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WANTED FEDERAL FUGITIVE, JAMES EARL RAY, ALSO KNOWN AS EARL JAMES RAY, W. C. HERRON, EARL JAMES, JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES O'CONNER, JAMES WALTON, JAMES WAYLON, JIM, HARVEY LOWMYER, JOHN WILLARD. RAY AN ESCAPEE FROM MISSOURI STATE PEN, IDENTIFIED AS ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM FEDERAL COMPLAINT FILED 4/17/68 IN CONNECTION WITH FATAL SHOOTING OF THE REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. FEDERAL COMPLAINT FILED JEFFERSON CITY, MO., 7/20/67 CHARGING RAY WITH UNLAWFUL FLEEING FROM STATE OF MISSOURI TO AVOID CONFINEMENT. RAY IS WHITE MALE CLAIMS BORN [REDACTED] IN ILLINOIS, APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, WEIGHT ABOUT 163 TO 174 LBS., BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, SMALL SCAR CENTER OF FOREHEAD AND SCAR ON PALM OF HIS RIGHT HAND. CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. ANY INFORMATION TO FBI, PHOENIX, IMMEDIATELY.
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 5/27/68

FROM : *Jm* SAC, PHOENIX (44-371) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for Memphis is one Xerox copy of Arizona APB on subject RAY disseminated 4/19/68, which is a stop in the Phoenix Division. A stop card is also enclosed.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), NEW ORLEANS, ATLANTA (44-2386), AND

MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

ALLAN O. THOMPSON, MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, NOW ADVISES HAD CONVERSATION WITH CAUCASIAN MALE, WHOM HE REFUSES TO IDENTIFY, WHICH PROMPTED HIS RECOLLECTION OF CERTAIN EVENTS AS CONCERNS JAMES EARL RAY NOT EARLIER RECALLED. THOMPSON SAID THIS UNNAMED INDIVIDUAL INQUIRED ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC STARVO GALT, AND A CAUCASIAN MALE BY NAME OF JAMES HARDIN. THOMPSON SAID THIS UNNAMED INDIVIDUAL APPROACHED HIM IN EFFORT TO QUOTE GET A PIECE OF THE ACTION UNQUOTE CONCERNING THE REWARD MONEY. THOMPSON SAID THAT AS RESULT THIS CONVERSATION, HE NOW RECALLS DURING PERIOD MARCH ONE LAST TO MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST HE RECEIVED CALL FOR ERIC GALT WHILE OPERATING HOTEL SWITCHBOARD. THOMPSON SAID WHEN HE ADVISED THE CALLER ERIC GALT HAD NO TELEPHONE IN HIS ROOM, THE MAN REQUESTED HIM TO LEAVE MESSAGE FOR ERIC GALT TO CALL JAMES C. HARDIN COLLECT. THIS CALLER PROVIDED THE CITY AND OPERATOR

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NUMBER, AS WELL AS NAME JAMES C. HARDIN. THOMPSON SAID HE RELAYED THIS INFORMATION TO GALT. THOMPSON ADVISED HE WAS QUITE SURE AS TO SPELLING OF NAME.

THOMPSON ADVISED THAT SUBSEQUENT TO INITIAL TELEPHONE CALL THERE WAS ONE OTHER, POSSIBLY TWO, CALLS BY THIS SAME INDIVIDUAL. HE ADVISED THESE CALLS CAME FROM BOTH ATLANTA AND NEW ORLEANS. HE SAID SUBSEQUENT TO THESE TELEPHONE CALLS A PERSON WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS JAMES C. HARDIN CAME TO ST. FRANCIS HOTEL SOMETIME DURING PERIOD OF MARCH ONE TO SEVENTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT. HE ADVISED THIS INDIVIDUAL DID NOT RESIDE AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL. THOMPSON DESCRIBED THIS INDIVIDUAL AS MALE CAUCASIAN, THIRTY FIVE TO FORTY, FIVE SEVEN TO FIVE EIGHT IN HEIGHT, ONE FORTY TO ONE FIFTY POUNDS, DARK HAIR COMBED BACK, NEAT, EYES POSSIBLY DARK, SLENDER BUILD, DARK COMPLEXION, SLIGHTLY ACNE SCARRED, SPOKE WITH SLIGHT SOUTHERN ACCENT.

THOMPSON SAID THE INDIVIDUAL WHO BROUGHT HARDIN TO HIS ATTENTION DOES NOT WISH TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF. HE SAID HE BELIEVES THIS INDIVIDUAL IS SUBJECT OF OUTSTANDING WARRANT FOR SOME UNKNOWN OFFENSE. THOMPSON WAS ADVISED OF IMPORTANCE OF
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THIS MATTER AND, FURTHER, THAT HE COULD POSSIBLY BE SUBPOENAED TO PROVIDE THE ABOVE INFORMATION. THOMPSON SAID HE MADE PROMISE TO THIS INDIVIDUAL WHICH HE FULLY INTENDS TO KEEP. HE STATED IT WOULD TAKE COURT ACTION TO INDUCE HIM TO IDENTIFY THIS INDIVIDUAL.

THOMPSON SAID THE INDIVIDUAL WHOM HE REFUSES TO IDENTIFY SAID HE SAT NEXT TO JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC STARVO GALT, AND HARDIN. THOMPSON SAID THIS INDIVIDUAL MAINTAINED HE OVERHEARD GALT CALL THE OTHER "J. C."

INDICES CHECK NEGATIVE. INVESTIGATION CONTINUES IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY THIS UNNAMED INDIVIDUAL.

FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTED LEADS FOR NEW ORLEANS AND ATLANTA.

ONE. CREDIT AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION RE JAMES C. HARDIN.

TWO. REVIEW OF TELEPHONE RECORDS FOR AND LISTINGS FOR JAMES C. HARDIN.

THREE. REVIEW POSSIBILITY OF ASCERTAINING ALL COLLECT TELEPHONE CALLS FROM ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES NUMBERS FOUR SIX FOUR DASH ONE ONE THREE ONE, FOUR SIX TWO DASH NINE NINE ZERO ONE AND FOUR SIX TWO DASH NINE NINE ONE ZERO, TO ATLANTA AND NEW ORLEANS.

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FOUR. REVIEW OF AIRLINE FLIGHT RECORDS FROM ATLANTA AND NEW ORLEANS FOR LOS ANGELES DURING PERIOD MARCH ONE LAST THROUGH MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST FOR NAME JAMES C. HARDIN.

LOS ANGELES FEELS THOMPSON, WHO DRINKS TO EXCESS, SHOULD BE BROUGHT BEFORE FEDERAL GRAND JURY AT LOS ANGELES TO ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF INDIVIDUAL WHO HE CLAIMS PROMPTED HIS RECOLLECTION OF EVENTS OR TO DETERMINE IF THIS MAY BE FIGMENT OF HIS IMAGINATION. BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386),
LOS ANGELES (44-1574), MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) 5P
MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MAY TWENTYEIGHT,
SIXTYEIGHT.

RE JAMES C. HARDIN.

DAVID SIMMONS (PROTECT), SECURITY OFFICER, SOUTHERN BELL
TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, NEW ORLEANS, ADVISED
THIS DATE THAT THE RECORDS OF HIS COMPANY CONTAIN
NO LISTING FOR A NEW ORLEANS SUBSCRIBER UNDER THE NAMES OF
JAMES C. HARDIN, J.C. HARDIN, OR JAMES HARDIN.

