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453PM URGENT 4-23-68 MPB

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, MIAMI, BALTIMORE, AND KANSAS CITY.  
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

RE: JOHN LARRY RAY.

RE NEW YORK TEL TO ABOVE THIS DATE. SUBJECT'S BROTHER  
JOHN LARRY RAY LOCATED ST. LOUIS.

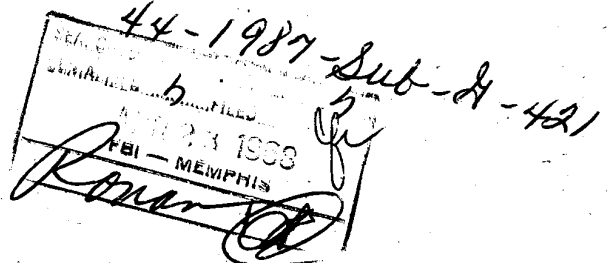
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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: KNOXVILLE (44-696) 2 P

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RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, AAND  
KNOXVILLE APRIL TWENTY SECOND LAST.

T. P. DALY, POSTAL INSPECTOR, IN CHARGE, CHATTANOOGA,  
TENN., ADVISED THIS DATE THERE ARE FIFTEEN INSPECTION  
SERVICE DIVISIONS LOCATED THROUGHOUT U. S. IN ADDITION,  
THERE ARE FIVE POSTAL SERVICE HANDWRITING LABORATORIES  
WHICH EXAMINE SUBMISSIONS BY REGIONAL INSPECTION OFFICES.  
THESE LABS LOCATED AT CINCINNATI, CHICAGO, NEW YORK CITY,  
SAN FRANCISCO AND WASHINGTON, D.C.

DALY SUGGESTED FEASIBILITY OF COMPARING KNOWN  
HANDWRITING OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY WITH POSTAL MONEY  
ORDERS STOLEN OR CASHED SINCE DATE OF ESCAPE AND CHECK  
OF RECORDS AT REGIONAL INSPECTION OFFICES COULD BEST BE  
DETERMINED THROUGH ILIASION OF BUREAU AND POSTAL INSPECOR

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CHIEFS BUREAU, WASHINGTON, D. C.

SUGGEST BUREAU CONTACT POSTAL INSPECTOR CHIEFS  
BUREAU, WASHINGTON, D. C., AND IF DEEMED FEASIBLE  
INITIATE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO COMPLY WITH BIRMINGHAM'S  
PROPOSED LEAD IN RE TEL.

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FBI KAN CITY

617PM URGENT 4-23-68 DJB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) & MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

MURKIN, OO: MEMPHIS

DAILY SUMMARY.

JAMES BRADLEY WELL KNOWN KANSAS CITY FENCE CONNECTED WITH THE ITALIAN UNDERWORLD, CURRENTLY INCARCERATED LEAVENWORTH PRISON FOR POSTAL MONEY ORDERS VIOLATIONS, ADVISED RAY UNKNOWN TO HIM.

PHOTO AND BACKGROUND INFO ON CLARENCE JAMES CLARK OBTAINED FROM FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER AND FORWARDED PHOENIX. INMATES MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY ADVISE WALTER E. NOLAN, ST. LOUIS, FORMER INMATE, MAY HAVE INFORMATION RE SUBJECT. ST. LOUIS ADVISED.

LEADS SET OUT TO INTERVIEW ROBERT PORTER, WAVERLY, IOWA, FORMER INMATE MSP, RE HIS CONNECTIONS WITH SUBJECT.

JEROME CARPENTER, INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, ADVISED HIS MOTHER RUBY CARPENTER, ST. LOUIS, MARRIED SUBJECT'S FATHER BUT SEPARATED TWO YEARS AGO. ST. LOUIS ADVISED. INFOR RECEIVED RAY HAD WORKED IN A LUMBER INDUSTRY IN OREGON AND ENJOYED ROGUE RIVER AREA. PORTLAND ADVISED.

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MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY INITIALLY PUT WRONG FINGERPRINTS ON THEIR WANTED ORDER FOR SUBJECT DATED APRIL TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYSEVEN. THEY CORRECTED THIS MAY ONE, SIXTYSEVEN. ALL OFFICES ADVISED.

EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND INFO REGARDING SUBJECT PREPARED FOR THE US DISTRICT COURT, KANSAS CITY, MO., APRIL TWENTYSIX, SIXTYFIVE. COPIES OF THIS WERE FORWARDED TO PERTINENT OFFICES TO ASSIST IN THEIR BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS.

ALL LOCAL LEADS BEING HANDLED IMMEDIATELY.

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931PM URGENT 4-23-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY, AND CHICAGO

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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JAMES DAVID DAILEY INDICATED BELIEF SL BONDSMAN HOMER TOWNSLEY WAS SOURCE OF ALLEGATION HE HARBORED SUBJECT FOLLOWING MSP ESCAPE. TOWNSLEY, FORMER SL ONE TWO ONE FIVE DASH C, STATED SUBJECT FREQUENTED HIS BAR FIFTY EIGHT DASH FIFTY NINE. FURNISHED NAMES OF OTHERS WHO KNEW HIM THIS PERIOD. HAS NOT SEEN SUBJECT SINCE. HEARD SUBJECT CAME TO SL FOLLOWING ESCAPE TO KILL PERSON HE BELIEVED RESPONSIBLE FOR CONVICTION. CLAIMED DAILEY TOLD HIM RAY CONTACTED HIM AFTER ESCAPE AND THAT HE HAD KNOWN RAY A LONG TIME. WAS PUZZLED WHY DAILEY GAVE UP HALF WAY TAVERN SLMO AND MOVED TO BOOTHEEL AS HE HAD RECENTLY PURCHASED NEW FIXTURES. DID NOT BELIEVE DAILEY STORY MOVE WAS BECAUSE LANDLORD REFUSED TO WIRE BUILDING. ADMITTED FORMER ENMITY TO DAILEY, BUT THOUGHT DIFFERENCES PATCHED UP. DENIED RESPONSIBILITY FOR JUNIOR RAY CONWAY BREAKING WINDOWS AND BEATING DAILEY. KNEW DAILEY HARBORED ESCAPEE CREWS, (BELIEVED TO BE THOMAS BTECHUM CREWS FBI NUMBER FOUR NINE FOUR SIX ZERO SIX SEVEN), SUMMER NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN. BELIEVES JOHN LNU (JOHN LARRY RAY) MORE LIKELY

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TO HARBOR SUBJECT THAN DAILEY.

RONALD BOCKENKAMP, SLPD INTELLIGENCE UNIT, STATED DAILEY WAS LIAR IF HE DENIED KNOWING SUBJECT, ALTHOUGH HE HAD NEVER SEEN THEM TOGETHER. FOLLOWING RAY ESCAPE, BOCKENKAMP RECEIVED TIP FROM SOURCE HE DECLINED TO IDENTIFY DAILEY WAS HARBORING SUBJECT. HE SHOOK DOWN WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. SAME SOURCE GAVE TIP WHICH RESULTED IN CREWS ARREST. SAID SUBJECT IN MSP SAME TIME AS CRES WHO COULD HAVE TOLD HIM TO CONTACT DAILEY. HE KNEW DAILEY TOOK FREQUENT TRIPS BY HONOR FARM, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., AND DROPPED WHISKEY, CIGARETTES AND MONEY ON ROAD FOR PRISONER. BOCKENKAMP AND SGT. ED SCHAFF DENIED TOWNSLEY WAS SOURCE OF HARBORING ALLEGATION AGAINST DAILEY.

