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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC *MI 137-2255*

FROM : SA *Harold L. Dabkins*

SUBJECT: *Howard Zimmerman*

DATE: *4/18/68*

☐ CI ☐ SI
☒ PCI ☐ PSI
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Dates of Contact <i>4/16/68</i>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted <i>44-388 - Markin (Assigned Down)</i>		
Purpose and results of contact ☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE <i>PCI contacted and exhibited Artists conception of Eric Starvo Galt. He advised he does not recall ever seeing anyone resembling Galt, and no one using that name or other alias used by Galt have ever checked in his hotel.</i>		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <i>Good</i>	Coverage <i>Same</i>
Personal Data		

(2) 1-137-2255
(7) 44-388

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Tip Placed Suspect Galt In California

Birmingham, Ala. -UPI- Federal bureau of investigation agents believed at one point that they had tracked down Eric Starvo Galt, the alleged assassin of the Rev. Martin Luther King, jr., somewhere in California, sources close to the investigation disclosed Thursday.

The tip reportedly came from the "alleged brother" or some other co-conspirator in the killing.

Arrest Expected

It apparently was because of the expected impending arrest that authorities obtained a first degree murder warrant against Galt and also a federal warrant charging him with conspiracy.

The exact location in California where authorities expected to make the arrest Wednesday was not disclosed, but Galt is known to have spent time in the Los Angeles area.

Sources said that the tip obviously was wrong or that Galt—if he is in California—eluded authorities.

An FBI spokesman in Washington said, "The FBI has no one in custody in connection with Dr. King's slaying," but another source indicated the FBI was either in communication with or questioning the "alleged brother" of Eric Galt. The brother has not been charged.

Rifle Returned

After Galt bought a rifle from a sporting goods store

here Mar. 29, sources said, he took it to the "alleged brother" who was quoted as saying the .243 Remington rifle was "not the gun we need." Galt returned to the sporting goods store and swapped the first rifle for a .30-06 Remington pump action rifle on Mar. 30, sources close to the investigation said.

The FBI has refused to say what ballistics tests on that weapon, found near the Memphis (Tenn.) flophouse that served as the sniper's post, had revealed.

The FBI apparently had reason to believe that Galt, who speaks with a rural accent and had several aliases, might have returned to Birmingham after the assassination Apr. 4.

In a check of 22 rooming houses in Birmingham Thursday, 10 managers said FBI agents had questioned them in search of Galt early this week.

Most of the same boarding houses already had been checked by FBI agents in the days immediately after the slaying, when agents traced the rifle found in Memphis to the Birmingham sporting goods store.

Galt was charged Wednesday in a federal warrant signed by FBI agent Joseph H. Gamble and United States Commissioner Mildred F. Sprague with conspiracy to violate the civil rights of King.

All copies of the warrants from the charge were in FBI hands and not being released publicly. The complaint from which the warrant was drawn said the charge was based in part on "identification of the gun used by defendant (Galt) found at the scene of the crime."

Thousands of black and white wanted posters were distributed throughout the nation Thursday describing Galt as "extremely dangerous," listing his aliases as John Willard and Harvey Lowmyer, and carrying the FBI's special emergency phone number in Washington, NA 8-7117, for persons to call with information.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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MILWAUKEE SENTINEL
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Date: 4/19/68

Edition: FINAL

Author:

Editor: HARRY SONNEBORN

Title:

Character:

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King Case Suspect Named in Warrants

From Press Dispatches

Memphis, Tenn. — The mysterious Eric Starvo Galt has been charged with conspiracy and murder in the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King, jr.

The FBI said in a fugitive warrant issued Wednesday night in Birmingham, Ala., that Galt, 36, conspired with a man "whom he alleged to be his brother" to violate King's civil rights.

The state charge of first degree murder was filed against Galt in Memphis where King, 39, was shot to death on a motel balcony Apr. 4 by a sniper who fled from a nearby rooming house.

First degree murder in Tennessee carries the death penalty, although the state's electric chair has not been used since 1960.

The charge against Galt, however, is contained in a warrant. Before he could stand trial, he must be indicted by a grand jury.

The maximum penalty under the federal charge of conspiracy to violate a person's civil rights is a \$5,000 fine and 10 year prison sentence.

There was no further mention in the FBI statement about the alleged brother, and no charge was filed against him.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover announced in Washington that the conspiracy to "injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate" King began "on or about Mar. 30" in Birmingham.

The FBI statement said a .30-'06 rifle equipped with a telescopic sight found near the rooming house shortly after King was slain, was purchased Mar. 30 in Birmingham.

