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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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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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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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ReNYtel to Bu, and other offices including Memphis,
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Concerning seamen by last name GAULT formerly
employed by the United Fruit Co., NYC.

Investigation has been conducted at 39-68
59th St., Woodside, LI, NY, in an effort to locate or
develop information on one ROBERT GAULT, born [redacted]
and who gave this as his address while employed by The
United Fruit Co., during 1942.

Current owner and previous owners of property
at above address for the past 25 years interviewed
and deny knowledge of ROBERT GAULT. There is no telephone
or street listing in NYC under this name.

NY is conducting no further investigation re
ROBERT GAULT.

Subject JAMES EARL RAY is considered
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: *AC* SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (44-715)(P)

RE: MURKIN

Re New Orleans teletype to Albuquerque, 4/23/68.

Re: ERNEST H. GAULT

The following investigation was telephonically conducted by SA FRANK W. HAINES:

AT CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO

On 4/23/68 Mr. [REDACTED] General Delivery Window, U. S. Post Office, (CONCEAL IDENTITY) advised that he has been employed in this position since 12/4/67 and does not recall anyone by the name of ERNEST H. GAULT. CARPENTER advised that he caused a search of his General Delivery records and was unable to find any record or forwarding address of ERNEST H. GAULT. He advised GAULT was unknown to him.

On 4/23/68 [REDACTED] U. S. Post Office, (CONCEAL IDENTITY) advised that he caused a check of available transfer records dating back to 7/1/67 and was unable to locate any record for ERNEST H. GAULT.

On 4/23/68 DORIS MAXWELL, Credit Bureau of Clovis, advised she was unable to locate any credit record identifiable with ERNEST H. GAULT.

② Memphis
1-Miami (Info)(AM)
1-New Orleans (157-10673) (Info)(AM)
2-Albuquerque
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On 4/23/68 Detective J. T. WARREN, Clovis Police Department, advised that the Clovis Police Department No. 10131 was concerning ERNEST HAZER GAULT described as a white male, 5'9½", 150 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, born [redacted] at Lebanon, New Hampshire. WARREN advised that GAULT had been arrested for drunk in 1962 and 1963, at which time he was fingerprinted and photographed. WARREN compared the photograph of ERNEST HAZER GAULT, Clovis Police Department No. 10131, to the wanted flyer of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that there was absolutely no likeness.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)
RE: MURKIN
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Re Cleveland teletype to Bureau, ET AL, 4/20/68.

Original and one copy of article appearing on page 1, Cleveland Press, 4/23/68, entitled "JAILMATE OF KING SUSPECT GIVES CLUES TO PHONY NAMES".

On 4/20/68, the Cleveland Office was telephonically contacted by a guard from the Cuyahoga County Jail who advised that an inmate, JAMES T. BOND, wished to speak with an FBI Agent in connection with JAMES EARL RAY.

On Saturday, 4/20/68, JAMES THOMAS BOND was interviewed at the Cuyahoga County Jail by SA MARTIN P. MC CANN, JR., at which time he advised as follows:

JAMES T. BOND advised that he is presently incarcerated in the Cuyahoga County Jail, having been arrested on 3/13/68, in Lakewood, Ohio, on a carrying concealed weapon charge. BOND stated he is presently on parole out of Missouri State Penitentiary until 1969. He stated that he had been serving a 10 year sentence for armed robbery and had served in Missouri State Penitentiary from 10/62 through 12/65, at which time he was placed on parole.

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BOND advised that during this time of incarceration at Missouri State Penitentiary he was in K Hall, cell 187. He stated that the Missouri State Penitentiary has one-man cells and that JAMES EARL RAY, during this period of time, was incarcerated in cell 191.

BOND stated that RAY was a bread man and that he worked in the bakery. He stated that RAY's duties consisted of slicing the bread for the meals and that because of these duties RAY would be up earlier than the other inmates and would usually be back in his cell at 7:00 AM and would be free to come and go as he pleased during meal hours.

BOND advised that RAY was a racist and many times he heard him discussing his dislike for Negroes.