A REVIEW OF THE NEW ORLEANS CITY AND SUBURBAN DIRECTORIES
FOR THE YEARS OF SIXTYSIX, SIXTYSEVEN AND SIXTYEIGHT FAILED
TO REVEAL A LISTING FOR ANYONE BY THE NAME OF JAMES C. HARDIN,
J. C. HARDIN OR JAMES HARDIN.

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RECORDS OF NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT CONTAIN NO IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION WITH JAMES C. HARDIN, J.C. HARDIN OR JAMES HARDIN.

NEW ORLEANS CREDIT BUREAU RECORDS REVEAL ONE JAMES E. HARDIN, WIFE NORMA, WERE RESIDING AT SIX TWO FOUR KENNON ROAD, HUNTSVILLE ALA., AS OF NOVEMBER SEVENTEEN, SIXTYFIVE. PREVIOUS ADDRESS LISTED AS TWO NINE ZERO SEVEN PLAZA DRIVE, NEW ORLEANS. HARDIN'S EMPLOYMENT LISTED AS GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY WITH PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT WITH CHRYSLER CORPORATION.
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NEW ORLEANS INDICES CONTAIN NO RECORD OF ANYONE BY THE NAME OF JAMES C. HARDIN.

INDICES REVEALED REFERENCE FOR ON JAMES HARDIN, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, NO FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - TWO TWO ONE, BUFILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - FOUR ZERO ONE, JACKSON FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - TWENTY. THIS CASE CAPTIONED DESEGREGATION OF UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI; RM 00J, AFO, CONSPIRACY. THIS REFERENCE COULD NOT BE REVIEWED AS INTIRE FILE SENT JACKSON IN AUGUST, SIXTYFOUR, AT TIME JACKSON OFFICE OPENED.

NEW ORLEANS INDICES ALSO CONTAINS REFERENCE FOR THE NAME JIM HARDIN, WHICH WAS AN ALIAS USED BY JAMES WILBOURN ASHMORE, FBI NUMBER FOUR EIGHT SIX NINE FIVE TWO NINE. BUFILE EIGHT SEVEN - SIX ZERO TWO ZERO EIGHT, NEW ORLEANS FILE EIGHT SEVEN - EIGHT EIGHT EIGHT SEVEN. THIS WAS AN ITSP INVESTIGATION IN WHICH MEMPHIS WAS ORIGIN, MEMPHIS FILE EIGHT SEVEN - SIX FIVE FIVE TWO. IN JUNE, SIXTYONE, ASHMORE WAS ARRESTED AT PEARSALL, TEXAS, AND SUBSEQUENTLY SENTENCED IN LOCAL COURT ON
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FORGERY CHARGES; DESCRIBED AS WMA, BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AT TEMPLE, TEXAS, HEIGHT SIX FEET, WEIGHT ONE
HUNDRED SIXTY, SLENDER BUILD, GRADUATED MARSTON, MISSOURI,
HIGH SCHOOL FORTYFOUR, U.S. NAVY FOUR FOUR - FORTYEIGHT,
SN [REDACTED] TATTOOS, SCROLL

ON RIGHT FOREARM, TWO INTERLOCKED HEARTS AND SCROLL ON CHEST.

NEW ORLEANS INDICES ALSO CONTAIN REFERENCE ON ONE J. C. HARDIN, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, IN THE CASE INVOLVING THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND; IS - C, BUFILE ONE ZERO ZERO - ONE ZERO THREE FIVE FIVE, NEW ORLEANS FILE ONE ZERO ZERO - SEVEN FIVE NINE. THIS NAME APPEARED ON EIGHT TWENTYFIVE FOOT ROOLS OF PHOTO RECORD FILM CONTAINING PHOTOGRAPHS OF CARDS BEARING NAMES OF PERSONS ON FINANCIAL RECORDS, MAILING LISTS OF SCEF, AS WELL AS LISTS OF SUBSCRIBERS TO SOUTHERN PATRIOT. THIS FILM NOT AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW, BUT SENT LOUISVILLE ON AUGUST EIGHT, SIXTYSIX, WHEN LOUISVILLE MADE ORIGIN IN INVESTIGATION OF SCEF.

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JACKSON AND LOUISVILLE BEING ADVISED BY SEPARATE
COMMUNICATION TO REVIEW INDICES RE JAMES HARDIN AND J. C. HARDIN
RESPECTIVELY.

MEMPHIS REVIEW YOUR FILE EIGHT SEVEN - SIX FIVE FIVE TOW
AND OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH OF ASHMORE AND SENT PHOTO AND BACKGROUND
INFO TO LOS ANGELES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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MCP

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Date: 5/29/68

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TO: DIRECTOR ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (1P)

MURKIN; CR.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO DIRECTOR, MAY TWENTYEIGHT LAST,
CONCERNING JAMES C. HARDIN.

JAMES WILBOURN ASHMORE, AKA JAMES C. HARDIN, FBI NO.
FOUR EIGHT SIX NINE FIVE TWO NINE, LAST KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN
ARRESTED APRIL, NINETEEN SIXTY.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE LAST KNOWN ARREST, CHARGE,
LOCATION AND DISPOSITION OF ASHMORE. BUREAU FURTHER REQUESTED
TO FURNISH MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES MOST RECENT PHOTOGRAPH
ASHMORE FOR VIEWING MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL. ~~ARMED AND~~
DANGEROUS. P. END.

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TO LOS ANGELES (44-1574) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN; CR.

REMETEL MAY TWENTYNINE.

LATEST ARREST RECORD IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FILES FOR JAMES
WILBOURN ASHMORE WITH FBI NUMBER FOUR EIGHT SIX NINE FIVE TWO NINE
IS NOVEMBER NINE SIXTYTHREE, SHERIFF TAVARES FLORIDA, HIS EIGHT FIVE
SEVEN EIGHT, AFFRAY, DISPOSITION UNKNOWN.

COPY OF PHOTOGRAPH BEING FORWARDED TO MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES.

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SAN DIEGO (44-387), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), SPRINGFIELD (44-561),
LAS VEGAS, LOUISVILLE, NEW ORLEANS (157-10653), JACKSON
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (12P)

MURKIN

RE JAMES C. HARDIN ✓

AN AGGRESSIVE, PENETRATING, LENGTHY INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED
THIS DATE WITH ALLAN O. THOMPSON, MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL.
THOMPSON ADVISED HE KNOWS THE INDIVIDUAL, WHOM HE PREVIOUSLY
REFUSED TO IDENTIFY, BY THE NAME OF "FITZ". HE ADVISED HE WAS
APPROACHED BY THIS INDIVIDUAL AT THE RABBIT'S FOOT BAR A FEW DAYS
AGO BUT COULD NOT RECALL SPECIFIC DATE. HE SAID THIS INDIVIDUAL
SAID, "YOUR MR. THOMPSON, AREN'T YOU?" AND THEN
PROCEEDED TO ASK IF THOMPSON WAS INTERESTED IN SPLITTING THE
REWARD MONEY OFFERED IN THE DR. MARTIN KING, JR. MURDER.
THOMPSON SAID HE TOLD THIS INDIVIDUAL HE WAS NOT INTERESTED. DURING
THE COURSE OF SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, THOMPSON SAID "FITZ"
TOLD HIM HE HAD OBSERVED JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC GALT, AND
ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL SITTING TOGETHER, ENGAGED IN CONVERSATION AT
A LOCAL BAR, THE NAME OF WHICH WAS NOT MENTIONED. THOMPSON
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SAID THAT "FITZ" TOLD HIM RAY CALLED THIS INDIVIDUAL "J. C." THOMPSON SAID THE NAME "J. C." PROMPTED HIS RECOLLECTION OF EVENTS AS SET OUT IN LA TEL OF FIVE TWENTY EIGHT SIXTY EIGHT, THAT IS, RAY BEING CALLED TWICE, POSSIBLE THREE TIMES, BY JAMES C. HARDIN FROM NEW ORLEANS AND ATLANTA.