The statement did not connect Galt directly with the rifle.

However, a source in the

FBI said that after Galt purchased the gun, he took it to the man he said was his brother. The brother, the source said, told him: "That's not the gun we need."

The FBI released a photograph of Galt and solicited public aid in finding him. Whether this appeal meant the trail had become cold was unclear, but United States Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark told a reporter in Washington that he felt this was not the situation.

Hunt Began Week Ago

The FBI started hunting Galt a week ago. Agents even contacted persons named Galt in several states in an attempt to find him.

The picture—which had to have the eyes "opened" by an artist—brought uncertain responses from some witnesses who were acquainted with Galt or saw the fleeing sniper.

"Unless he was wearing a wig or had had a face lift or something, it's not the man I saw," said Charles Q. Stevens, who lives at the Main st. rooming house from which the fatal shot apparently was fired.

"The hair is too full and the face is too young," he said. But Stevens said he only got a side view of the fleeing figure.

A source in Birmingham said the photograph was taken within the last three months,

although the FBI did not specify when it was made.

"It's very near, but I'm not sure," was the reaction of Peter Cherpes, owner of a Birmingham boardinghouse where an Eric Galt stayed from Aug. 26 to Oct. 7 last year.

"I don't really know," Cherpes said. "It's so hard to tell. His hair seemed to be lighter."

Nervous Man Recalled

But Willie Greene, an attendant at a service station about three blocks from where King was shot, was emphatic. He said he remembered a nervous man using a telephone outside his station the day of the slaying.

Shown the FBI picture of Galt, Greene exclaimed: "That's him."

Greene said the man apparently tried to make a call and didn't succeed.

"He was nervous. He kept walking up and down the street. It was right about the time Dr. King was killed and he kept pacing up and down the street until we closed with the curfew." King was killed at 6:01 p.m. The curfew began at 7 p.m.

The FBI, apparently relying on witnesses, said the fugitive had been described as a white man, 5 feet 8 to 5 feet 11, 160 to 175 pounds, with brown hair in a brush cut, blue eyes, straight nose.

Persons who have met Galt, the FBI reported, described him as a loner with a "rural" speech and little schooling, fond of vodka, beer and hillbilly music.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

A-1
MILWAUKEE JOURNAL
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Date: **4/18/68**

Edition: **LATEST**

Author:

Editor: **RICHARD H. LEONARD**

Title:

Character:

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Classification: **44-388-158**

Submitting Office: **MILWAUKEE**

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The FBI statement also said: "The fugitive is said to have a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an ear lobe with his left hand. His left ear protrudes farther from his head than his right ear.

"Galt should be considered armed and dangerous," the FBI release warned.

Used Aliases

Galt has used the names of John Willard and Harvey Lowmeyer, the FBI said. The assassin registered at the Memphis rooming house under the name of John Willard.

Details of the alleged conspiracy were missing from the FBI release, as were vital statistics, such as Galt's birthplace, formal schooling, employment. The statement said

Galt claimed to have been a cook on Mississippi riverboats, a merchant seaman and "is said to be an avid dancer."

Galt, the FBI said, is the owner of a 1966 white Mustang with Alabama license plates that was abandoned in Atlanta the day after King was shot to death. The vehicle was left in the parking lot of an apartment project near the Georgia capitol.

Two white Mustangs were parked near the rooming house shortly before the shooting, witnesses have said, and both disappeared minutes later. Some witnesses told of a man in a black business suit, neatly dressed, walking down the steps to the street, dropping a rifle and getting into a Mustang with either Alabama or Arkansas tags.

Saw Arkansas Tag

A businessman said Wednesday night that he was certain that the Mustang parked farthest from the shooting scene had an Arkansas tag. "I'm clear in my own mind," he said.

The FBI said Galt's car traveled more than 19,000 miles between Aug. 30, 1967, when he bought it in Birmingham, and its abandonment last week in Atlanta. There were trips to Los Angeles, New Orleans and Mexico, the FBI said.

"Galt was reported to have been in Memphis Apr. 3 and 4, 1968, and to have departed from there for Atlanta," the FBI said.

Galt was said to have taken dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964 or 1965, in Birmingham during 1967 and in Long Beach, Calif., in recent months.



WANTED IN KING SLAYING — The FBI has obtained a warrant charging Eric Starvo Galt with conspiracy to violate the civil rights of the Rev. Martin Luther King, jr. The closed eyes of Galt in the picture at left

were opened (center) by an FBI artist. The sketch (right) was drawn by a Memphis newspaper artist. The description was provided by a witness who lived in the building from which the fatal shot was fired.