DAILEY LANDLORD CONFIRMED MOVE CAUSED BY HIS REFUSAL TO RE-WIRE BUILDING. NEIGHBORING TAVERN OWNER STATED DAILEY TOOK NEW FIXTURES WITH HIM.

SLPD REPORT OF KORGER ROBBERY OCTOBER TEN FIFTY NINE WHICH RESULTED IN RAYS CONVICTION LISTS JAMES LOAMA OWENS, BORN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ELVINS, MO., SLPD NUMBER FOUR TWO EIGHT EIGHT FOUR, AS PARTICIPANT BELIEVED STILL IN MSP JEFFERSON CITY MO.

MRS. ORVILLE ROBBINS, FLORISSANT, MO. WAS SCHOOL MATE OF SUBJECT AT EWING, MO., UNTIL NINETEEN FORTY THREE, EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION WHEN HIS FAMILIED MOVED TO HANNIBAL, MO.

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INVESTIGATION CONTINUING REGARDING CAROL PEPPER LIQUOR  
LICENSE FOR GRAPEVINE TAVERN OPERATED BY JOHN LARRY RAY; TO LOCATE  
JUNIOR RAY CONWAY; AND IDENTIFY ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT.

KC AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO., INTERVIEW PRISONERS THOMAS BEECHUM  
CREWS AND JAMES LOAMA OWENS MSP RE SUBJECT AND DAILEY AND IDENTI-  
FICATION OF OTHER ASSOCIATES.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ( KAJASAS CITY( HOS ANGELES, LAS VEGAS,  
MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND ST. LOUIS  
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (2P)

MURKIN

RE SF TEL FOUR TWENTY TWO LAST.

RE: JOHN LARRY RAY, BROTHER OF JAMES EARL RAY.

ON APRIL TWO TWO, LAST, MRS. CHARLES F. TERRY, MANAGER, ONE FOUR SIX ZERO SUTTER ST., SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED ONE JOHN RAY RESIDED IN APARTMENT FIVE FROM JULY TWO THREE, LAST, TO AUGUST FIFTEEN, LAST, BUT HAD PAID RENT UNTIL AUGUST THREE ONE, LAST, AND DID NOT REQUEST RENT REFUND.

TERRY STATES RAY INDICATED HE CAME TO SAN FRANCISCO FROM ST. LOUIS, NOT EMPLOYED WHILE LIVING IN SAN FRANCISCO, SPENT MOST OF THE TIME IN HIS APARTMENT. AT THE TIME HE MOVED HE STATED HE WAS GOING TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, TO LOOK FOR A TAVERN TO BUY. IF UNSUCCESSFUL THERE, HE WOULD GO TO RENO, NEVADA, TO LOOK FOR A TAVERN TO BUY. TERRY STAPED RAY HAD NO FRIENDS OF ASSOCIATES, NO VISITORS, RECEIVED NO PHONE CALLS OR LETTERS. TERRY STATED JOHN RAY HAD AUTOMOBILE BUT UNABLE TO DESCRIBE IT. CHARLES F. TERRY, HUSBAND, STATED RAY SEEMED SLIGHTLY EFFEMINATE IN HIS MANNERISM AND WONDERED IF HE MIGHT HAVE HOMOSEXUAL TENDANCIES. TERRY STATED

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TWENTY DOLLAR DEPOSIT WITH PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC WHICH HE MAY NOT HAVE GOTTEN BACK. HE STATED RAY HAS ABOUT THRITY-FIVE DOLLARS DUE HIM FOR UNUSED RENT. WILL ADVISED FBI IF RAY CONTACTS HIM.

FOR INFORMATION LOS ANGELES AND LAS VEGAS, JOHN RAY HAS FBI NUMBER THREE SIX EIGHT SEVEN TWO FIVE A, CII NUMBER SEVEN FOUR ONE SEVEN FOUR ZERO AND IS DESCRIBED WMA, DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], RECORDS OF CII REFLECT HE WAS BOOKD AS "SLEEPER" BY HOLTVILLE, CALIFORNIA PD DECEMBER THREE, ONE NINE FIVE TWO, THEIR NUMBER ONE THREE FOUR ONE.

LEADS: LAS VEGAS AT RENO AND LOS ANGELES: THROUGH LOGICAL SOURCE ATTEMPT TO LOCATE INFORMATION RE JOHN RAY.

SAN FRANCISCO: WILL CONTACT PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC FOR INFORMATION REGARDING RAY AND WILL PLACE A STOP REGARDING REFUND.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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OTHER OFFICES ADVISED

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SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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RE SF TEL FOUR TWENTY THREE LAST.

JOHN LARRY RAY, BROTHER OF JAMES EARL RAY INTERVIEWED AT  
ST LOUIS FOUR TWENTY TWO LAST. LA, LV AND SF DISCONTINUE  
EFFORTS TO LOCATE JOHN LARRY RAY.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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*Supv. Len Helgeson,  
Div. 6, Bureau,  
requested this tel  
be sent. MJP.*

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) LOS ANGELES, LAS VEGAS AND

SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN

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SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI ATLANTA

11:10 PM URGENT 4/23/68 LBN

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS CITY,  
SPRINGFIELD.

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386)

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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION, APRIL TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYEIGHT.

NEW AND USED CAR DEALERS IN ATLANTA AND SUBURBAN AREAS  
CONTINUE TO BE CANVASSED AND SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT RAY.  
CHECKS NEGATIVE TO DATE. LEADS OBTAINED FROM CLASSIFIED SECTION  
OF NEWSPAPERS FROM MARCH TWENTYFOUR TO APRIL FIVE LAST AND  
CONTINUE TO BE CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

CAR RENTAL AGENCIES IN ATLANTA AND SUBURBAN AREAS ARE  
BEING CHECKED, PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY EXHIBITED, SUCH CHECKS  
NEGATIVE TO DATE.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION ON FOURTEENTH STREET, WEST  
OF PEACHTREE STREET, CONDUCTED TODAY. RAY'S PHOTOGRAPH SHOWN TO  
PERSONS INTERVIEWED AND SUCH CHECKS NEGATIVE.

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CHECKS OF CREW MEMBERS AND PASSENGERS ON FOREIGN BOUND FLIGHTS OF APRIL FIVE AND SIX LAST, CONTINUE THIS DATE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. SUCH CHECKS ARE CONTINUING.

ADDITIONAL ATTEMPT MADE THIS DATE TO INTERVIEW JIMMY DELTON GARNER, OWNER OF ROOMING HOUSE AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH STREET, ATLANTA, WHERE RAY ROOMED WHILE IN ATLANTA. GARNER CONTINUES TO BE IN A HIGHLY INTOXICATED CONDITION AND INTERVIEW NOT CONCLUDED.

INDIVIDUAL WITH NAME JAMES RAY WITH UNLISTED TELEPHONE NUMBER CHECKED OUT AND DETERMINED NOT IDENTICAL BASED ON HIS NEGRO RACE.

FLIGHT PERSONNEL OF EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE THREE THREE, APRIL TWELVE LAST, CONSISTING OF FIRST OFFICER AND TWO OTHER CREW MEMBERS, INTERVIEWED RE A PASSENGER RESEMBLING RAY WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THOSE THREE STATED GILCHRIST WAS IN ERROR IN STATING ONLY ONE PASSENGER DEBARKED AT HOUSTON, TEXAS. REMAINING THREE CREW PERSONNEL WILL BE INTERVIEWED APRIL  
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TWENTYFOUR NEXT.