THOMPSON SAID THAT HE HAS SEEN "FITZ" ON AN INFREQUENT BASIS VICINITY OF THE HOLLYWOOD AND WESTERN AREA, LOS ANGELES, DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS. HE ADVISED HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ASSOCIATES OF "FITZ", HIS RESIDENCE, PAST OR PRIOR, HIS AUTOMOBILE, OR HIS EMPLOYMENT, IF ANY. THOMPSON SAID AT SOME TIME AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, HE BELIEVES HE EXPELLED "FITZ" AND ANOTHER CAUCASIAN MALE FROM THE PARKING LOT OF THE ST. FRANCIS WHERE THEY WERE SLEEPING IN AN AUTOMOBILE. THOMPSON SAID IT WAS ON THIS OCCASION THAT HE LEARNED OF THIS INDIVIDUALS NAME IN THAT THE PERSON WITH WHOM HE WAS SLEEPING CALLED HIM "FITZ". THOMPSON ADVISED HE BELIEVED THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS THE SUBJECT OF A WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST BECAUSE WHEN THOMPSON TOLD HIM TO CONTACT THE FBI, "FITZ" TOLD HIM THAT HE COULDN'T. HE DESCRIBED "FITZ" AS CAUCASIAN MALE, THIRTY SEVEN - FORTY TWO, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR WORN SHORT AS IN CREW CUT, HABITUALLY WEARS SPORT SHIRT WITH CHEAP SLACKS.

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THOMPSON SAID WHENEVER AND WHEREVER HE OBSERVES "FITZ", HE WILL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE FBI.

THOMPSON REITERATED THE INFORMATION AS SET OUT IN LA TELETYPE. HE ADDED ONLY THAT HE BELIEVES THE VOICE OF THE PERSON CALLING ON THE TELEPHONE WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS JAMES C. HARDIN, AND THE VOICE OF THE PERSON WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS MR. HARDIN AT THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL AFTER THE TELEPHONE CALLS, TO BE IDENTICAL. HE SAID THAT ON ONE OCCASION HE HEARD THE OPERATOR AND A PERSON WHOM SHE CALLED "MR. HARDIN" CONVERSE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HE WOULD LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR GALT.

THOMPSON VIEWED THE FBI FACIAL IDENTIFICATION CATALOG IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN AN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF HARDIN.

THOMPSON DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS CAUCASIAN MALE, BORN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AT ARIZONA, FIVE FOOT ELEVEN INCHES, ONE SIXTY POUNDS, BROWN GREYING HAIR, PARTIALLY BALD, HAZEL EYES, USMC NINETEEN FORTY TWO - NINETEEN FORTY SIX.

THOMPSON CLAIMS HE HAS FURNISHED ALL INFORMATION IN THIS MATTER CONCERNING BOTH "FITZ" AND JAMES C. HARDIN. HE STATES THAT HE BELIEVES THAT HE COULD IDENTIFY A PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES C. HARDIN. EFFORTS TO LOCATE "FITZ" ARE CONTINUING.

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RESULTS OF IDENTIFICATION CATALOG REGARDING JAMES C. HARDIN
ARE AS FOLLOWS.

- A. K A FOUR - TWELVE
- B. K B ONE - ONE
- C. K C ONE - FIVE
- D. K D ONE - TWO
- E. K E THREE - FOURTEEN
- F. K F ONE - ONE
- G. K G ONE - SEVEN
- H. K H TWO - ONE
- J. K J FIVE - THREE
- K. K K FOUR - SEVEN
- L. ZERO
- M. ZERO
- N. O N ONE - TEN

GENERAL DESCRIPTION IS SEX- MALE, AGE THIRTY FIVE- FORTY
RACE CAUCASIAN, COMPLEXION- COARSE SKIN, DARK, HEIGHT FIVE FT.
SEVEN INCHES - FIVE FT. EIGHT INCHES, WEIGHT ONE FORTY - ONE FIFTY,
SLENDER BUILD, COLOR OF EYES DARK, COLOR OF HAIR DARK.

FURNISH RESULT TO LOS ANGELS AND INTERESTED OFFICES.

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RE MAIL FORWARDING SERVICE (FEBRUARY ONE TO MARCH ONE LAST.)

LETTER ADDRESSED TO ERIC S. GALT RECEIVED MAY TWENTY EIGHT LAST, BY C. M. HEDGPETH AT FOUR ZERO SIX SOUTH SECOND, ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA, OPERATOR OF CONFIDENTIAL MAIL FORWARDING SERVICE CONTRACTED FOR DURING FEBRUARY, SIXTY EIGHT, BY JAMES EARL RAY. LETTER READ QUOTE SHOW ME FIRST YOU MEAN BUSINESS UNQUOTE. LETTER SIGNED TONI, INITIAL C, INITIAL A, RETURN ADDRESS POST OFFICE BOX SIX FOUR THREE, BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA. (APPARENTLY IN RESPONSE TO GALT AD IN FREE PRESS.)

KENT ABRAMS INTERVIEWED MAY TWENTY NINE INSTANT, AND ADVISED HE RENTED POST OFFICE BOX ON OR ABOUT APRIL ONE LAST FOR FRIEND PLANNING TO OPERATE BUSINESS UTILIZING COMPUTER ANALYSIS TO LOCATE COMPATIBLE MARRIAGE PARTNERS. ABRAMS CLAIMS BUSINESS NEVER ACTIVATED AND NO MAIL RECEIVED AT POST OFFICE BOX, OR SENT WITH THAT RETURN ADDRESS. ABRAMS ADVISED HE DOES NOT KNOW RAY AND DOES NOT BELIEVE ANYONE CONNECTED WITH THE COMPUTER BUSINESS HAS ANY KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING HIM. COMPUTER BUSINESS ORGANIZED BY BOU A. GLENN AND THREE OF HIS FELLOW EMPLOYEES, ALL EMPLOYED AT THE ROCKETDYNE DIVISION OF NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION, CANOGA PARK, CALIFORNIA. GLENN AND ASSOCIATES IN COMPUTER BUSINESS BEING INTERVIEWED.

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RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO LOS ANGELES, MAY TWENTY NINE,
CAPTIONED FRANCES E. RAY.

ON MAY TWENTY EIGHT LAST, FEMALE, USING NAME FRANCES E.
RAY, ADDRESS SIX ONE FOUR NINE RUGBY, HUNTINGON PARK, CALIFORNIA,
TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED LOS ANGELES FBI AND QUINCY, ILLINOIS,
PD. CONCERNING WHEREABOUTS OF JERRY RAY.

FRANCES E. RAY WHO CLAIMS SHE IS A SECOND COUSIN TO JAMES
EARL RAY INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. STATED RELATED TO JAMES EARL
RAY BUT DISCLAIMED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS OR
ACTIVITIES OR THAT SHE HAS EVER MET HIM.