Galt's Location Early in March a Puzzle

Montgomery, Ala. —AP— The FBI says Eric Starvo Galt graduated from a bartender's school in Hollywood, Calif., on Mar. 2 of this year. On the day before, a duplicate Alabama driver's license was mailed to Galt at his former address in Birmingham.

And five days later, the driver's license division of the state public safety department received 25c by mail in payment for the duplicate license.

Galt, who has been charged in warrants with murder and conspiracy in the slaying of the Rev. Martin Luther King, jr., attended the International School of Bartending in Hollywood for four weeks before completing the course, the FBI said.

Consequently, driver's license officials in Montgomery are theorizing that the former

Birmingham resident telephoned from California to ask for the duplicate. The records indicate that the request came by phone four or five days before Mar. 1, and there is no known evidence that Galt was anywhere else at that time.

Finished Course

Galt reportedly left Hollywood after graduating from the bartender's school. FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said Galt bought a rifle in Birmingham about Mar. 30.

Driver's license records indicate that the duplicate license was delivered to the Birmingham address, since it was not returned to the department. The post office in Birmingham said it had no record of a change of address to forward Galt's mail.

Motorists often telephone the driver's license division,

asking for duplicate permits because they have lost theirs, officials said. And if questioning indicates that it is legitimate, the license is mailed, with a request to remit 25c to cover the costs of issuance.

Paid Promptly

In Galt's case, the payment came through promptly — by mail. But the records do not show where it was mailed from. There would be no reason to keep that information, officers explained.

It is possible, they explained, to ask for a duplicate in someone else's name, but it is difficult to get one.

Before a license is issued in response to a telephone request, they said, the caller must answer personal questions about the license hold-

er's background, such as date of birth, and the answers must jibe with the information on record.

How Galt might have picked up the duplicate license back in Birmingham is something else. Residents of the rooming house where he once lived say they have not seen him for months.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC *Milwaukee*

DATE: *4/19/68*

FROM : SA *Rehabe, 137-2318(P)*

☐ CI

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SUBJECT: *William Whitney Braker*

Dates of Contact <i>4/19/68</i>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted <i>Murkin</i> <i>44-388</i>		
Purpose and results of contact ☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <i>Good</i>	Coverage <i>1758-6-11F, WSTA</i> <i>1758-24-388-159</i>
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Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee

FROM : SA John W Schaele 137-2200

SUBJECT: Julian Clair Smithson

DATE: 4/19/68

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☒ PCI ☐ PSI

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Dates of Contact 4/17/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted Muckew 44-388		
Purpose and results of contact ☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage 175mV; G-11F; CUSFA 175P 44-388-160
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TO : SAC

Milwaukee

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FROM : SA

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SUBJECT:

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☒ CI ☐ SI
☐ PCI ☐ PSI
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Dates of Contact <i>4/19/68</i>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted <i>Muskegon</i> <i>44-388</i>		
Purpose and results of contact ☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <i>Good</i>	Coverage <i>1TSMV; 1TSP; 611P</i> <i>LOST A 44-388-161</i>
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TO : SAC Milwaukee

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA Schaller 137-2326(P)

☐ CI☐ SI☒ PCI☐ PSI

SUBJECT: Charles Belden

Dates of Contact 4/19/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted Murdock 44-388		
Purpose and results of contact ☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage ITSMV; ITSP; G11C WSDA 44-388-162
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TO : SAC *Murken*

DATE: *4/19/68*

FROM : SA *Schaller 137-2221 (P)*

☐ CI ☐ SI

☒ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: *Robert L. Miller*

Dates of Contact <i>4/19/68</i>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted <i>Murken</i> <i>44-388</i>		
Purpose and results of contact ☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <i>Good</i>	Coverage <i>1TSP; 1TSMV; G-1K</i> <i>WSTP</i> <i>44-388-163</i>
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TO : SAC

Milwaukee

DATE:

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FROM :

SA

Schaller 137-2224(P)

SUBJECT:

Raymond L. Meinberg☐ CI☐ SI☐ PCI☐ PSI☐

Dates of Contact

4/19/68

Titles and File #s on which contacted

*Murken**44-388*

Purpose and results of contact

☒ NEGATIVE☐ POSITIVE☒ Informant certified that he has
furnished all information obtained
by him since last contact.