BANK ROBBERY OCCURRED AT WESTSIDE BRANCH OF FULTON NATIONAL BANK TODAY. RAY'S PHOTOGRAPH SHOWN TO EYE WITNESSES AND HE WAS ELIMINATED AS SUBJECT OF THAT ROBBERY.

INDIVIDUAL FURNISHING NAME JAMES WRAY, EIGHT TWO SIX EIGHT FORTEETH STREET, NORTH, PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA, AGE THIRTYTHREE, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], CONTACTED INSURED DRIVEAWAYS, NINE FOUR TWO MURPHY AVENUE, S.W., ATLANTA, LATE DECEMBER OR EARLY JANUARY LAST CONCERNING DRIVING A CAR TO CALIFORNIA. JAMES WRAY NOT PERMITTED TO DRIVE BECAUSE HIS NAME CONTAINED ON BLACK LIST PUBLISHED BY AUTO DELIVERY DIVISION OF DEALERS TRANSIT, INC. AND CONTAINED NOTATION "HE DROVE CAR FOUR US IN LOS ANGELES - UNRELIABLE." ACCORDING TO INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWED, JAMES WRAY BEARS SLIGHT RESEMBLANCE TO SUBJECT'S SIXTY PHOTOGRAPH AS CONTAINED ON IDENTIFICATION ORDER OF RAY. INSURED DRIVEAWAYS IS MEMBER OF DEALERS TRANSIT, INC.

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FBI MEMPHIS

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	February 19, 1946		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #B-119908	October 11, 1949	suspicion of burglary	
Police Department Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #139648	October 11, 1949	suspicion 459 Penal Code (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years probation served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 December 30, 1949 Cs129438
Sheriff's Office Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	April 18, 1950	vagrancy	
Police Department Alton, Illinois	James Earl Ray #7514	July 23, 1951	no operator's license - no State License - no City License	released to pay later
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #D90696	May 6, 1952	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #131165	May 9, 1952	robbery	June 13, 1952 sentenced to penitentiary 1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Joliet, Illinois	James E. Ray #32419	June 13, 1952	robbery	1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Pontiac, Illinois	James E. Ray #19121	July 7, 1952	robbery	1 to 2 years March 12, 1954 discharged
	transfer from Joliet			

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Sheriff's Office Edwardsville, Illinois	James Earl Ray #2640	August 30, 1954	burglary and larceny	
Police Department Hannibal, Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	March 23, 1955	investigation of breaking and entering Post Office	
State Highway Patrol Macon, Missouri	James Earl Ray #B-3376	March 23, 1955	cashing stolen postal money orders	released to Postal Inspector Kansas City, Missouri March 24, 1955
United States Marshal Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #12018	March 28, 1955	forgery United States Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody of Attorney General
Sheriff's Office Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #29637	March 28, 1955	Forgery - Government	July 7, 1955 3 years and 9 months
United States Penitentiary Leavenworth, Kansas	James Earl Ray #72498-L	July 7, 1955	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months May 20, 1958 conditional release March 31 1959 maximum April 5, 1958 conditional release on charge of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #31071	October 10, 1959	suspicion of robbery	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 16, 1959	suspicion of robbery stealing and fugitive other authorities	
State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #00416	March 17, 1960	"TC" operating motor vehicle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, concurrent)
State Hospital Number 1 Fulton, Missouri	James Earl Ray #37045 C-5	September 8, 1966	Patient	

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TO: SAC, ATLANTA  
SAC, CHICAGO

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (2 P)

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE, THIS DATE.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF CHICAGO, ON FOUR TWENTYONE SIXTY-EIGHT RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS CURRENTLY INCARCERATED WHITFIELD COUNTY JAIL, DALTON, GEORGIA, PENDING APPEAL ON A LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDER AND WHOM SHERIFF MAULDIN STATED IN HIS OPINION WOULD FURNISH INFORMATION THAT WOULD PROBABLY BE RELIABLE TO THE BEST OF CURTIS' KNOWLEDGE, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATIVE LEADS:

CURTIS WHO SERVED THREE DIFFERENT SENTENCES WITH SUBJECT IN MISSOURI, STATED SUBJECT HAD FORMER CLOSE FRIEND WHO HAD JUST PREVIOUSLY SERVED TIME WITH HIM AT MENARD PRISON ILLINOIS, WHO VISITED SUBJECT FREQUENTLY AND KEPT HIM IN SPENDING MONEY.

INVESTIGATION AT MENARD PRISON ILLINOIS REVEALED THAT RAY NEVER INCARCERATED AT THAT INSTITUTION. SPRINGFIELD IN

- 1 - Bureau (AM)
- 1 - Springfield
- ① - Memphis (AM)
- 1 - Kansas City (AM)

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**POSSESSION OF INFORMATION THAT SUBJECT RAY SERVED TIME AT  
JOLIET AND PONTIAC STATE PRISONS, ILLINOIS.**

**ATLANTA IS REQUESTED TO RE-INTERVIEW CURTIS CONCERNING  
ABOVE DISCREPANCY AS TO WHERE RAY INCARCERATED.**

**CHICAGO AT JOLIET, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY SUBJECT'S FORMER  
CELL MATE, PRIOR TO NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT.**

**SPRINGFIELD AT PONTIAC, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY SUBJECT'S  
FORMER CELL MATE, PRIOR TO NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT.**

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL), CHICAGO AND SAN FRANCISCO  
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 1P  
MURKIN

WILLIAM E. MAHER, UNCLE OF JAMES EARL RAY LOCATED SEVEN ONE TWO BROWN STREET, ALTON, ILLINOIS TODAY. STATED PRIOR TO RAY'S ENTRY INTO ARMY HE WORKED AT SHOE TANNERY HARTFORD, ILLINOIS WHERE HE BECAME ASSOCIATED WITH INDIVIDUAL WHO HAD PRO-NAZI LEANINGS AND RAY BECAME ANTI-NEGRO AND ANTI-JEWISH AS RESULT. IN MILITARY SERVICE RAY WAS IN GERMANY WHERE OPINION CRYSTALIZED.

MAHER SAID HE LAST SAW RAY TEN OR TWELVE YEARS AGO AND TO HIS KNOWLEDGE RAY HAS NOT BEEN IN ALTON SINCE NINETEEN FIFTYNINE WHEN INVOLVED IN ARMED ROBBERY. STATED COULD SUGGEST NO ONE IN ALTON AREA ACQUAINTED WITH RAY OR TO WHOM RAY MIGHT TURN FOR HELP.

SAN FRANCISCO DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE MAHER.

AIRMAIL COPIES MEMPHIS, ATLANTA AND KANSAS CITY.

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- 1 - Atlanta (AM)
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TO SAN FRANCISCO  
FROM SAVANNAH /44-1768/ 1P

MURKIN

ON APRIL TWENTYTWO INSTANT, WITNESSES AT DOUGLAS, GA., ADVISED THEY BELIEVE THAT ERIC STARVO GALT HITCHHIKED THROUGH DOUGLAS, APRIL TWENTY LAST, STAYED OVER NIGHT AT IVY MANOR MOTEL. INDIVIDUAL THOUGHT TO BE GALT REGISTERED AT IVY MANOR MOTEL AS WILLIAM R. STEKLY, LUPIN LANE, CARMEL VALLEY, CALIF.