BOND advised that he would be considered a friend of RAY's but this was due mainly to the fact that they both had free time and that their cells were near each others and that during break periods they would discuss various matters.

BOND stated that RAY had no close friends inside the prison and would be considered strictly a loner. BOND stated that RAY was hooked on amphetamine powders. BOND stated that RAY always had an "outfit" in his cell, stating that an "outfit" was a nose dropped with a needle with which he would shoot a solution made up from the amphetamine powder into his veins. BOND stated that he considered RAY a "fiend" on amphetamine powders. He stated that he was constantly shooting the amphetamines into his veins. BOND stated that he was not sure exactly what type of amphetamines RAY used but that he knows that RAY secured the amphetamines through a source in the prison at a price that ranged anywhere from \$50 - \$100 per spoonful. BOND stated that on occasion RAY would break down the amount of powder he received and in turn would sell it in smaller packages.

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BOND stated that RAY was a very nervous individual and that he attributed this nervousness to his using amphetamines. He stated that because of the use of this drug RAY was a very poor eater and slept very little. BOND stated that he did not recall RAY smoking hardly at all and that he drank very little. BOND stated that RAY would have access to "hooch" made from potato or rice that was made in the prison bakery but that to the best of his knowledge RAY drank very little. BOND stated that if amphetamine powder was not available RAY would break up "bennies" and use it.

BOND advised that RAY was strictly a lone wolf and never discussed his own personal background. BOND stated that RAY was an avid reader of sex books and girlie magazines but that he had never known him to engage in any homosexual acts.

BOND stated that he did not recall RAY getting many visitors and very few letters. He stated, however, that on occasion when RAY did not have sufficient money to buy the amphetamine RAY would get a letter smuggled out of the prison to some unknown individual who in turn would send a check directly to the inmate RAY was purchasing the drug from and as soon as the check cleared BOND would get the amphetamine.

BOND advised that while incarcerated in the Missouri State Penitentiary he had his own little business going which was renting books. He stated it was because of his renting books to RAY he was familiar with the type of books RAY read. He stated that he did not recall specifically but believed that RAY had read practically all of the James Bond series with the exception of "Man With a Golden Gun".

BOND stated that RAY was a constant reader and that he used to write considerably. He stated that he did not know if RAY was writing letters or what, but that he had observed him on many occasions writing page after page.

BOND stated that RAY's personal habits, as far as cleanliness of his person, were excellent but he did not keep his cell clean and things would be thrown all over the cell at various times.

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BOND stated that RAY seldom went to the movies but he did not think this too strange inasmuch as the movies were a source of trouble in the prison where numerous prisoners were knifed by fellow-prisoners on various occasions.

BOND stated that RAY had talked of escaping on numerous occasions and he believes that on one occasion he had been put into maximum security when he was caught with a rope and a hook. BOND stated that on another occasion RAY took part in a tunnel job that had been discovered by prison authorities who were unaware who had been involved in this attempt.

BOND stated that RAY never trusted anyone, that he was suspicious of everyone and had a feeling that everyone was out to get him.

BOND stated that on occasion he and RAY had talked about the philosophy of FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE, the philosopher, and he stated it was RAY's feeling that "man can do anything as long as it seems right for him".

BOND stated that RAY had a habit of pulling at his left ear constantly. He stated it was impossible to be with RAY for any period of time at all without being aware of this.

BOND, after much reluctance, advised that the inmate RAY purchased the amphetamine from was JIM BRADLEY. BOND described BRADLEY as the "top con" and stated that everyone in the Missouri State Penitentiary would know BRADLEY. BOND stated that this information being furnished by him must be kept confidential since a retainer is outstanding for him and he may be returned to the Missouri State Penitentiary and he fears retaliation should it be known information furnished by him. - 176

JAMES T. BOND advised that his wife and child are presently residing with his mother, Mrs. REBECCA BOND, 1343 West 78th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, telephone 651-1366. BOND stated that his DOB was 12/15/36, Cleveland, Ohio, and the only other name he has ever been known by was JAMES SNYDER.