Rating

Good

Coverage

*ITSMV; ITSP; G11F**WSTH*

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TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

YOU ARE REMINDED THAT ALL LEADS IN THIS CASE MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS. AND ALL LEADS MUST BE SET FORTH BY TELEPHONE OR TELETYPE. ALL BORDER OFFICES COVERING ENTRY INTO MEXICO AND CANADA AND EXIT THEREFROM SHOULD INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE STOPS ARE MAINTAINED RE SUBJECT AND ALL NAMES KNOWN TO BE USED BY HIM AT RESPECTIVE OFFICES OF U. S. IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PATROL. YOU SHOULD ALSO INSURE THAT PREVIOUS STOPS PLACED WITH ANY FACILITY SHOULD INCLUDE ALL NAMES USED BY THE SUBJECT.

DISTRIBUTE SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES OF WANTED FLYERS AND IO'S TO NARCOTIC INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES IN ORDER THAT THEIR INFORMANTS MAY BE CONTACTED. YOU SHOULD CONTACT ALL CRIMINAL INFORMANTS AND APPROPRIATE RACIAL AND SECURITY INFORMANTS. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC , Milwaukee (137-2288)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA SA RAYMOND L. JOHNSON

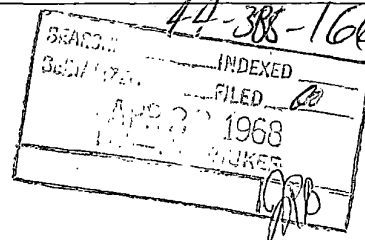
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☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: VIRGINIA STOKES, aka

Dates of Contact		
4/19/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
49-575 HARVEY CARL MANTLEY, Jr. (assigned to writer)		
44-388 MURKIN		
Purpose and results of contact		
☒ NEGATIVE		
☐ POSITIVE		
☐ STATISTIC		
49-575 PCI said she has had no further contact with subject's wife. On last contact subject's wife did not indicate that she has leaving him and she was rather cold.		
44-388 PCI has not observed subject where she is employed as waitress. Will be alert.		
☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating very good	Coverage same

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (137-1626)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA RAYMOND L. JOHNSON

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: MARY ANN WICKS

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Dates of Contact 4/19,20/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted 44-388 Murkin		
Purpose and results of contact 44-388		
☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC	PCI said she has not seen anyone resembling subject at the hotel where she works. On 4/20/68 PCI telephonically contacted writer re same matter to determine if photos in Saturdays paper were also of subject as subject appeared different. She had no info as to his whereabouts.	
☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating good	Coverage same 44-388-168
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Memphis airtel to Albany, 4/19/68, and Bureau teletype to Memphis, 4/16/68.

For the information of receiving personnel, the Bureau by re teletype requested of the Memphis Division as follows:

"Please furnish the following information on above matter compiled or estimated through 4/30/68, and thereafter submit cumulative of totals through the end of each month until further notice:

1) Number of man hours spent on case, broken down as to regular hours, overtime hours, and total man hours by following employees: (separate figures for each class of employees shown)

a) Special Agents

b) Clerical employees

2) Total mileage (estimated or actual) traveled by Bureau cars used on case. Include mileage as for cars traveling to and from other field offices on special assignment and any personally owned cars.

3) Any unusual or out of the ordinary costs, such as cost of chartered airplane, rental of special office space, leased telephone lines, etc. These should be itemized and cost of each item shown.

- 1 - Each Agent
- 1 - SAC
- 1 - ASAC
- 1 - #3 Desk
- 1 - Chief Clerk
- 1 - Chief Steno
- 1 - 66-11
- 1 - 66-911

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4) Peak number of special agents working on cases during month for which report is submitted.

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

Accordingly, the following instructions pertain to personnel of the Milwaukee Division:

Chief Steno KIELISZEWSKI and Chief Clerk WEBB will compile requested data for their respective office sections and each Special Agent will be responsible for compiling data pertinent to himself including mileage estimates on Bureau or personally owned cars during course of this investigation. Each agent should also furnish an estimate of the costs of telephone calls made in connection with this investigation including calls from headquarters to resident agencies. This will have to be a rough estimate due to the fact the telephone bills will not be available prior to due date.

Requested information will be routed to SA RALPH D. PERRIGO prior to 12 Noon, 5/1/68. There will be no exceptions as information must be at Memphis by close of business 5/2/68.

It is noted that data requested above is expected to be furnished to Memphis each month until further notice. Therefore, all personnel will be expected to maintain records pertaining to this data henceforth for future reports.