DESCRIBED AS W/M, AGE THIRTY THREE TO THIRTY EIGHT, FIVE EIGHT TO FIVE NINE, ONE SEVEN ZERO - ONE EIGHT FIVE LBS, BLONDE TO LIGHT BROWN HAIR, THREE INCHES LONG, RESEMBLES PHOTOS OF GALT ON WF FOUR FOUR TWO.

THIS INDIVIDUAL CLAIMED TO WITNESSES HE WAS EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GA., AND TO CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO AT CARMEL VALLEY, CALIF., ATTEMPT TO VERIFY THAT A WILLIAM R. STEKLY, LUPIN LANE, ACTUALLY EXISTS, ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF IDENT TO GALT.

**AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.**

1 - Memphis  
1 - Savannah

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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TO SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-718)  
FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-1502)

MURKIN

RE LAIRTEL APRIL TWENTY LAST SUBMITTING GUEST  
REGISTRATION CARD OF THE CONGRESS AIRPORT INN FOR ONE  
JAMES RAY.

IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT THE MOTEL REGISTRATION  
CARD WAS NOT EXECUTED BY JAMES EARL RAY, THE SUBJECT IN  
THIS CASE.

LATENT RESULTS FURNISHED SEPARATELY. COPY  
BEING SENT AIRMAIL TO MEMPHIS.

① Memphis - Airmail

NOTE FOR MEMPHIS: No Laboratory report will be submitted regarding  
the results of the examination set out above.

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**AIRTEL**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**  
**FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)**

**MURKIN**

**Re JAMES EARL RAY.**

On 4/19/68, WFO initiated <sup>of</sup> check files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State concerning JAMES EARL RAY, nothing identifiable with RAY was located. A further check is underway at the Washington National Record Center at Suitland, Maryland, in retained passport files and anything of interest located will be reported.

In order to cover the possibility that subject RAY may have recently been issued a passport and the record thereof had not been received in Washington, Mr. EDWARD STOKER, Passport Office, sent a teletype message to all passport agencies. The Passport Office in Honolulu was checked telephonically with negative results. On 4/19/68, Mr. ROBERT D. JOHNSON, Acting Director, Passport Office, telephonically advised SA KENNETH BAKER that all passport agencies had teletyped Washington that their records are negative concerning RAY.

- 3-Bureau
- ② Memphis (44-1987)
- 1-Kansas City (44-760) (info)
- 1-WFO (44-703)

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Mr. JOHNSON further advised that he had issued instructions whereby the Account Duty Officer of the Passport Office was alerted concerning RAY and instructions were made to all passport agencies to refer immediately to the nearest FBI office any information concerning RAY and his intended travel.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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**PLAINTEXT**

**TELETYPE**

**URGENT**

**TO DIRECTOR, FBI  
SAC, ALBANY**

**FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-361)**

**MURKIN, CR. (OO: MEMPHIS)**

**RE ALBANY TELETYPE APRIL TWENTY TWO, LAST AND SPRINGFIELD  
TELEPHONE CALL TO ALBANY, SAME DATE.**

**RE: EARL RAY**

**BILL KANFMAN, ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE,  
ADVISED OF THE FOLLOWING RE CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL SUBJECT'S  
UNCLE: EARL RAY, AKA EARL EVERETT RAY, JAMES RYAN, JAMES  
MC CARTHY, JAMES PATRICK CLANCY, JOE BOB, WHITE, WALK, BOB**

**[REDACTED] FOR, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, AND AS OF  
NINETEEN FORTY NINE, FIVE FEET NINE AND ONE QUARTER INCHES IN  
HEIGHT, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT POUNDS, DARK GRAY HAIR, LIGHT  
BLUE EYES, WIFE - ANNE, DIVORCED NINETEEN FIFTY, LAST KNOWN  
ADDRESS FOURTEEN THIRTY NINE CHERRY STREET, QUINCY, ILLINOIS,  
CRIMINAL RECORD DATING BACK TO NINETEEN SIXTEEN, EDWARD ILL,  
STATE PRISON NUMBERS SIX FIVE EIGHT EIGHT AND TWO ONE ZERO TWO  
FIVE. INCARCERATED AT EDWARD ILLINOIS TWENTY FIVE TO THIRTY THREE  
(ASSAULT TO KILL), AND NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT TO FIFTY FIVE (ASSAULT  
TO KILL - THREE SCARS IN WIFE'S FACE), NO FBI NUMBER AVAILABLE.**

**1 - Chicago (44-1987) 1 - Kansas City (44-1987) 1 - Springfield (44-361) 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (4)**

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**Bureau IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH IDENTIFICATION RECORD FOR  
EARL RAY FOR POSSIBLE LEAD INFORMATION.**

**AIRMAIL COPY SENT CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS.**

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI ATLANTA

10:31 PXXAM EST URGENT 4/24/68 VSC  
TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987  
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

RE: JAMES EARL RAY

ATLANTA RECOMMENDS THE BUREAU CONSIDER DISSEMINATING THE WANTED  
FLYER ON RAY TO MAJOR OIL CO. OUTLETS, MAJOR TRANSPORTA-  
TION CO. OUTLETS AND TICKET AGENCIES, MAJOR TRUCKING FIRM  
OUTLETS AND MAJOR AUTO SALES OUTLETS.

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201PM URGENT 4/24/68 WPK

TO MEMPHIS SPRINGFIELD AND ST. LOUIS  
FROM DIRECTOR 2P

MURKIN

RAY RATLIFF, U.S. CAPITAL POLICE, WASHINGTON, D. C.,  
CONTACTED THE BUREAU ON APRIL TWENTYFOUR, INSTANT, TO  
ADVISE HE BELIEVES HE IS DISTANTLY RELATED TO SUBJECT JAMES  
EARL RAY. RATLIFF STATED THAT HE HAD DISTANT COUSINS  
RESIDING IN THE ELSBERRY, MISSOURI, AREA WITH WHOM HE IS NOT  
PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED BUT WHOSE REPUTATION IS VERY POOR  
HE UNDERSTANDS. RATLIFF BELIEVED THEY WERE THE TYPE OF  
PEOPLE WHO WOULD HARBOR SUBJECT RAY IF HE CONTACTED THEM.  
RATLIFF ADVISED HIS BROTHER SAM RATLIFF WOULD KNOW THE  
IDENTITY AND LOCATION OF THESE DISTANT COUSINS. SAM RATLIFF  
RECENTLY PURCHASED THE FARM OF HIS GREAT UNCLE, JOHN RAY,  
RECENTLY DECEASED, AT ELSBERRY, AND RAY RATLIFF FELT THAT  
IT WOULD BE NO PROBLEM TO LOCATE SAM RATLIFF AT ELSBERRY.  
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RATLIFF FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE HAS TWO UNCLES,  
JAMES ORLAN RAY, AT EAST ALTON, ILLINOIS, AND JOHN RAY, WHO  
WORKS FOR THE ALTON BOX BOARD COMPANY, ALTON, ILLINOIS.  
RATLIFF STATED HIS UNCLES ARE REPUTABLE PEOPLE AND HE  
WOULD HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THEY WOULD AID THE SUBJECT  
IF HE IS KNOWN TO THEM. JOHN RAY IS SEPARATED FROM HIS WIFE,  
MARGARET RAY, AND SHE CURRENTLY RESIDES AT BUNKER HILL, ILL.

THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS BEING FURNISHED THE SPRINGFIELD  
AND ST. LOUIS OFFICES FOR THEIR AID IN LOCATING POSSIBLE  
RELATIVES OF SUBJECT. RATLIFF REQUESTED HIS IDENTITY NOT BE  
DIVULGED TO HIS RELATIVES.

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FBI KAN CITY

257PM URGENT 4-24-68 KAM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), ATLANTA, AND BIRMINGHAM  
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

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RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTY-TWO LAST.

RECORDS JACKSON COUNTY, MO. SO REVEAL RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS ✓  
INCARCERATED THERE FROM MARCH TWENTY-TWO, FIFTY-FIVE UNTIL AUG. ELEVEN,  
FIFTY-FIVE, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO LEAVENWORTH, KS.  
PENITENTIARY. RECORDS, USP, LEAVENWORTH, REVEAL CURTIS INCARCERATED  
THERE FROM AUG. ELEVEN FIFTY-FIVE UNTIL SEPT. TWENTY-ONE FIFTY-FIVE,  
AT WHICH TIME HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO USP, ATLANTA, GA.

RAY INCARCERATED WITH WALTER TERRY RIFE AT THIS TIME. RIFE HAS  
BEEN INTERVIEWED IN THIS MATTER. RECORDS, JACKSON COUNTY JAIL,  
FAIL TO LIST ANY VISITORS OF RAY, RIFE OR CURTIS AT THAT TIME BUT  
RECORDS MAY HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. THE FENCE CONNECTED WITH THE  
ITALIAN UNDERWORLD IN KANSAS CITY WHO ALSO ENGAGED IN HANDLING STOLEN  
POSTAL MONEY ORDERS- IS BELIEVED TO BE JAMES BRADLEY, JR. ✓ HE IS  
CURRENTLY INCARCERATED LEAVENWORTH PENITENTIARY FOR VIOLATIONS OF  
STOLEN POSTAL MONEY ORDERS. BRADLEY AVOWED COOPERATION BUT ADVISED  
THAT SUBJECT UNKNOWN TO HIM.

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CURTIS INCARCERATED MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY MAY FIFTEEN, SIXTY-TWO, CHARGED WITH ROBBERY, SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS, PAROLED JUNE TWENTY-SEVEN, SIXTY-SIX.

REVIEW OF KANSAS CITY FILE ENTITLED "RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS", KANSAS CITY NINETY-ONE - ONE FOUR ONE FOUR, REVEALS THAT IN INDIANAPOLIS LETTER TO ATLANTA DATED AUG. THIRTY-ONE, FIFTY-SIX, DEFENSE ATTORNEY FOR CURTIS OPINED THAT CURTIS WOULD "LIE, STEAL OR COMMIT OTHER CRIMES TO FURTHER HIS OWN INTERESTS IN ANY PARTICULAR MATTER". THIS STATEMENT APPARENTLY MADE AS A RESULT OF CURTIS' ATTEMPTING TO IMPLICATE CURTIS' WIFE AND BOYFRIEND IN A PREVIOUS BANK ROBBERY IN INDIANA, AND ALL INFORMATION FURNISHED BY CURTIS AT THAT TIME WAS DETERMINED TO BE WITHOUT FOUNDATION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. ESCAPE PROPENSITIES.

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FBI MEMPHIS

DID U GET TWO REC TWO MSG MEN

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FBI KAN CITY

HOLD FOR TWO----- 255PM URGENT 4-24-68 KAM PHH  
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND ATLANTA  
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

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✓  
BEN GOODIN, FORD SALESMAN, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, ADVISED THAT HE WAS A FORMER CHEF AT THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY AND KNEW SUBJECT WELL. HE WAS SUBJECT'S BOSS FOR SIX YEARS. GOODIN STATED RAY WAS A GOOD FRIEND OF AN INMATE BY THE NAME OF LEWIS DOWDA. HE STATED DOWDA HATED NEGROES. GOODIN SAID HE BELIEVED BOTH RAY AND DOWDA WERE MIXED UP IN "PEDDLING DOPE" IN THE PENITENTIARY, BUT HE COULD NOT PROVE IT. HE FURTHER STATED THAT SINCE DOWDA WAS A "RACIST", HE MIGHT BE AN ACCOMPLICE OF RAY IN THE MURDER OF DOCTOR KING. HE FURTHER ADVISED HE KNEW RAY WANTED TO ESCAPE AND REFUSED TO TRANSFER HIM TO THE FARM BECAUSE OF THIS.

RECORDS MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY REVEALED THAT LEWIS RAYMOND DOWDA WAS RECEIVED MARCH TWELVE, SIXTY-FOUR, SERVED FIVE YEARS ON CHARGE OF ROBBERY AND DISCHARGED DECEMBER TWENTY-THREE, SIXTY-SIX.

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HE IS SUBJECT OF FBI NO. TWO TWO NINE SIX EIGHT NINE D.

ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU DATED SEPT. TWENTY-EIGHT, LAST THEIR FILE  
TWENTY-SIX - FOUR ONE SIX TWO ONE REVEALED SUBJECT ARRESTED THAT DATE  
MARIETTA, GA., CHARGED WITH ITSMV. NCIC NEGATIVE RE DOWDA. ATLANTA  
INTERVIEW RE HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI MEMPHIS

FBI BALTO

412PM URGENT 4-24-68 AKM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND KANSAS CITY  
FROM BALTIMORE (44-669) 1P

MURKIN, OO: MEMPHIS.

RE BUREAU TELTYPE APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

CHECK OF DCII AND USAIRR FORT HOLABIRD, MARYLAND, TODAY  
RELECTS NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY.

DCII HAS NO RECORD OF WALTER TERRY RIFE.

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416 PM URGENT 4/24/68 PHM  
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS  
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS,  
APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST.

COMPLETE INFO OBTAINED FROM MO. STATE PENITENTIARY REFLECT  
THAT WALTER E. NOLAN, MSP NO. FIVE SIX TWO NINE EIGHT, SERVED  
INTERMITTENTLY FROM FORTYTWO UNTIL SEPT. TWENTYSECOND SIXTYSEVEN  
WHEN HE WAS RELEASED ON A WRIT. SISTER LISTED AS NELLIE TURLEY,  
FIVE ZERO FOUR A ELM; UNCLE SAMUEL KRAMER, ONE SEVEN FOUR TWO  
CRYSTAL; FRIEND L. G. TRITSCHLER, ONE SEVEN FOUR TWO CRYSTAL, ALL  
ST. LOUIS, MO., AND LOUIS AND CYNTHIA TRITSCHLER, BOGOTA,  
COLUMBIA. INMATES ADVISED NOLAN ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT AT  
PENITENTIARY AND RACIAL EXTREMIST.

ST. LOUIS SHOULD LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HIM RE SUBJECT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI KNOXVLE

4-30 PM URGENT 4-24-68 CKH

TO: MOBILE, JACKSONVILLE, AND MEMPHIS

FROM: KNOXVILLE (44-696) 1 P

MURKIN. CIVIL RIGHTS. OO MEMPHIS.

RE KNOXVILLE TELEPHONE CALL TO MOBILE APRIL TWENTYFOUR  
INSTANT.