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At approximately 6:00 PM on 4/22/68, JAMES BOND telephonically contacted SA MARTIN P. MC CANN, JR. at which time he advised him that the papers, namely the Cleveland Press, were attempting to contact him since his release from Cuyahoga County Jail on a writ on 4/22/68. BOND stated that his lawyer evidently had contacted the papers in the belief it might help his case. BOND asked if it were possible for the FBI to prevent the newspapers from printing his name. BOND was advised that there was nothing that the FBI could do in the way of repressing the newspapers and that inasmuch as it was his own attorney who had made this information available to the newspapers there was nothing that the FBI could do in this matter.

BOND stated that he then would attempt to have the papers at least keep his name out of the papers when they printed this information.

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1:09AM URGENT 4-25-68 RJM

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, NEW ORLEANS, AND ATLANTA
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (5P)

MURKIN

RELATEL APRIL TWENTY-FOUR LAST.

RE MARIE MARTIN

MARIE MARTIN REINTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTY-FOUR LAST. SHE ADVISED THAT DURING FIRST TWO INTERVIEWS SHE WAS NERVOUS, CONFUSED AND EXCITED BECAUSE SHE FELT SHE MIGHT BECOME INVOLVED IN SERIOUS TROUBLE. SHE STATED THAT SHE HAD BEEN DRINKING HEAVILY PRIOR TO HER ORIGINAL INTERVIEWS. SINCE THEN SHE HAS DISCONTINUED HER EXCESSIVE DRINKING IN ORDER TO BETTER RECALL HER ASSOCIATION WITH RAY. AT PRESENT SHE IS BEING TREATED BY PHYSICIAN FOR "PINKEYE". SHE FURNISHED THE SAME INFORMATION AS DURING THE PREVIOUS INTERVIEWS WITH FOLLOWING EXCEPTION: SHE BELIEVES THAT RAY AND STEIN WERE GONE FROM LOS ANGELES APPROXIMATELY SEVEN DAYS ON THEIR TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS. SHE SAID FURTHER THAT CHARLES STEIN CAME TO THE SULTAN
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ROOM DURING THE NIGHT SHE FIRST MET RAY AND ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE THERE FOR TRANSPORTATION TO NEW ORLEANS. RAY WAS NOT TRANSPORTED TO VISIT STEIN AS SHE STATED IN INTERVIEW ON FOUR FOURTEEN SIXTY-EIGHT. SHE SAID THAT SHE CAN NOT RECALL THE EVENTS AFTER SHE LEFT WORK AT TWO A.M. ON THE FIRST NIGHT SHE MET RAY. SHE SAID SHE WAS NOT IN THE COMPANY OF RAY OR RITA STEIN OR RAY AFTER SHE LEFT WORK.

SHE NOW RECALLS THAT THE DAY RAY LAST CAME TO HER ROOM AT THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL WAS SHORTLY AFTER HE GRADUATED FROM A BARTENDERS SCHOOL. SHE GAVE HIM A BOX OF PHONOGRAPH RECORDS TO DELIVER TO HER MOTHER, LORRAINE CALLAWAY, SIX ONE ONE BARTHOLOMEW STREET, NEW ORLEANS, IN THAT HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO NEW ORLEANS. SHE SAID THAT SHE HAS LEARNED TODAY (APRIL TWENTY-FOUR SIXTY-EIGHT) THAT RAY LEFT THE BOX AT THE RESIDENCE OF HER SISTER, THERESA, IN NEW ORLEANS.