SHE IS A SELF DASH PROFESSED ALCOHOLIC, AND ADVISED
TELEPHONIC CONTACT MADE WITH FBI, LOS ANGELES, AND POLICE OF
QUINCY, ILLINOIS, BECAUSE SHE FELT VERY DEPRESSED FOR SUBJECT RAY.

FRANCES RAY ADVISED SHE IS DIVORCED AND HAS RESIDED IN LOS
ANGELES SINCE NINETEEN THIRTY THREE AND IS PRESENTLY RECEIVING
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

NORMA JEAN DOUGLAS, SIX THREE ONE NINE RUGBY, HUNTINGTON PARK,
DAUGHTER OF FRANCES E. RAY, INTERVIEWED THIS DATE, DISCLAIMED ANY
KNOWLEDGE OF RAY'S WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES AND ADVISES FRANCES E.
RAY IS A CHRONIC ALCOHOLIC AND PRONE TO FREQUENT CRANK TELEPHONE
CALLS.

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RE: WILLIAM A. MARSHALL ✓ (CONSIDER AS ARMED AND DANGEROUS)
COVINA PD FURNISHED FIVE CARDS BEARING PARTIAL LATENT PRINTS
TAKEN FROM SIXTY SEVEN GOLD COLOR BLACK TOP PLYMOUTH BEARING
CALIFORNIA LICENSE U T W ZERO ONE TWO RECOVERED AT COVINA. ALSO
FURNISHED CHECK IN AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS SIGNED W. L. DE
LUCA, WHICH WAS GIVEN TO ALLEN A. KRAUSE. KRAUSE HAD ACCEPTED
THIS CHECK TO COMPENSATE HIM FOR COLLISION DAMAGES AFTER ACCIDENT
IN COVINA, MAY FIFTEEN LAST. PRINTS AND CHECK BEING FORWARDED FOR
LABORATORY EXAMINATION. ALSO FURNISHED GULF OIL COMPANY GASOLINE
INVOICE DATES MAY FIFTEEN LAST FOUND IN PLYMOUTH RECOVERED AT
COVINA REFLECTING PURCHASE AT HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA, UNDER
NAME OF WILLIAM L. DE LUCA, CALIFORNIA LICENSE U T W ONE ZERO
TWO ALSO FORWARDED FOR EXAMINATION.

ALLEN KRAUSE DESCRIBED DRIVER OF PLYMOUTH AS WMA, AGE THIRTY
FIVE TO FORTY, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES OR SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED
SEVENTY TO SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, STOCKY BUILD, BLACK STRAIGHT HAIR,
WELL SHAVEN, BUT EVIDENCE OF HEAVY BEARD AND AT TIME OF ACCIDENT
WAS ACCOMPANIED BY YOUTH DESCRIBED AS WHITE, AGE FOURTEEN TO
SIXTEEN YEARS, TALL, BLOND CURLY HAIR, ALLEGEDLY HIS NEPHEW, NO
NAME GIVEN. "DE LUCA" CLAIMED ON WAY TO LAS VEGAS. KRAUSE REPORTED
ACCIDENT AND FACT THAT CHECK WAS FRAUDULENT AFTER CHECK RETURNED
TO HIM BY BANK.
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MARSHALL WHEN OBTAINING CAR AT CHULA VISTA WAS DESCRIBED AS WMA, AGE FORTY TO FORTY FIVE, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE TO EIGHTY POUNDS, DARK HAIR, FAIR TO MEDIUM COMPLEXION.

ACCORDING TO COVINA PD, CHULA VISTA PD SUSPECTS THAT WILLIAM H. MARSHALL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FIVE ARMED ROBBERIES OF REAL ESTATE AGENTS IN CHULA VISTA AREA. PERSON OF MARSHALL'S DESCRIPTION HAD CONTACTED REAL ESTATE AGENTS ABOUT HOME PURCHASE AS PRETEXT BEFORE ROBBING THEM. ALSO FOUND IN CAR WAS KEY OF S. S. WHEELER APTS, BALBOA, CALIFORNIA WITH NUMBER FOUR ON IT.

ON MAY TWENTY NINE LAST, DARLENE E. DE LUCA, MRS. WILLIAM LAWRENCE DE LUCA, EIGHT FOUR TWO TWO ALVARDO DRIVE, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THAT AT TWO PM ON MAY FIFTEEN LAST, A MAN SHE DESCRIBED AS WHM, EARLY THIRTIES, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, DRIVING A GOLD AND BLACK CAR CAME TO HER HOME IN RESPONSE TO A SIGN IN FRONT INDICATING IT WAS FOR SALE BY OWNER. THE MAN INDICATED HE WAS INTERESTED IN BUYING THE HOME AND MRS. DE LUCA LEFT HIM IN HER LIVING ROOM AND WENT TO MAKE TELEPHONE CALL TO ARRANGE FOR A LATER APPOINTMENT.

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TO HANDLE DETAILS OF SALE. WAS GONE FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES AND WHEN RETURNED MAN INDICATED HE WOULD OBTAIN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CASH AND RETURN FOLLOWING DAY TO HANDLE DETAILS. AFTER MAN LEFT, MRS. DE LUCA DISCOVERED HER CHECK BOOK AND NUMEROUS CREDIT AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND HER DRIVERS LICENSE HAD BEEN TAKEN FROM HER PURSE WHICH HAD BEEN IN THE LIVING ROOM.

MRS. DE LUCA REPORTED THEFT TO HUNTINGTON BEACH PD. MRS. DE LUCA CONTACTED BY DETECTIVE WOODRUM, VICTORVILLE, CALIFORNIA, PD, ON MAY TWENTY LAST, INDICATING A MAN ATTEMPTED TO PASS A CHECK FOR TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS AT SECURITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK, VICTORVILLE, AND WHILE TELLER VERIFYING ACCOUNT MAN LEFT THE BANK. DETECTIVE WOODRUM HAS CHECK DRAWN ON ACCOUNT OF W. L. DE LUCA AT SECURITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK, LAKEWOOD PLAZA BRANCH, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

ON MAY TWENTY NINE, MRS. DE LUCA RECEIVED LETTER FROM PERRY'S COUNTRY STORE AND RESTAURANT, P. O. BOX FORTY FIVE BONSALL (SAN DIEGO COUNTY), CALIFORNIA, WHICH LETTER ENCLOSED ALL HER SUPERMARKET IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND PERSONAL PHOTOGRAPHS, WHICH HAD BEEN AMONG ITEMS STOLEN.

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SHE STATED SHE CALLED MR. PERRY THIS DATE WHO ADVISED HER THE IDENTIFICATION CARD AND PHOTOGRAPHS WERE LEFT ON A TABLE IN HIS RESTAURANT BY A LONE WOMAN CUSTOMER.

MRS. DE LUCA ADVISED HER MONTGOMERY WARD, J. C. PENNEY'S, ATLANTIC DASH RICHFIELD, SHELL, MOBIL, AND GULF CREDIT CARDS STILL MISSING.

MRS. DE LUCA EXAMINED PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY AND INDICATED PHOTO SOMEWHAT RESEMBLED MAN WHO STOLE HER IDENTIFICATION BUT COULD NOT MAKE ANY IDENTIFICATION.