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☐ PCI ☐ PSI

Dates of Contact 4/19/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted MURKIN 44-388 C/A DORAN		
Purpose and results of contact ☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE PRI could furnish no information of value concerning captioned investigation		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Very Good	Coverage Racial
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Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE (137-2036)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH E. O'CONNELL

☒ CI ☐ SI☐ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: MI 702-C

Dates of Contact 4/19/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted MURKIN MI 44-388 (Doran)		
Purpose and results of contact ☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE CI could furnish no information of value concerning captioned investigation		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Very Good	Coverage General Criminal, Gambling, WSTA and Racial
Personal Data MI 137-2036 cc: 44-388 (Doran)		

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Milwaukee (170-46) DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA Bruce M. Dove

SUBJECT: ED TUNSON

☐ CI ☐ SI ☒ R (Prob) (GHETTO)
☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R
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Titles and File #s on which contacted/ MURKIN 44-388 CIA DORAN		
Purpose and results of contact		
☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC		
PRI advised that he has heard nothing concerning the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. He stated that none of the photos of individuals seen in the newspapers were familiar to him. SA Jerome T. Collins designated as alternate agent.		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating FAIR	Coverage Criminal
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Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee (170-47) DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA Bruce M. Dove

☐ CI ☐ SI ☒ R (Prob) (GHETTO)
☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R
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SUBJECT: ED LANCIAR

Dates of Contact 4/8/68 4/22/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted MURKIN 44-388 C/A DORAN		
Purpose and results of contact ☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC RRI stated that he has received no information concerning the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. He said that none of the photographs displayed through the news media were familiar to him.		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating FAIR	Coverage CRIMINAL 44-388-173
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Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee (137-1271)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH E. O'CONNELL

☒ CI ☐ SI

☐ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: MI 652-C

Dates of Contact 4/19/68	
Titles and File #s on which contacted MURKIN MI 44-388 (Doran)	
Purpose and results of contact ☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE CI could furnish no information of value concerning captioned investigation	
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Very Good
Coverage AR, ITAR, GAMBLING, IGA	

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cc: 44-388 (Doran)

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Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee (137-673)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH E. O'CONNELL

☐ CI ☐ SI

SUBJECT: FRANK RUSSELL

☒ PCI ☐ PSI

PCI

Dates of Contact 4/19/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted MURKIN		MI 44-388 (DORAN)
Purpose and results of contact ☒ NEGATIVE ☐ POSITIVE CI could furnish no information of value concerning captioned investigation		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Very Good	Coverage Top Hood; Jewel Thefts
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FBI Places Ray on Most Wanted List

From Press Dispatches

Washington, D. C. - The manhunt for the escaped convict accused of the murder of the Rev. Martin Luther King, jr., gained new intensity Saturday when the FBI placed his name on its most wanted list.

James Earl Ray, who masqueraded as Eric Starvo Galt at the time King was slain in Memphis, was placed on the list even though there are 10 fugitives already on it.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said he decided to add Ray to insure the widest possible dissemination of the 40 year old suspect's picture and description to the police and the public.

In addition, a special alert was set up in the Mexican border area, in the event Ray tried to flee the country. Special arrangements were made to show Ray's picture on the ABC television show, "The FBI," Sunday evening.

The New York Times news service reported Saturday that the man now known as Ray seemed well supplied with money when he lived in Birmingham last fall.

Agents have found that he spent more than \$4,000, but they have been unable to find where he worked during that period, or whether he worked at all, the report said.

Ray apparently kept his money in a safety deposit box at the Birmingham Trust National bank.

During his stay in Birmingham from Aug. 27 to Apr. 4, Ray's expenses included a 1966 Mustang, for which he paid \$1,995 in cash; repair work on the car; living expenses at about \$50 a week; an expensive pair of binoculars and a rifle with a telescopic sight.

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'Eric Starvo Galt' Not Real Name IDENTIFY KING SUSPECT

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MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Date: 4/20/68

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Editor: HARRY SONNEBORN

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FBI Hunts Escaped Convict

Washington, D. C. - UPI - The federal bureau of investigation said Friday that the "Eric Starvo Galt" sought across the nation in the slaying of the Rev. Martin Luther King, jr., was in fact James Earl Ray, who escaped from the Missouri state penitentiary 51 weeks ago.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said a systematic comparison of fingerprints uncovered in the case against the prints of more than 53,000 persons led to the determination "that

Galt and Ray are identical.

Raises Questions

But the announcement raised some perplexing questions. On Wednesday, when Hoover identified Galt as the man sought for conspiracy in the slaying, he said that Galt had taken dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965. But Friday's FBI announcement said Ray was in prison between 1960 and April 23, 1967, when he escaped.