J. ROBERT SIMS, ASSISTANT POSTAL INSPECTOR IN CHARGE,  
CHATTANOOGA, TENN., ADVISED THIS DATE POSTAL INSPECTOR'S  
OFFICE, MOBILE, ALA., PRESENTLY IN POSSESSION OF U. S.  
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE FORM UTILIZED TO ORDER IRS  
PUBLICATIONS WHICH WAS DEPOSITED IN U. S. MAILS PENSACOLA, FLA.,  
P.M. APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST. SENDER'S NAME APPEARING ON FORM  
IS ERIC STARVO GALT, STREET, ELBERTA, ALA.

INSPECTOR SIMS STATES FORM WAS RETURNED AS IMPROPERLY  
MAILED AND UPON NOTING SENDER'S NAME WAS REFERRED TO  
INSPECTOR'S OFFICE, MOBILE, ALA. SIMS IS INSTRUCTING  
INSPECTOR J. C. ENGEL, MOBILE, ALA. TO RETAIN ABOVE AND  
IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY FBI, MOBILE.

ABOVE INFORMATION FURNISHED MOBILE BY REFERENCED  
TELEPHONE CALL.

MOBILE SET FORTH APPROPRIATE LEADS.

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44XX459RM URGENT 4/24/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

MURKIN

DAILY SUMMARY.

PHOTO TAKEN JAN. FOUR, SIXTYSIX OF SUBJECT IN MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY FORWARDED TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES BECAUSE OF DIFFERENCE IN LIKENESSES.

KANSAS CITY PCI, FORMER ASSOCIATE OF RAY, ADVISED HE IS WILLING TO ASSIST BUREAU TO LOCATE SUBJECT. FORMER PRISONMATE OF RAY AND "RACIST" LOUIS DOWDA ARRESTED MARIETTA, GA., SPET. TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYSEVEN. ATLANTA ADVISED.

COMPLETE DATES AND PLACES OF INCARCERATION OF RAYMOND CURTIS WITH SUBJECT-FURNISHED ATLANTA. ALSO PREVIOUS UNRELIABLE STATEMENTS MADE BY CURTIS. INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT SUBJECT MAY ATTEMPT TO GET BARBITUATES AND BENNIES FROM AEBY FAMILY IN TEXAS. NECESSARY OFFICES ADVISED.

INTERVIEW WITH FELLOW PRISONERS CONTINUING. NAMES OF VISITORS OF SUBJECT AND MAILING ADDRESSES BEING OBTAINED MISSOURI STATE PEN. LOCAL LEADS BEING HANDLED IMMEDIATELY.

- ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

CORR LINE SEVEN LAST WD... SEPT.

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FBI MEMPHIS

DID U GET TWO YES OK TUX

DATE FILE STRIPPED 4/13/77  
INITIALS med  
RE: BU AIRTEL DTD 11/3/68

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FBI BIRMGHAM

618PM URGENT 4-14-68 HEP

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MOBILE, JACKSONVILLE, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 2P

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS, AND MOBILE TEL  
TO BIRMINGHAM, JACKSONVILLE AND MEMPHIS, APRIL TWO THREE, SIXTYEIGHT,  
CONCERNING INFO OBTAINED FROM BILL DUHON.

DUHON REINTERVIEWED TODAY AND STATES PERSON HE THOUGHT RESEMBLED  
SUBJECT IS LEFT HANDED, SMOKED ONE OF DUHON'S CIGARETTES, AND  
HAD BROWN EYES. STATED SUSPECT SAT NEXT TO DUHON DURING FISHING  
TRIP. INVESTIGATION BIRMINGHAM DETERMINED THAT BOAT WAS HIRED BY  
BIRMINGHAM DEEP SEA FISHING CLUB, AND TRIP CAPTAINS WERE BEN DANIEL  
AND JAMES H. LITTLE. DANIEL AND LITTLE FURNISHED SEATING  
ARRANGEMENT FOR INSTANT TRIP AND IDENTIFIED PERSONS SITTING NEXT TO  
DUHON AS JAMES HARLAND AND THOMAS TINGLE. BOTH INTERVIEWED TODAY AND  
ARE NOT IDENTICAL WITH RAY. TINGLE, DANIEL, HARLAND, AND LITTLE UNABLE  
TO IDENTIFY RAY AS PASSENGER ON TRIP. DANIEL AND LITTLE ABLE TO  
IDENTIFY ALL THE PASSENGERS AND GUESTS FOR THIS TRIP.

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IN VIEW OF ABOVE, JACKSONVILLE DISCONTINUE ALL INVESTIGATION  
BASED ON INFORMATION FROM DUHON.

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FBI-BUFFALO

7PM URGENT 4-24-68 DAT

TO DIRECTOR (44-3886), MEMPHIS (44-1987) CHICAGO (44-1114)  
FROM BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN

RE ALBANY TEL APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST.

RECORDS BUFFALO, NY PD MADE AVAILABLE BY WILLIAM J. COLLINS,  
IN CHARGE OF THE MICRO SECTION, DISCLOSED ON MAY TWO, NINETEEN  
FIFTYNINE, PRECINCT NUMBER ONE, ANSWERED A CALL WHICH DISCLOSED  
THAT EARL E. RAY'S BODY WAS FOUND UNDER THE RAILROAD BRIDGE AT THE  
FOOT OF COMMERCIAL ST., BUFFALO, NY, UNDER THE D L AND W RAILROAD  
BRIDGE. NO RESCUE SQUAD RESPONDED. DR. LEE, EMERGENCY HOSPITAL,  
PRONOUNCED THE INDIVIDUAL DEAD, AND EARL E. RAY'S BODY WAS TAKEN  
ERIE COUNTY MORGUE.

NICHOLAS SALINARDO CHARGE OF THE MORGUE, MADE AVAILABLE RE-  
CORDS WHICH DISCLOSED THE BODY BROUGHT TO MORGUE BY ROBERTS FUNERAL  
HOME, AND AFTER LAYING IN THE MORGUE FOR TWO DAYS, THE BODY WAS  
CLAIMED BY MRS. FRANK FULLER, A SISTER, RESIDING AT TWO SIX ZERO  
ONE CHESTNUT, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, CLAIM BEING MADE BY TELEGRAM.  
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MR. GEORGE ROBERTS, OPERATOR ROBERTS FUNERAL HOME, TWO FOUR ZERO ZERO MAIN ST., ADVISED HE TOOK THE BODY TO ERIE COUNTY MORGUE ON MAY TWO, NINETEEN FIFTYNINE, AND HIS COPY OF THE DEATH CERTIFICATE DISCLOSED LAST PLACE OF RESIDENCE FOR RAY WAS WESTERN ROAD, ALBANY NY, PLACE OF BIRTH QUINCY, ILL., DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED] [REDACTED], AGE AT TIME OF DEATH FIFTYFOUR YEARS, ELEVEN MONTHS, TWENTYEIGHT DAYS, OCCUPATION STEWARD, PRESENT EMPLOYMENT UNEMPLOYED, MARITAL STATUS DIVORCED, FATHER JAMES RAY, AND MOTHER LILLIAM MATTHEWS. THE PHYSICIAN SIGNING DEATH CERTIFICATE DR. ROCCO DE DOMINICIS.

MR. ROBERTS STATED BODY SHIPPED TO THE DUKES BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME, EIGHT TWO THREE BROADWAY, QUINCY, ILL., ON MAY FOUR, NINETEEN FIFTYNINE, THIS SHIPMENT BEING ORDERED BY MRS. FRANK FULLER, QUINCY, ILL. BODY INTERRED MAY FOUR, NINETEEN FIFTYNINE GREEN MOUNTAIN CEMETERY, QUINCY, ILLINOIS.

