time Finance	969-3258	5508 Preston Highway	F. N. Chelf
69. Term Plan	587-0710	219 Commerce Building	J. N. Blythe
71. Liberty Loan	447-1515	5300 Dixie Highway	A. J. Frank
73. Franklin Finance	935-1211	Dixie Manor Shopping Center	Ed Throgmorton
75. Time Finance	589-9135	931 West Broadway	W. F. Bianco
76. Household Finance	935-1522	6801 Dixie Highway	W. H. Karlen
77. Empire Finance	451-5565	3912-A Bardstown Road	H. B. Hill
78. Indian Finance	582-1375	742 South Fifth Street	Ron McCubbins
80. Liberty Loan	583-7750	1803 West Market Street	Stan Miller
81. General Finance	583-3628	618 West Broadway	Ray Halemam
84. Postal Finance	583-6514	308 Lincoln Federal Building	K. L. Knogge

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85. Lincoln Finance	964-5951	8106 Preston Highway	Lester Adams
86. Valley Finance	937-7802	8214 Dixie Highway	J. R. Foster
87. Knox Finance	283-6454	463 North Wilson, Radcliff, Ky.	L. R. Brashear
88. Ross Finance	583-1579	432 West Chestnut Street	R. E. Romine
89. General Finance	937-8271	7101 Dixie Highway	Richard Courtney
90. Consolidated Credit	587-8642	424 West Chestnut Street	P. D. Duncan
91. Valley Finance	267-7477	10114 Taylorsville Rd., J'town., Ky.	R. Hanish
92. Circle Finance	454-0411	1941 Bishop Lane	Dave Tilford
93. Household Finance	969-9377	5410 Preston Highway	M. J. Gibson
94. C. I. T. Loan	582-1308	507 West Chestnut Street	Carl England
95. AVCO *	584-3189	434 South Third Street	R. L. Johnson
97. AVCO *	448-4151	4008 Dixie Highway	Gary Howse
100. Empire Finance	584-9774	981 South Third Street, Rm. 114	Melva E. Wingo
102. Security Credit	587-6861	1111 West Broadway	Bill Bolin
103. Security Credit	447-0880	4115 Dixie Highway	T. W. Pittman
104. Midland-Guardian	895-3468	4140 Shelbyville Road	C. W. Cooper
105. Household Finance	459-6444	Gardiner Lane Shopping Center	M. O. Wells
106. Beneficial Finance	448-6810	4029 Dixie Highway	J. L. Foster
107. Household Finance	945-3546	214 Pearl St., N. A., Ind.	J. W. Shemwell
108. General Finance	282-8281	1465 Youngstown Shop. Ctr. J'ville	Glen Pitzer
109. Franklin Finance	945-5809	323 E. Spring St., N. A., Ind.	Lang Trudeau
110. Franklin Finance	282-4301	132 E. Court St., Jeffv., Ind.	Jas. E. Guilfoyle
111. Franklin Finance	246-3381	125 S. Indiana St., Selbg., Ind.	Gene Churchman
112. Franklin Finance	256-3366	291 Market St., Chastn., Ind.	Ival G. Combs
113. Personal Loan	945-0291	107 E. Market St., N. A., Ind.	Charles McGinnis
114. Time Finance	587-6837	410 West Market Street	C. O. Hinchman
115. Security Finance	282-7561	127 West Court Ave., Jeffv.	William Miller
116. Security Credit	451-7070	4264 Poplar Level Road	R. L. Vonnahme
117. Modern Finance	282-4369	228 E. Court Ave., Jeffv.	R. A. Parr
118. Public Finance	282-4381	210 W. Court Ave., Jeffv.	Al Macdonald
119. Public Finance	945-0206	318 Pearl Street, N. A., Ind.	Bob Pennington
120. Century Finance	945-9128	1634 E. Spring St., N. A., Ind.	R. R. Maple
121. Time Finance	944-2271	122 E. Market Street, N. A., Ind.	Earl Rowe
122. Time Finance	282-6651	451 Spring Street, Jeffv., Ind.	W. R. White
123. Monarch Investment	583-0276	717 South Fifth Street	Roy Nall
124. Monarch Investment	774-5751	3007A Dixie Highway	M. Mellon
125. Monarch Investment	895-0592	3820 Wilmington Avenue	R. Straw
126. Monarch Investment	964-5919	5033 Preston Highway	R. Abboud
127. Associates Finance	935-4476	6509 Dixie Highway	J. V. West
128. Associates Finance	945-1178	125 E. Spring St., N. A., Ind.	Tom Slone
129. Associates Finance	283-6668	1541 East 10th Street, Jeffv.	J. B. Robey
130. Local Loan	944-6737	133 Spring Street, N. A., Ind.	Hugh Best
131. Welfare Finance	282-6688	1411 Youngstown Shpg. Ctr. Jeffv.	E. E. Jordan
132. Welfare Finance	944-6436	120 W. Spring Street, N. A., Ind.	Jack Ryan
133. G. A. C. Finance	282-6744	622 N. Dixie, Radcliff, Ky.	T. A. Link

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