Ray was sentenced to 20 years on Dec. 18, 1959, in St. Louis circuit court on a charge of armed robbery. He and another ex-convict, James Owens, were convicted of robbing a St. Louis supermarket of \$190.

Convicted by a jury which deliberated 20 minutes, Ray attempted to escape from the courtroom by jumping into an elevator. He made two unsuccessful attempts to escape from the Missouri penitentiary before he succeeded last year.

Hoover did not mention the discrepancies between his statement Wednesday and his latest announcement. FBI officials handed the announcement to reporters but would answer no questions.

Similarities Noted

The FBI handed out two pictures of Ray taken in 1959 and 1960. In several ways, they matched pictures of Galt taken in 19968. In both pictures, deep lines ran from the subject's nose to his mouth. The ears looked identical and so did the lines around the eyes.

In its announcement Wednesday the FBI said a warrant had been filed charging that Galt entered into a conspiracy with "an individu-

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al whom he alleged to be his brother." It said the conspiracy "continued until on or about Apr. 5, 1968, to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate Martin Luther King, jr."

King was slain on the porch of a hotel in Memphis on Apr. 4. He was shot from ambush by a man in a rundown rooming house across the street. The man escaped in a white Mustang, later found abandoned in Atlanta.

It was reported Thursday that an informer, co-operating with the FBI, led to a belief that King's slayer was in California.

A reliable source told UPI that FBI agents were in communication with Galt's "alleged brother."

Out of its belief that an arrest was imminent on Wednesday, the FBI had filed its charges against Galt. Officials in Memphis followed up by swearing out a murder warrant for his arrest.

But if the manhunt — one of the most intensive in American history — was in fact closing around Galt, he apparently managed to escape it.

Ray was identified in the FBI announcement as having used the aliases of Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Conner.

The man who checked into the Memphis rooming house a few hours before King was shot used the name John Willard.

The latest development strengthened the theory that King's slayer had carefully created the personality of "Eric Starvo Galt" in the

months before the murder in a careful plan to escape after the crime was committed.

Hoover said Ray's criminal record dated back to 1949 when he was convicted of burglary in Los Angeles. He was convicted of armed robbery in Chicago in 1952 and of forging United States postal money orders in Missouri in 1955.

He had served time in the Los Angeles county jail in 1949; in state prisons at Joliet, Ill., and Pontiac, Ill., from 1952 to 1954; and in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., from 1955 to 1958.

Galt was described as a

"loner" and Ray as a "drifter."

Warden Harold Swenson of the Missouri state prison in Jefferson City said Ray was "an evasive type of person."

"I don't think anybody either liked him or disliked him," the warden said.

Swenson said Ray had succeeded in escaping from the prison by hiding in a bread truck. He had been working in the prison's food service system.

Prison records showed Ray was born Mar. 19, 1928, at Alton, Ill. The FBI said he claimed to have attended school through the 10th grade in Alton.



James Earl Ray, who has been identified by the federal bureau of investigation as the Eric Starvo Galt wanted in the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King, jr., was photographed when sentenced to prison (left) on Dec. 17, 1959; and in a Missouri prison in 1960 (right).

—AP and UPI Wirephotos

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Galt Depicted as Fervently Anti-Negro

Los Angeles Times News Service

Eric Starvo Galt, accused by Tennessee officials of murdering the Rev. Martin Luther King, jr., emerged Thursday as:

A fervent supporter of the presidential bid of former Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace.

An anti-Negro bigot who once got into a wild argument at a Hollywood cocktail lounge with a girl who defended Negroes.

A man who made at least one mysterious trip in recent months to New Orleans, a fact which appears to be of great interest to the FBI.

A steady drinker, alternately moody and contentious in public.

That picture came into focus after a series of interviews with persons who knew Galt when he lived in Hollywood.

A songwriter whom Galt drove to New Orleans and back in a white Mustang in December said he had a strong impression that the suspect was not using his right name.

The statement was made by Charles Stein, 38, who was offered the free ride after he agreed to add his signature to the drive by Wallace had to qualify for a place on the California June primary ballot.

Stein said his sister, Rita, had made the arrangements. While at the Sultan room, a lounge on Hollywood Blvd., she had let it be known that her two children had to return soon from her sister's place in New Orleans. Galt let it be known that he would be going there.

Stein appeared at the Sultan room that same night and Galt agreed to take him along to

get the children if Stein would sign up for Wallace.