INQUIRY AT VICTORVILLE PD ASCERTAINED THAT WOODRUM HAS TAKEN LEAVE UNTIL MONDAY NEXT AND IS UNAVAILABLE. EFFORTS TO LOCATE CHECK IN PD RECORDS NEGATIVE. BANK PERSONNEL NOT AVAILABLE AT VICTORVILLE UNTIL FRIDAY NEXT.

WALTER DE PRIEST MAINTENANCE MAN, SS WHEELER APARTMENTS, ONE ONE ONE FIVE EAST BALBOA BOULEVARD, BALBOA, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED MAY TWENTY NINE LAST THAT A REVIEW OF RECORDS OF ABOVE APARTMENTS REVEALS THAT ONE J. A. WARREN ATTEMPTED TO RENT APARTMENT FOUR, WHEELER APARTMENTS APPROXIMATELY FIVE TWENTY LAST AT ABOUT TEN AM TO ELEVEN AM, ACCOMPAINED BY INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED AS HIS NEPHEW. WARREN STAYED ONLY APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS WITHOUT
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PAYING RENT AND THEN DEPARTED MAKING EXCUSES HE WAS GOING TO BANK TO SECURE FUNDS FOR RENT. HE TOOK KEY TO APARTMENT FOUR AND DID NOT RETURN IT. AT TIME OF REGISTRATION WARREN INDICATED RESIDENCE OF ONE TWO ONE EAST "G" STREET, CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, AND WAS DRIVING LATE MODEL PLYMOUTH FURY, BEARING CALIFORNIA LICENSE UTW ONE ZERO TWO. DE PRIEST HAS RECOLLECTION VEHICLE WAS TWO TONED GOLD IN COLOR. WARREN ADVISED IN CONVERSATION HE WAS EMPLOYED BY INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY AND WAS BEING SENT TO AFRICA BY THAT COMPANY.

WARREN DESCRIBED AS WMA, FORTY FIVE TO FIFTY, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, TO NINE INCHES, DARK BROWN GRAYING HAIR, RUDDY COMPLEXION, WORE TROUSERS AND SHIRT. HAD NO LUGGAGE IN POSSESSION.

INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPANYING WARREN, NAME NOT GIVEN, DESCRIBED AS WMA, APPROXIMATELY TWENTY, SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, LIGHT COMPLEXION, WORE SPORT CLOTHES.

PHOTO OF RAY EXHIBITED TO DE PRIEST AND STATES NOT IDENTICAL WITH WARREN. PHOTO OF RAY ALSO EXHIBITED MRS. LAVERNE WHEELER, OWNER ABOVE APARTMENTS, WHO STATED THIS INDIVIDUAL NOT RECOGNIZED BY HER AS RESIDING WHEELER APARTMENTS.

LOS ANGELES WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE INDIVIDUAL
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WHO STOLE ONE NINE SIX SEVEN PLYMOUTH AND WILL SECURE
AND FORWARD CHECK FROM VICTORVILLE TO LABORATORY.

SAN DIEGO AT BONSALL ASCERTAIN FULL FACTS CONCERNING
RETURN OF MRS. DE LUCA'S IDENTIFICATION MATERIAL FROM PERRY'S
COUNTRY STORE ALSO NOTE ADDRESS AT CHULA VISTA AS GIVEN AT
BALBOA WHEN INDIVIDUAL UTILIZED NAME WARREN.

SPRINGFIELD THROUGH JERRY RAY ASCERTAIN HOW WELL KNOWN A
RELATIVE FRANCES RAY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA MIGHT BE.
ALSO NOTE SAME USE OF NAME OF INTERNATIONAL HARVESTOR COMPANY AT
BALBOA BY THE WM. MARSHALL INDIVIDUAL UTILIZING NAME WARREN
AS WAS USED FIVE FOURTEEN LAST AT CHULA VISTA IN SAN DIEGO
TEL FIVE SIXTEEN SIXTYEIGHT, COPY YOUR OFFICE.

LAS VEGAS CONTACT SO AND LAS VEGAS PD CONCERNING
WILLIAM A. MARSHALL WITH ALIASES TO DETERMINE IF SIMILAR M.O.
AS DESCRIBED BY CHULA VISTA PD IS BEING NOW USED AT LAS VEGAS.
SAN DIEGO TEL FIVE SIXTEEN SIXTY EIGHT FURNISHED LAS VEGAS.

COPIES OF THIS TEL FURNISHED OTHER OFFICES IN VIEW OF INFO
RE JAMES C. HARDIN.

INVESTIGATION ALL PHASES CONTINUING AT LOS ANGELES.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO DIRECTOR (MAIL), SAC'S, JACKSON AND LOUISVILLE
FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1007A)

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE DIRECTOR MAY TWENTYEIGHT,
SIXTYEIGHT, AND NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MAY TWENTYNINE,
SIXTYEIGHT.

RE JAMES G. HARRIN.

FOR INFORMATION JACKSON AND LOUISVILLE, WHO HAVE NOT
PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED COPIES OF RE TELETYPE, THE FOLLOWING
BACKGROUND SET FORTH:

REFERENCED LOS ANGELES TELETYPE ADVISED ACCORDING TO
ALLAN G. THOMPSON, MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES,
HE HAD CONVERSATION WITH CAUCASIAN MALE, WHOM HE REFUSES
TO IDENTIFY, WHICH PROMPTED HIS RECOLLECTION OF CERTAIN EVENTS
AS CONCERNS JAMES EARL RAY NOT EARLIER RECALLED. THOMPSON

- 1 - Bureau (44-38861)
- 1 - New Orleans
- 1 - Atlanta (44-2306)
- 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)
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SAID THIS UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL INQUIRED ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC STARVO GALT, AND A CAUCASIAN MALE BY THE NAME OF JAMES HARDIN. THOMPSON SAID THIS UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL APPROACHED HIM IN EFFORT TO QUOTE GET A PIECE OF THE ACTION UNQUOTE CONCERNING THE REWARD MONEY. THOMPSON SAID THAT AS RESULT THIS CONVERSATION, HE NOW RECALLS DURING PERIOD MARCH ONE LAST TO MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST HE RECEIVED CALL FOR ERIC GALT WHILE OPERATING HOTEL SWITCHBOARD. THOMPSON SAID WHEN HE ADVISED THE CALLER ERIC GALT HAD NO TELEPHONE IN HIS ROOM, THE MAN REQUESTED HIM TO LEAVE MESSAGE FOR ERIC GALT TO CALL JAMES C. HARDIN COLLECT. THIS CALLER PROVIDED THE CITY AND OPERATOR NUMBER, AS WELL AS NAME JAMES C. HARDIN. THOMPSON SAID HE RELAYED THIS INFORMATION TO GALT. THOMPSON ADVISED HE WAS QUITE SURE AS TO SPELLING OF NAME.

THOMPSON ADVISED THAT SUBSEQUENT TO INITIAL TELEPHONE CALL THERE WAS ONE OTHER, POSSIBLY TWO, CALLS BY THIS SAME INDIVIDUAL. HE ADVISED THESE CALLS CAME FROM BOTH ATLANTA AND NEW ORLEANS.