A CHECK AT THE BUFFALO GENERAL HOSPITAL, RECORDS BEING CHECKED BY PERSONNEL DIRECTOR, MR. TOM MICHEL, DISCLOSED NO RECORD OF RAY EVER BEING EMPLOYED BUFFALO GENERAL HOSPITAL. MISS ELLEN JONES, PERSONNEL OFFICE, BUFFALO STATE HOSPITAL, FOREST AVE., BUFFALO, ADVISED THEY HAVE NO RECORD OF RAY EVER BEING EMPLOYED THERE. ADDRESS OF FOUR SEVEN SIX FRANKLIN NONEXISTENT, AS ROOMING HOUSE THIS  
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HREE

ADDRESS TORN DOWN IN NINETEEN SIXTY.

RESULTS OF CREDIT CHECK ON RAY NOT COMPLETE AT THIS TIME, AND  
INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

AM CC'S KANSAS CITY, ALBANY AND SPRINGFIELD.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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735PM URGENT 4-24-68 BJP

TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORY TO INSURE THAT THERE IS FREQUENT REFERENCE TO RAY AND HIS CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

SINCE YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADVISED THAT JAMES EARL RAY IS IDENTICAL WITH ERIC STARVO GALT AND YOU HAVE BEEN FURNISHED IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS ON RAY, YOU ARE TO BE CERTAIN THAT ALL APPROPRIATE STOPS HAVE BEEN RENEWED ON JAMES EARL RAY AND UNDER ALL OF HIS KNOWN ALIASES AS SET FORTH ON THE IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS. THIS IS TO INSURE THAT THE BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED IF THE SUBJECT IS ARRESTED OR COMES TO THE ATTENTION OF AUTHORITIES WITH WHOM STOPS PLACED.

OFFICES COVERING DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS FLIGHTS SHOULD HAVE RENEWED STOPS AND SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD BE DISPLAYED APPROPRIATELY.

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ALL OFFICES SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION  
AT ALL "HIPPIE" ROOMING HOUSES AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS TO  
OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER CONCERNING RAY.

APPROPRIATE LEGATS BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR / 44-38861 / MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY AND ST. LOUIS

FROM OKLAHOMA CITY / 44-686 / 2P

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EVERETT WAYNE COX, FBI NUMBER ONE TWO SEVEN ONE ONE FIVE C,  
INTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTYFOUR INSTANT, FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF INFORMATION  
FROM AN INFORMANT HE HAD MADE REMARKS IN A LOCAL BAR INDICATING  
HE WAS AN ASSOCIATE OF JAMES EARL RAY IN THE MISSOURI STATE PEN.

COX ADVISED HE WAS INMATE AT MSP FROM NINETEEN SIXTYONE UNTIL JUNE  
TWENTYNINE, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, WHEN RELEASED AND DURING THIS PERIOD  
WAS FRIENDLY WITH RAY. STATED HE WORKED WITH RAY IN PRISON BAKERY AND  
WAS PARTNER WITH RAY IN OPERATING PRISON POKER GAMES. HE DESCRIBED RAY  
AS A "LONER" WHO HAD NO CLOSE FRIENDS IN THE PRISON. STATED RAY  
INDICATED SOME INTEREST IN LEARNING TO SPEAK SPANISH AND SPENT SOME  
TIME STUDYING SPANISH FROM A SPANISH DICTIONARY BELONGING TO COX. HE  
RECALLED RAY ALSO READ SOME BOOKS ABOUT MEXICO WHICH HE OBTAINED FROM  
THE PRISON LIBRARY.

COX RECALLED EXCHANGING ADDRESSES WITH RAY IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO  
HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, WITH NO SPECIFIC  
UNDERSTANDING THAT EITHER WOULD EVER ATTEMPT TO CONTACT THE OTHER.

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HE BELIEVED RAY GAVE HIM THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF A BROTHER IN ALTON, ILLINOIS. HE WROTE THIS NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE BACK OF SOME GIRL'S PHOTOGRAPH AND HAS SINCE LOST OR DISCARDED THIS PHOTOGRAPH. HE STATED HE HAS NOT SEEN OR HEARD FROM RAY SINCE BEING RELEASED FROM MSP AND DOES NOT EXPECT TO HEAR FROM HIM.

SUBSEQUENT TO INITIAL INTERVIEW OF COX, HE TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED HE HAD SEARCHED HIS PERSONAL BELONGINGS AND LOCATED THREE NAMES AND ADDRESSES WHICH HE HAD WRITTEN ON PHOTOGRAPHS WHEN LEAVING MSP WHICH COULD POSSIBLY BE PERTINENT TO LOCATION OF RAY. THESE NAMES ARE (FNU) COLE, ROBBY'S BAR, FOUR FOUR SIX TAYLOR STREET, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI; ERIC LARSON, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, AND SMILEY GENOVESE, PERSHING ROOM, FOUR NINE ZERO ZERO NATURAL BRIDGE, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. COX IDENTIFIED ERIC LARSON AS AN INMATE SUPERVISOR AT THE MSP BAKERY WHO WOULD BE THE MOST LIKELY PERSON AT MSP TO KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF RAY. COX STATED HE DOES NOT KNOW COLE OR SMILEY GENOVESE BUT BELIEVES HE OBTAINED BOTH THESE NAMES FROM RAY.

COX IS A WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED] AND HAS A VERY EXTENSIVE CRIMINAL RECORD. THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE HE WOULD BE COOPERATIVE OR TRUTHFUL WITH ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

KANSAS CITY ATTEMPT TO LOCATE FNU COLE AND ERIC LARSON AND INTERVIEW FOR ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING RAY.

ST. LOUIS ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW SMILEY GENOVESE FOR ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : All Investigative Employees

DATE: April 22, 1968

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE  
I. O. #4182; W. F. #442-A  
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY  
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY  
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM  
RELEASE DATE: SATURDAY P. M., APRIL 20, 1968

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**THE CRIMES:** Ray escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, on April 23, 1967, while serving a 20-year sentence for armed robbery and operating a motor vehicle without the owner's permission. He subsequently allegedly conspired, under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, to violate the civil rights of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., shot to death on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel on April 4, 1968.

**THE CRIMINAL:** A 40-year-old white native of Illinois, who is known as a "loner" and "drifter" and has taken elaborate steps to establish a false identity, Ray has an extensive criminal record, including convictions for burglary, robbery and forging U. S. Postal Money Orders. Outstanding characteristics include a straight narrow nose, straight and even teeth, a noticeably protruding left ear and a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe. He has taken dancing lessons, attended bartending school, enrolled in a correspondence course in locksmithing and traveled widely in a 1966 Mustang recovered in Atlanta, Georgia, a week after Dr. King's murder. Ray likes western and country music, drinks vodka and beer and has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

**PROCESS:** A Federal warrant issued at Jefferson City, Missouri, on July 20, 1967, charges Ray with unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement for robbery. Another Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, as Eric Starvo Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen.