The next day, Stein said, Galt picked him up at the sister's home and drove him to the Wallace headquarters.

"I thought he was some kind of politician," Stein recalled. "I got the impression they all knew him."

Robert Walters, campaign co-ordinator for Wallace in California, disputed this.

"We checked all of our name files here — particularly those from the North Hollywood office — and found nothing under the name of Galt or the other names he reportedly used," Walters said.

Stein said that after he had registered for Wallace's American Independent party, he and Galt departed that afternoon on the two day trip to New Orleans.

Galt did not disclose why he was making the trip. He told his passenger he "knew some people there." He said he had been there before.

Stein said Galt went to uncommon pains to impress upon him his name, emphasizing it in unnecessary ways, such as when they checked in at motels.

Spanish Too "Touristy"

"I think he was establishing a fictitious identity," Stein said. "I got these vibrations. I don't think it was his real name."

Galt told his passenger he had just sold a bar in Mexico. "I didn't believe it," Stein said. "His Spanish was too touristy."

Stein said FBI agents had been visiting him almost every day, showing great interest in the suspect's activities in New Orleans.

He said, however, that he and Galt went their separate ways while in that city, and that he had no idea what his companion was up to.

At the time of the trip, Galt was staying in a Los Angeles apartment. Residents there either did not know or remained tight lipped about him.

However, Galt subsequently moved to a hotel, the St. Francis on Hollywood Blvd., one block away from a cocktail lounge known as the Rabbits Foot club. The crowd there remembers Galt very well.

Nightly Patron

Until three or four weeks ago, according to bartender Bo Del Monte, Galt was a nightly patron.

He would come in at around 9 p.m., perch on a stool near the door, and order the first of several screwdrivers (vodka and orange juice).

The thing everybody at the Rabbits Foot club remembers most about Galt is the big dispute he got into.

Jim Morrison, who was the bartender that night, recalled that Galt had begun talking with a young woman named Pattie. Somehow the conversation turned to Negroes, and she declared them to be "good people."

Suddenly, Galt began dragging her by the arm toward the door.

"I'll drop you off in Watts and we'll see how you like it there!" Galt shouted.

Praised Wallace

Del Monte said another customer who had been dating the girl followed the pair outside, and Galt fled.

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A short time later, according to Del Monte, a Negro was struck in the head by a rock while in a nearby parking lot. Morrison remembered that as Galt would sit at the bar, sipping his screwdrivers, he often preached his support of Wallace.

"He's the man we want," the bartender quoted Galt as saying.

Reports Differ

From Press Dispatches

United Press International reported Thursday that Galt allegedly had a conspirator in the King assassination and that the conspirator later informed on Galt to the FBI.

The Los Angeles Times, however, contradicted that report by saying that Galt was the lone subject of the FBI investigation, even though an FBI complaint charged that Galt conspired in the slaying with his "alleged brother."

The UPI said a tip from the alleged informer led the FBI to believe it could arrest Galt in California Wednesday. This belief led federal authorities to rapidly obtain a conspiracy warrant against Galt. Memphis officials then swore out a murder warrant.

The FBI said in Washington Thursday that it "has no one in custody in connection with Dr. King's slaying," but UPI quoted a reliable source as saying that agents either were in communication with or questioning Galt's "alleged brother."

The Los Angeles Times, on the other hand, said a federal source pointed out that the complaint alleging a conspiracy could have been based on nothing more substantial than testimony by a witness that he had heard Galt say he and a brother planned to kill King or to use the rifle believed to be the murder weapon.

De Pugh Mentioned

Kansas City, Mo. —AP— The United States attorney's office said Thursday that an informant "of apparent reliability" told the federal government some time ago that King was among persons ordered assassinated if Robert Bolivar De Pugh ever went to jail.

De Pugh is the leader of the Minutemen organization, a militant right wing organization. He is appealing a November, 1966, conviction in Kansas City for a national firearms violation, but is wanted on a federal grand jury indictment accusing him of conspiracy to rob banks in Seattle in January. His whereabouts is not known.

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TO: ALL FIELD DIVISIONS

FROM: DIRECTOR

URGENT

MURKIN

REMEAIRTEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL 19 LAST FURNISHING
BACKGROUND DATA CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN ANY
UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES, BURGLARIES OR ARMED ROBBERIES
(POSSIBLE ITSP VIOLATIONS) OCCURRING AFTER APRIL 23, 1967.
RAY SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED SUSPECT IN ANY FUTURE SUCH
VIOLATIONS AND BUREAU ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY OF ANY TENTATIVE
IDENTIFICATION.