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HE SAID SUBSEQUENT TO THESE TELEPHONE CALLS A PERSON WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS JAMES G. HARDIN CAME TO ST. FRANCIS HOTEL SOMETIME DURING PERIOD OF MARCH ONE TO SEVENTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT. HE ADVISED THIS INDIVIDUAL DID NOT RESIDE AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL. THOMPSON DESCRIBED THIS INDIVIDUAL AS MALE CAUCASIAN, THIRTY FIVE TO FORTY, FIVE SEVEN TO FIVE EIGHT IN HEIGHT, ONE FORTY TO ONE FIFTY POUNDS, DARK HAIR COMBED BACK, NEAT, EYES POSSIBLY DARK, SLENDER BUILD, DARK COMPLEXION, SLIGHTLY ACNE SCARRED, SPOKE WITH SLIGHT SOUTHERN ACCENT.

THOMPSON SAID THE INDIVIDUAL WHO BROUGHT HARDIN TO HIS ATTENTION DOES NOT WISH TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF. HE SAID HE BELIEVES THIS INDIVIDUAL IS SUBJECT OF OUTSTANDING WARRANT FOR SOME UNKNOWN OFFENSE. THOMPSON WAS ADVISED OF IMPORTANCE OF THIS MATTER AND, FURTHER, THAT HE COULD POSSIBLY BE SUBPOENAED TO PROVIDE ABOVE INFORMATION. THOMPSON SAID HE MADE PROMISE TO THIS INDIVIDUAL WHICH HE FULLY INTENDS TO KEEP. HE STATED IT WOULD TAKE COURT ACTION TO INDUCE HIM TO IDENTIFY THIS INDIVIDUAL.

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THOMPSON SAID THE INDIVIDUAL WHOM HE REFUSED TO IDENTIFY SAID HE SAT NEXT TO JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC STARVO GALT, AND HARDEN. THOMPSON SAID THIS INDIVIDUAL MAINTAINED HE OVERHEARD GALT CALL THE OTHER "J. C."

NEW ORLEANS INDICES CONTAINED NO RECORD OF ANYONE BY THE NAME OF JAMES C. HARDEN.

INDICES REVEALED REFERENCE FOR ONE JAMES HARDEN, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, NO FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - TWO TWO ONE, BUFILE ONE FIVE SEVEN & FOUR ZERO ONE, JACKSON FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - TWO ZERO. THIS CASE CAPTIONED DESSEGREGATION OF UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI; RM, OOJ, AFO, CONSPIRACY. HIS REFERENCE COULD NOT BE REVIEWED AS ENTIRE FILE SENT JACKSON IN AUGUST, SIXTYFOUR, AT TIME JACKSON OFFICE OPENED.

NEW ORLEANS INDICES ALSO CONTAIN REFERENCE ON ONE J. C. HARDEN, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, IN THE CASE INVOLVING THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND; IS - C, BUFILE ONE ZERO ZERO - ONE ZERO THREE FIVE FIVE, NEW ORLEANS FILE

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ONE ZERO ZERO - SEVEN FIVE NINE. THIS NAME APPEARED ON EIGHT TWENTYFIVE FOOT ROLLS OF PHOTO RECORD FILM CONTAINING PHOTOGRAPHS OF CARDS BEARING NAMES OF PERSONS ON FINANCIAL RECORDS, MAILING LISTS OF SCRP, AS WELL AS LISTS OF SUBSCRIBERS TO SOUTHERN PATRIOT. THIS FILM NOT AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW, BUT SENT LOUISVILLE ON AUGUST EIGHT, SIXTYSIX, WHEN LOUISVILLE MADE ORIGIN IN INVESTIGATION OF SCRP.

JACKSON SHOULD REVIEW INDICES FOR ANY INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH JAMES C. HARDIN, JAMES HARDIN OR J. C. HARDIN. IN PARTICULAR, REVIEW REFERENCE CONTAINED IN YOUR FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - TWO ZERO, RE JAMES HARDIN. FOR POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE, THE NEW ORLEANS REFERENCE FOR JAMES HARDIN IS ONE FIVE SEVEN - TWO TWO ONE - TWO ZERO THREE SIX, PAGE EIGHTYFOUR.

LOUISVILLE SHOULD REVIEW INDICES FOR ANY INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH JAMES C. HARDIN, J. C. HARDIN AND JAMES HARDIN AND, IN PARTICULAR, REVIEW THE REFERENCE ON J. C. HARDIN

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MENTIONED ABOVE, WHICH IS CONTAINED IN THE SCRP FILE. FOR
POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE OF LOUISVILLE, THE NEW ORLEANS REFERENCE
IS ONE ZERO ZERO - SEVEN FIVE NINE - ONE B NINE.

JACKSON AND LOUISVILLE SHOULD ADVISE BUREAU AND APPROPRIATE
OFFICES OF RESULTS OF THIS INVESTIGATION.

ATLANTA, LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
 FROM: JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

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RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY TWENTY NINE,
 INSTANT.

RE JAMES C. HARDIN

A REVIEW OF FILES OF THE JACKSON OFFICE REVEAL NAME
 JAMES HARDIN MENTIONED IN REPORT OF SA JOHN T. REYNOLDS,
 AT NEW ORLEANS, DATED OCTOBER TWENTY SIX, SIXTY TWO, CAPTIONED
 "DESEGREGATION OF UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI." A LARGE
 NUMBER OF AUTO LICENSES WERE RECORDED DURING RIOT AT
 UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI ON OCTOBER ONE, SIXTY TWO. SIXTY
 TWO MISSISSIPPI LICENSE C/TWO NINE DASH TWO THREE EIGHT SIX,
 WAS OBSERVED AND DETERMINED LATER TO BE REGISTERED TO JAMES
 HARDIN, FULTON, MISSISSIPPI, FOR A FIFTY SEVEN CHEVROLET.
 INDICES OF NEW ORLEANS AND MEMPHIS OFFICES NOT KNOWN TO
 REVEAL ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS JAMES HARDIN

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AND JACKSON INDICES REVEAL NO OTHER RECORD FOR HIM.

JACKSON FILES ALSO REVEAL ONE J. HARDIN, THREE ONE ONE ZERO OLD CANTON ROAD, JACKSON, MISS., INTERVIEWED DURING NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION, NOVEMBER TWENTY TWO, SIXTY SEVEN, SUBSEQUENT TO BOMBING OF RESIDENCE OF RABBI PERRY E. NUSSBAUM, THREE FOUR ONE ZERO OLD CANTON ROAD, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI. INQUIRY ON MAY TWENTY NINE, SIXTY EIGHT, REVEALS ABOVE INDIVIDUAL'S NAME IS JABUS L. HARDIN, WHO HAS OPERATED A BEAUTY SHOP AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS AND HAS NOT BEEN IN CALIFORNIA DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

CURRENT CITY AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, DO NOT REVEAL ANYONE NAMED JAMES HARDIN, JAMES C. HARDIN OR J. C. HARDIN. NO FURTHER EFFORT BEING MADE TO LOCATE HARDIN IN THE ABSENCE OF SPECIFIC LEAD.

AIRMAIL COPIES FURNISHED MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS, AND ATLANTA. END.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE DETROIT	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 5/29/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/10 - 20/68
TITLE OF CASE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.		REPORT MADE BY SA WILLIAM J. HART	TYPED BY klh
		CHARACTER OF CASE CR	

REFERENCES: New Orleans airtel to Memphis, 5/7/68.
 Minneapolis teletype to Detroit, 5/10/68.