MARTIN STATED THAT RAY LATER THE SAME DAY LEFT A SET OF BARBELLS IN FRONT OF THE DOOR TO HER ROOM, ASKING HER TO KEEP THEM FOR HIM. MARTIN SAID SHE DID NOT GET UP FROM HER BED DURING THIS CONVERSATION WHICH TOOK PLACE THROUGH THE DOOR. SHE ALSO RELATED THAT RAY SAID THAT HE STAYED AT SOME FRIENDS WHO LIVED AT OR NEAR
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THE CHEF MENTEUR HIGHWAY AT NEW ORLEANS, WHEN RAY AND STEIN WENT THERE TO PICK UP RITA STEIN'S CHILDREN IN DECEMBER SIXTY-SEVEN. SHE SAID THAT ON THE EVENING OF APRIL TWENTY-THREE LAST, CHARLES STEIN BROUGHT TELEVISION PERSONALITY LOUIS LOMAX TO HER ROOM AT THE HOTEL. MOST OF THE CONVERSATION WITH LOMAX DEALT WITH MARTIN'S EXCHANGE OF TELEVISION SETS WITH RAY AND IF MARTIN KNEW OF ANY GIRLS THAT RAY DATED IN LOS ANGELES. MARTIN SAID SHE TOLD LOMAX THAT SHE KNEW OF NO GIRLS THAT RAY DATED IN LOS ANGELES. SHE ADVISED RAY UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED TO DATE A WOMAN, KNOWN ONLY TO MARTIN AS HELENE, A FORMER EXOTIC DANCER. SHE SAID ON ONE OCCASSION RAY WENT DANCING WITH A GIRL NAMED HELEN, DIFFERENT FROM THE ABOVE, WHO CLAIMED TO BE A STUNT RIDER ON THE TELEVISION PROGRAM "GUNSMOKE."

MARTIN IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECORDS SHE GAVE RAY AND THE BARBELLS HE LEFT COULD ONLY FIX THE TIME INVOLVED AS BOTH EVENTS OCCURRED ON THE SAME DAY AND THAT IT WAS AFTER RAY HAD GRADUATED FROM BARTENDERS SCHOOL. CLAIMS NO INTIMACY WITH RAY.

PREVIOUS INFO THIS CASE REFLECTS GRADUATION BARTENDERS SCHOOL WAS MARCH SECOND LAST.

INQUIRY BY NEW ORLEANS OFFICE THIS MATTER INDICATES DAUGHTER OF MARTIN RECALLS RECEIVING CALL FROM HER MOTHER MARCH SIXTEEN LAST THAT A BOX WAS COMING. IT WOULD SEEM THAT RAY TOOK BOX WITH HIM

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AFTER CHECKING OUT OF ST. FRANCIS HOTEL THREE SEVENTEEN SIXTY-EIGHT RATHER THAN IN FEBRUARY.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING INTO BACKGROUND OF MARTIN AND STEINS. BARBELLS IN POSSESSION OF LA.

RE RITA STEIN

RITA STEIN, FIVE SIX SIX SIX FRANKLIN AVE., LOS ANGELES
RE INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND FURNISHED SUBSTANTIALLY THE
SAME INFORMATION AS FURNISHED PREVIOUSLY, EXCEPT IN SLIGHTLY
GREATER DETAIL. IN ADDITION, SHE FURNISHED FOLLOWING BACKGROUND
INFORMATION: SHE WAS MARRIED AT AGE EIGHTEEN, IN NEW ORLEANS,
LOUISIANA, TO ALBERT DEMEN, WHO TO BEST OF HER KNOWLEDGE STILL
RESIDES THERE. SHE HAD TWIN GIRLS BY THIS MARRIAGE. SHE
LATER MARRIED STAN ROSA, IN NEW ORLEANS, WHO WAS USED CAR SALESMAN
IN BUSINESS WITH BROTHER, CHARLES STEIN, IN THAT CITY AND IN LOS
ANGELES. SHE HAD TWO BOYS BY THIS MARRIAGE. SHE REPORTS ROSA DIED
ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO DUE TO OVER DOSE OF NARCOTICS IN HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.
STATES NEITHER SHE NOR BROTHER ARE EMPLOYED, THAT SHE RECEIVES
SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS FOR DECEASED HUSBAND. HER APARTMENT
APPEARED TO BE WELL FURNISHED.

RITA STEIN STATED HAD NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF ANY SECOND TRIP
BY RAY TO NEW ORLEANS. HOWEVER, HER COUSIN, MARIE MARTIN, HAS
TOLD HER HE DID MAKE SECOND TRIP IN EITHER FEBRUARY OR MARCH OF
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THIS YEAR AT WHICH TIME MARIE GAVE HIM SOME PHONOGRAPH RECORDS TO BE RETURNED TO HER DAUGHTER, MARION D'GRASSE, SIX THREE ONE OR SIX ONE ONE BARTHOLOMEW, NEW ORLEANS.