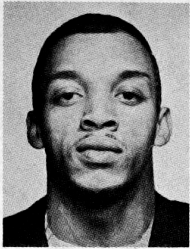
**"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES":** Ray is a special addition to the list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives." The list as of Saturday p. m., April 20, 1968, was:

John William Clouser	I. O. #3837	Charles Lee Herron	I. O. #4163
Howard Callens Johnson	I. O. #4039	George Edward Wells	I. O. #4175
George Benjamin Williams	I. O. #4072	David Evans	I. O. #4177
Gordon Dale Ervin	I. O. #4087	Franklin Allen Paris	I. O. #4178
Carmen Raymond Gagliardi	I. O. #4101	David Stuart Neff	I. O. #4179
	James Earl Ray	I. O. #4182	

**THEY ARE ALL ARMED AND DANGEROUS.** If you receive any information, give it at once to your SAC or appropriate supervisor.

PHOTOGRAPHS, FINGERPRINTS AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA OF ALL FUGITIVES ON THE LIST ARE ON THE REVERSE SIDE.



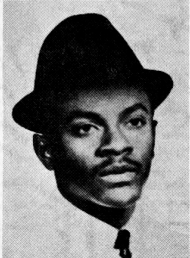


DAVID EVANS, also known as:  
"Pee Wee."  
N; born 10-11-44; 5'7"-5'8"; 140-150 lbs;  
med bld; blk hair; brn eyes; lt comp;  
ooo - lab, upholsterer. Wanted by FBI  
for BANK ROBBERY and UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO  
AVOID PROSECUTION (Burglary, Larceny,  
and Receiving Stolen Goods).  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4177  
FBI#-388 901 E  
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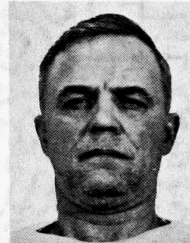


CHARLES LEE HERRON, also known as:  
Lee Jones.  
N; born 4-21-37 (?); 5'7"-5'8"; 145-  
150 lbs; sldr bld; blk hair; brn eyes;  
dk comp; ooo - clerk. Wanted by FBI  
for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECU-  
TION (Murder; Assault with Intent to  
Commit Murder).  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4163  
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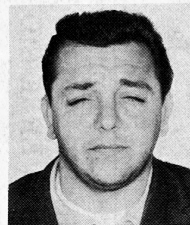


GEORGE EDWARD WELLS, also known as:  
George W. Cox, Lloyd Kuczmarski.  
W; born 5-14-16; 5'8"; 165-175 lbs;  
med bld; brn hair, gr; brn eyes; med  
comp; ooo - maintenance worker, painter.  
Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO  
AVOID PROSECUTION (Armed Robbery);  
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN  
PROPERTY.  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4175  
FBI#-1 467 173  
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CARMEN RAYMOND GAGLIARDI, also known as: 17 M 29 W IOM  
Carmelo Raimondo Gagliardi (true name), I 32 W OOI 20  
Carman R. Gagliardi.  
W; born 10-1-40; 5'10 1/2"; 185-200 lbs;  
hvy bld; blk hair; brn eyes; med comp;  
ooo - lab. Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL  
FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (Murder).  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4101  
FBI#-566 944 D  
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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GEORGE BENJAMIN WILLIAMS, 23 M 21 W IMO AMP Ref: 22  
also known as: Allen I 31 W OOO 19 31  
Benjamin Colby, Ben Jackson,  
George Benjamin William.  
W; born 6-15-11; 5'6"; 155 lbs;  
med bld; brn hair, gr, balding;  
bl eyes; rdy comp; rt ring frngr  
amp; ooo - constr worker, dairy  
worker, mech, miner, pipe fitter.  
Wanted by FBI for BANK ROBBERY.  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4072  
FBI#-497 062  
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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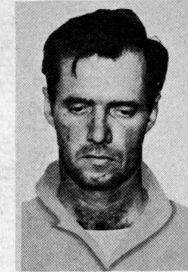
JAMES EARL RAY, also known as:  
Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron,  
Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride,  
John Willard, "Jim."  
W; born 3-10-28; 5'10"; 163-174 lbs;  
med bld; brn hair, poss cut short; bl  
eyes; med comp; ooo - baker, color matcher,  
lab. Wanted by FBI for CONSPIRING TO  
INTERFERE WITH A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF  
A CITIZEN and UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID  
CONFINEMENT (Robbery).  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4182  
FBI#-405 942 G  
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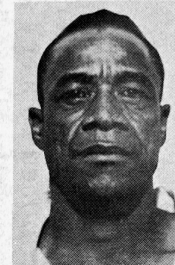
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FRANKLIN ALLEN PARIS, also known as: MLM  
Franklin Allen Morrison, Al Paris, MLM  
Allie Paris, Frank Allen Paris, 11 S 1 U OOO 14 Ref: 9  
Franklen Allen Paris. M 1 U OOI 12 1  
W; born 1-20-34; 6'2"; 190-210 lbs;  
med bld; brn hair; brn eyes; med comp;  
ooo - horse trader, horse trainer,  
rancher. Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL  
FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (Burglary).  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4178  
FBI#-595 084 A  
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1966



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HOWARD CALLENS JOHNSON, also known as: W  
"Dirty Red." W  
N; born 4-14-16 (?); 5'9"; 160-170  
lbs; med bld; blk hair; brn eyes;  
med comp, freckled; ooo - brickmason,  
carpenter, lab. Wanted by FBI for  
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION  
(Murder).  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4039  
FBI#-1 501 726  
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1959



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JOHN WILLIAM CLOUSER, also known as: MML  
Jack Clauser, John William Clauser, MMM  
Chuck A. Williams. 25 L 1 R OOO 8  
W; born 3-29-32; 5'9"; 175-200 lbs;  
stky bld; blond hair, may be dyed blk;  
bl eyes; rdy comp; ooo - clerical  
worker, stock clerk. Wanted by FBI  
for INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF  
STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE.  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-3837  
FBI#-229 125 C  
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1963



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GORDON DALE ERVIN, also known as: 17 I 31 W III 10  
Dale Ervin. I 26 R OMM 9  
W; born 5-30-26; 5'11"-6'0"; 170 lbs;  
med bld; brn hair; bl eyes; med comp;  
ooo - carpenter, lifeguard, mach shop  
worker, locomotive fireman, salesman,  
shipyard worker, typist. Wanted by  
FBI for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID  
CONFINEMENT (Armed Robbery).  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4087  
FBI#-290 533 A  
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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DAVID STUART NEFF, also known as: LL  
Steven Andrews, Solomon Baker, Steven LM  
Greene, George Medina, David J. Neff, 19 O 17 W IOO 18  
David Stewart Neff, Donald O'Brien. L 19 W OOO 16  
W; born 12-26-36; 5'8"-5'9"; 190-200 lbs;  
hvy bld; brn hair; brn eyes; med comp;  
ooo - horse trainer, lab, painter,  
plumber, surveyor. Wanted by FBI for  
BANK ROBBERY.  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4179  
FBI#-524 874 D  
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

April 20, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY

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., is one of the FBI's "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 prompt location. Ray has been the subject of a massive search since the gunshot slaying of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel.

An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom FBI wanted notices have been posted determined 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, who escaped on April 23, 1967, from the Missouri State Penitentiary, is also sought for unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement after conviction for armed robbery.

Possessing an arrest record dating back to 1949, Ray has been convicted of burglary, armed robbery and forging United States Postal Money Orders.

A 40-year-old white male, reportedly born in Illinois on [redacted], Ray is approximately 5'10" tall, weighs from 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and short brown hair. He has a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe and his left ear protrudes noticeably.

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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