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Report of: SA WILLIAM J. HART Office: Detroit, Michigan
Date: 5/29/68
Field Office File #: 44-989 Bureau File #: 44-38861
Title: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR.
Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

Records of the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, indicate Mr. and Mrs. W. G. TINKER, 2261 Rolling Green Road, Saginaw, Michigan, occupied Room 118 from 12/18/67 through 12/23/67, and that Mr. and Mrs. E. S. KNUTH, 514 Ebony, Duluth, Minnesota, occupied Room 112 on 12/17/67. Investigation at Duluth, Minnesota, indicated Mr. and Mrs. KNUTH moved to 110 North 13th Street, Escanaba, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. KNUTH and Mr. and Mrs. TINKER advised they did not see anyone resembling JAMES EARL RAY while staying at the Provincial Motel, New Orleans, Louisiana, during 12/67.

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DETAILS:

This investigation was predicated upon receipt of information from the New Orleans Office of the FBI that Mr. and Mrs. W. G. TINKER, 2261 Rolling Green Road, Saginaw, Michigan, had registered on December 18, 1967, at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

On May 10, 1968, the Minneapolis Office of the FBI advised that Mr. and Mrs. E. S. KNUTH, 514 Ebony, Duluth, Minnesota, were registered in Room 112 of the Provincial Motel, New Orleans, Louisiana, on December 17, 1967, and are currently residing at 110 North 13th Street, Escanaba, Michigan.

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Mr. and Mrs. EDWIN S. KNUTH, Post Office Box 172, Route One, Escanaba, Michigan, were contacted by SA HARRIS J. MILLER on May 16, 1968. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to Mr. and Mrs. KNUTH, and they advised that they could not identify this person as anyone they had seen during their stay at the Provincial Motel, New Orleans, while there in December, 1967. Mr. KNUTH advised that they had arrived at this motel while on their honeymoon about 5:00 p.m. on December 17, 1967, and departed this motel at about 7:00 a.m. on December 19, 1967. Mr. KNUTH advised that he is employed by Williams Brothers Engineering Company, 110 North 13th Street, Escanaba, Michigan.

Following negative attempts to contact Mr. and Mrs. W. G. TINKER on May 14 and 17, 1968, they were interviewed at their residence on May 20, 1968, by SA GEORGE M. KUKER and were shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. Both Mr. and Mrs. TINKER advised that they did not recall seeing anyone resembling RAY while they were guests at the Provincial Motel, New Orleans, Louisiana, from December 18, 1967, through December 23, 1967.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 17, 1968

On April 16, 1968, Mrs. LORRAINE MARTIN, Secretary, FUTURA BOOKS, INC., 21839 South Avalon Boulevard, Torrance, California 90502, telephone 830-7903 furnished the following information:

This concern receives a large volume of mail daily, upon its receipt, it is dated, the orders are filled that day and either sent out that night or the following morning. They do not keep an index of individuals ordering their material. The money orders are set out by their numbers and amounts on one bank deposit sheet with a carbon copy being retained by the date of the deposit. This same procedure is followed in recording of checks. Names are not used.

Both Mrs. LORRAINE MARTIN and another office assistant were reluctant to furnish any information at first in view of the fact they thought someone had made a complaint to the Federal Government about their not filling an order. Mrs. MARTIN did not furnish her name until the conclusion of the interview and the other employee would not furnish her name. Both stated that they recognized the name of ERIC GALT from having read it recently in the local newspapers.

Mrs. MARTIN stated that unless she had a date that the order arrived, or an approximate date, she would be unable to locate this account.

Mrs. MARTIN, in checking her money order bank deposit carbon copy records located money order 0799 19430 in the amount of \$6.44 which was received on February 27, 1968. She thereafter located in the February 27, 1968 "Orders Filled" folder an Order Blank which had been dated February 27, 1968 from:

ERIC S. GALT
5533 Hollywood Boulevard
Hollywood, California 90028

This Order Blank is signed: "Eric S. Galt".

On 4/16/68 at Torrance, California File # LA 44-1574
LA 145-187
by SA HOMER E. YOUNG Date dictated 4/17/68

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Rec'd by R/S JWB

The Order Blank is one which is furnished in a brochure and Mrs. MARTIN advised was probably torn from such a brochure. She advised that he either called or sent a letter for such a brochure or possibly obtained same from a friend. She would have no record of such a request for the brochure. Mrs. MARTIN furnished a sample brochure which has the same Order Blank in it.

Mrs. MARTIN pointed out that the Order Blank of ERIC S. GALT is for the book entitled:

THE SEXUALLY RESPONSIVE WOMAN	\$5.95
(Special Handling Charge)	.25
California Sales Tax	.24
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	\$6.44

Mrs. MARTIN stated that the inked date of "February 27, 1968" is placed there by one of their employees when the order is received. The individual handling the order, using a red felt writing instrument, placed the letters of "S H" in the upper right corner of the Order Blank which means "Special Handling". Further, this same employee underlines the name of the book order and then places a large check mark through it to reflect that the order was filled with that book. The employee then places an initial to reflect the identity of the person filling the order. This order bearing the initial of "O" was filled by:

ORTRUD RIEDEL

The amount, in red of \$6.44 reflects that is the amount received with the order.

Mrs. MARTIN stated that no one places a signature on the Order Blank and the signature at the bottom of this Order Blank must have been placed there by the person using the Order Blank.

Mrs. MARTIN made a Xerox copy, for her files, of the Order Blank, turning the original copy over to the Interviewing Agent. The Interviewing Agent furnished a handwritten receipt on the back of the Xerox Copy for this document.

Mrs. MARTIN said that the person to issue a subpoena to in order to identify their records would either be GORDON W. SCHINDLER or MAUREEN MUSFELT.

It was noted that an emergency telephone number was set forth on the wall of this office for SCHINDLER as 672-3946.

As to the type or contents of this book which had been ordered, Mrs. MARTIN furnished a sample brochure, which also contains a similar order blank, which sets forth the following description of the book:

"THE SEXUALLY RESPONSIVE WOMAN"

"The latest book by the Doctors Phyllis and Eberhard Kronhausen. Here is a book devoted exclusively to the feminine side of sexuality. An especially valuable volume for husbands seeking a fuller insight into women's thoughts on sex. It is clear that many women will discuss the subject in more detail with scientists than with their husbands.

"Here we have wives confessing their greatest conquests---before and after marriage---as well as their greatest disappointments; descriptions of how the orgasm feels, favorite coital positions (as well as the problems encountered with others); varied methods of satisfying husbands; first sexual experiences; pre-marital adventures; extra-marital escapades; miscegenation (confessions which bring some surprises from black men and white women copulating);

"Experiences with a multitude of lovers (as well as experiences with various-sized penes); preference during foreplay and coitus; various means of achieving orgasm; masturbation; thoughts on the use of artificial penes; lesbian activities; sex practices of over-sexed wives (as well as reactions of husbands); varieties of oral sex technic (including wives who desire such activities);

"Effects of reading pornographic literature and viewing stag films; other erotic stimulants; failings of husbands; secret sex desires; coital contests; wife-swapping; most effective means of arousal, etc. Price \$5.95."

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
SAC, NEW ORLEANS /157-10673/

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE /44-947/

MURKIN

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE MAY TWENTYNINE LAST TO
DIRECTOR, JACKSON AND LOUISVILLE

RE JAMES C. HARDIN.

PHOTO RECORD FILM REFLECTS DR. J. C. HARDIN,
ONE TWO NINE ARDMORE, SHREVEPORT, LA.