STEIN STATED RAY WAS EXTREMELY SHY AND NEVER WOULD LOOK HER IN THE EYE WHILE TALKING TO HER. UPON HIS RETURN FROM NEW ORLEANS WITH HER CHILDREN, IN DECEMBER 67 SHE INVITED RAY TO XMAS DINNER WHICH SHE WOULD COOK, BUT HE REFUSED INVITATION. ALSO STATED RAY NEVER WAS IN ANY PART OF HER HOME, EXCEPT FOR A FEW STEPS INSIDE FRONT DOOR AT TIME HE BROUGHT HER CHILDREN FROM NEW ORLEANS AND AT TIME OF REGISTERING FOR WALLACE IN DECEMBER 67. HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY GIRL FRIEND NAMED JERI OR OTHER GIRL FRIENDS THAT RAY MIGHT HAVE HAD.

██████ AND ██████████ RITA STEINS' EIGHT YEAR OLD TWIN GIRLS ALSO QUESTIONED AS TO ANY INFORMATION THEY MIGHT HAVE CONCERNING RAY AND THEIR TRIP FROM NEW ORLEANS AND THEY ADVISED THAT RAY NEVER SPOKE MUCH ON THE TRIP BUT USED TO HUM LOUDLY ACCOMPANYING CAR RADIO MUSIC SOUNDING LIKE A TRAIN WHISTLE. STAYED IN NO MOTELS, AND CHILDREN ATE IN CAR. RAY PAID FOR FOOD. REMEMBERED THAT THEY STOPPED TO THROW SNOWBALLS SOMEWHERE IN TEXAS DURING TRIP. HAVE NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THEY COULD RECALL AT THIS TIME.

INVESTIGATION ALL PHASES CONTINUES.

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TELETYPE

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TO:

SAC, INDIANAPOLIS

FROM:

SAC, NEW YORK (44-1509)

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: MEMPHIS

RE ORVILLE D. EWING.

AN ANONYMOUS MALE TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO THE NEW YORK OFFICE.

DURING INCARCERATION AT THREE HAUPT, INDIANA, HE WORKED WITH ORVILLE D. EWING IN THE PRISON LIBRARY. EWING WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE AFTER HAVING SERVED APPROXIMATELY THIRTY SIX MONTHS OF A THREE YEAR FEDERAL SENTENCE FOR BANKRUPTCY FRAUD. EWING IS BELIEVED TO BE CURRENTLY CONDUCTING A USED CAR OPERATION IN RICHMOND, INDIANA. JAMES EARL RAY WAS FRIENDLY WITH EWING AND AT ONE TIME DATED EWING'S DAUGHTER IN ALTON, ILLINOIS.

ANONYMOUS MALE STATED THAT AN INTERVIEW OF EWING MIGHT BE OF SOME VALUE IN LOCATING RAY.

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2 Memphis (Am)
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INDIANAPOLIS AT RICHMOND AND THREE HALFE CONDUCT
APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW
ORVILLE D. EWING.

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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1027 AM URGENT 4/25/68 LIB

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, SAN FRANCISCO 173-65, MEMPHIS 44-1987,
OKLAHOMA CITY
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760

MURKIN

RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTYFOUR LAST,
SUGGESTING LOOK ALIKE FOR JAMES EARL RAY AT WICHITA, KANSAS, IN
NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE TO FIFTYSIX. SINCE RAY WAS IN FEDERAL CUSTODY
INCLUDING USP, LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, FROM MARCH TWENTYTHREE, NINE-
TEEN FIFTYFIVE TO HIS CONDITIONAL RELEASE MAY TWENTY, NINETEEN
FIFTYEIGHT, SAN FRANCISCO REINTERVIEW RAYMOND OWEN AND IF HE IS
CERTAIN THE LOOK ALIKE HE SUGGESTED WAS IN WICHITA DURING PERIOD
OF RAY'S INCARCERATION, THE LOOK ALIKE CAN BE ELIMINATED ON THIS
BASIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. ESCAPE PROPENSITIES.

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