LOUISVILLE INDICES NEGATIVE RE ANYONE IDENTIFIABLE
WITH JAMES C. HARDIN, J. C. HARDIN, OR JAMES HARDIN.

JACKSON, ATLANTA, LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS

ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

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**To: SAC, Jackson (157-9586)
New Orleans (157-10673)**

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Los Angeles teletype to Bureau dated May 30, 1968.

New Orleans, if not already done, will obtain background information regarding Dr. J. C. Hardin as this individual could possibly be identical with Hardin referred to by Allan O. Thompson, Manager of St. Francis Hotel.

Jackson will check all references to name of Hardin and account for current whereabouts of James Hardin who was at University of Mississippi. Jackson should continue to check out names or variations of Hardin contained in their files.

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REPORTING OFFICE EL PASO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 5/31/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/5/68 - 5/28/68
TITLE OF CASE MURKIN		REPORT MADE BY DAVID J. REID	TYPED BY CLB
		CHARACTER OF CASE CIVIL RIGHTS	

REFERENCES

Bureau airtel to all offices dated 5/7/68.

Report of SA DAVID J. REID dated 5/24/68
at El Paso.

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TO MEMPHIS

Stop card regarding stops placed by the El Paso
Office, which are listed on Page 53 of instant report.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
							PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
APPROVED <i>RJH</i>						SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
COPIES MADE:						DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
2 Bureau (44-38861) <i>mjm</i> ② Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 1) 2 El Paso (157-186)						<i>44-1987-Sub-G-705A</i> SEARCHED.....INDEXED..... SERIALIZED.....FILED..... JUN 3 1968 FBI - MEMPHIS <i>Hester</i>	
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ADMINISTRATIVE

Racial, Security, and Criminal Informants and Sources were contacted regarding JAMES EARL RAY. None of these Informants and Sources were acquainted with RAY, nor did they have any information regarding him. The identities of the informants and sources contacted are recorded in the El Paso file.

In regard to telephone calls made by subject RAY in December, 1967, while en route from Los Angeles, California, to New Orleans, Louisiana, the El Paso Office checked out more than 115 telephone calls made to individuals residing in the El Paso Division which had originated from telephone booths and pay stations along the route in question during the pertinent period. None of these individuals contacted were acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY. None of them had any information regarding RAY. This information is not being included in the body of the report in view of the fact that the information regarding the telephone calls in question was obtained from the confidential records of various telephone companies.

In regard to telephone calls made from telephone booths at the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, one such call was received at the Del Camino Motel in El Paso. The identity of the recipient of the telephone call was not determined. This information is not being included in the body of the report in view of the confidential nature of records of the telephone company.

In those instances where information was received by the El Paso Office regarding suspects and it was subsequently determined that the suspects were not identical with JAMES EARL RAY, such information has not been included in the body of this report.

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It is noted that the El Paso Office has no known bombing suspects in its division.

In connection with the checks made under the names HARRY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER and ERIC STARVO GALT, the San Antonio Office advised by teletype dated 4/9/68 that it would cover state-wide checks for the Selective Service System, Texas Department of Public Safety (Identification Division and Drivers License Records).

The additional inquiries made in an effort to locate Mrs. RUTH RETZOLKA, Route 80, Clint, Texas, as noted on Page 37, were contacts on 4/11/68 with Mrs. FERN C. FIELDS, U.S. Post Office, Clint, Texas, and Mrs. BERNICE CORNWALL, U.S. Post Office, Fabens, Texas, (protect identities) neither of whom had any information regarding Mrs. RETZOLKA.

The identities of the persons contacted in connection with the checks regarding HARRY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER and ERIC STARVO GALT are maintained in the El Paso Office file and were not included in the body of this report.

El Paso teletype to the Director, Dallas, and Los Angeles (air mail copy to Memphis) dated 5/23/68 set out the following information:

Mrs. NORMA KIRKPATRICK (protect identity) 1007 West Griffin Street, Midland, Texas, advised SA PAUL D. SJODAL on 5/23/68 that when she boarded the Greyhound bus at Tulsa, Oklahoma, on 5/22/68, a white male whom she described to be age 35 to 38, 6', 185 to 190 pounds, who had small brown speck marks on face, slightly slanted eyes and mouth, 1½" V-shaped scar on back of head, brown crew-cut hair, brown eyes, wearing old brown suit, brown knit sweater, dark blue sport shirt, was sitting in the aisle seat about

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two thirds of the way back in the bus on the left side as one walks to the rear. Mrs. KIRKPATRICK stated that about one hour en route from Tulsa to Dallas this individual made the remark in a loud manner so that the other bus passengers could hear, "I killed one man. I am wanted in 48 states, but they will never catch me. I'll tell you about MARTIN LUTHER KING. There are 20 of us in on that. We are in law enforcement and who would suspect us?" This individual stated "I am going back to old L.A." He also discussed presidential history.

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK stated this individual left the bus at Dallas and boarded a Greyhound bus at Dallas at about 11:10 p.m., 5/22/68. Mrs. KIRKPATRICK knew no other individuals on the bus from Tulsa to Dallas. She stated that the photograph on the Wanted Flyer on JAMES EARL RAY was definitely not identical with the individual on the bus.

Leads were set out for the Dallas and Los Angeles Offices in the above-mentioned teletype.

In regard to STAYNER DUGAN, mentioned on Page 29, a lead was set out for the Dallas Office in this matter.

In regard to the 1966 Oldsmobile 98, mentioned on Page 31, the Atlanta and Savannah Offices conducted investigation in this matter.

In regard to J. R. KELLER, mentioned on Page 34, the Phoenix Office requested investigation by the El Paso Office in this matter.

In regard to ROBERT DALE PORTER, mentioned on Page 35, the Oklahoma City Office requested investigation by the El Paso Office in this matter.

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In regard to FRANK BRICKLEY, mentioned on Page 36, the Knoxville Office requested investigation by the El Paso Office in this matter.

In regard to the man who resembled ERIC STARVO GALT, mentioned on Page 38, a lead was set out for the Albuquerque Office in this matter.

In regard to LON R. HUMMEL, mentioned on Page 41, the Phoenix Office requested investigation by the El Paso Office in this matter.

In regard to ERIC RAY, aka., EARL RAY, mentioned on Page 43, the Richmond and Knoxville Offices conducted investigation in this matter.

In regard to CARL RAY, mentioned on Page 50, the Los Angeles Office instituted investigation in this matter.

In regard to WILLIAM A. MARSHALL, mentioned on Page 51, the San Diego Office instituted investigation in this matter.

On 5/3/68, Deputy Sheriff ROBERT PHELPS, Reeves County Sheriff's Office, Pecos, Texas, advised SA RICHARD H. PICKEN that he had checked at the United States Post Office in Pecos and none of the employees had any recollection of receiving any mail bearing the names of C. RAY, CARL RAY, Mrs. C. RAY, or Mrs. CARL RAY. (See Page 50).

Leads regarding information contained in the body of this report were previously set out by teletype or airtel and are not being restated at this time.

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LEADS

EL PASO DIVISION

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

Will continue efforts to locate and apprehend
subject JAMES EARL RAY.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

Report of: DAVID J. REID
Date: 5/31/68

Office: EL PASO

Field Office File #: 157-186

Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title: MURKIN

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: No record regarding JAMES EARL RAY located in the West Texas area. Stops placed. SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH DEADLY WEAPON, WAS CONFINED IN STATE HOSPITAL, FULTON, MISSOURI, IN 1966, AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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