ANY PERTINENT LEADS DEVELOPED DURING REVIEW OF PAST
VIOLATIONS SHOULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY RUN OUT AND BUREAU ADVISED.

SUBJECT'S HANDWRITING AND HAND PRINTING NOT IDENTIFIED
IN BANK ROBBERY NOTE FILE AND HIS FINGERPRINTS ARE BEING
SEARCHED AGAINST LATENTS SUBMITTED IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERY
AND BURGLARY VIOLATIONS.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TOR: 1:33 PM 4-23-68

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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MURKIN

On 4/20/68, JOHN STASNY, Supervisor, Wisconsin State Patrol, Communication Center, Madison, Wisconsin, telephonically advised he was going through his old wanted cards checking the alias regarding JAMES EARL RAY and observed the following which he thought may be of interest to the FBI:

WILLIAM WALTON, wanted by the Richmond, Virginia PD, item dated 5/15/59, number 7720, file 5-KQB9, for forgery. He stated the description on WALTON is very similar to RAY.

EUGENE RAY, wanted 6/18/64, Hobbs, New Mexico PD, and item number 3819KEC. This individual was 34 years of age at the time.

The above information is being furnished to the Albuquerque and Richmond Divisions for whatever action may be deemed necessary.

- 2 - Albuquerque
- 1 - Richmond (Info.)
- 1 - Minneapolis (Info.)
- 1 - Kansas City (Info.)
- 1 - Milwaukee

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM Y. DORAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SPC GEORGE D. OOSTERHOUS, 4/20/68.

On 4/20/68, SA JOHN J. MARKEY telephonically recontacted DARYL GONYON and determined the following:

GONYON is stationed with OSI at Omaha, Nebraska, and has been in Milwaukee the past several days to attend a wedding. He stated that while in Omaha on 4/17/68 his wife was in a Safeway Food Store where she observed an individual who she thought resembled the description of ERIC STARVO GALT as published 4/17/68. GONYON stated that he notified a captain in the Omaha PD of this information and that the captain told him he would pass the information on to the FBI as well as to the appropriate Omaha police personnel. GONYON stated that he had no real basis to believe that the information had not been given to the FBI in Omaha.

No further action is contemplated in this matter.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA CLIFFORD E. HUHTA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by
SA CLIFFORD E. HUHTA regarding the names ERIC STARVO GALT
and HARVEY LOWMEYER, aka:

The following were contacted on 4/12/68, with
negative results:

AT SUPERIOR, WISCONSIN

CHARLES BARNARD, Chief, Superior PD

JAMES VANDERPORT, Sergeant, PD, record check

LAWRENCE QUAM, Deputy Sheriff, Douglas County

LOUIS BANNICK, Sheriff, Douglas County

Mrs. PETER GOLDEN, Merchants Credit Association,
1320 Tower Avenue

LUCILLE HEISEL, City Clerk, Superior, Wis.

EDMUND QUINN, Deputy, Register of Deeds,
Douglas County

RALPH A. NELSON, Postmaster, Superior

A check of telephone directory and city directory

AT ASHLAND, WISCONSIN

DONALD TOLLIVER, Chief, Ashland PD

JOHN SHUBERT, Undersheriff, Ashland County



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JAMES FISCHER, Credit Bureau of Ashland, Inc.,
212 2nd Street West

SIGNE ANDSTROM, Deputy, Register of Deeds,
Ashland County

A check of telephone and city directories

AT HAYWARD, WISCONSIN

ERNEST LIEN, Chief Deputy, Sawyer County SO

MAURICE GERINGER, Chief, Hayward PD

Check of the telephone directory

AT SHALL LAKE, WISCONSIN

ELLERY COONS, Undersheriff, Washburn County,
covering city also

FRANK UNDERHILL, Register of Deeds

Check of telephone directory

AT SPOONER, WISCONSIN

GEORGE ANDREA, Captain, Spooner PD

Check of telephone directory

FRANK RICH, Postmaster

AT GRANTSBURG, WISCONSIN

Mrs. GLADYS ERICKSON, Undersheriff, Burnett
County

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AT WASHBURN, WISCONSIN

FLOYD BRENHOLT, Jailer, Bayfield County

VERNER PEDERSEN, Register of Deeds

ERNEST BERGMAN, Chief of PD

TERRANCE ARSENEAU, Postmaster

Check of telephone directory

All banks of the six-county area covered by
Superior RA were contacted 4/12/68, and are set forth below:

Shell Lake State Bank, Shell Lake, Wis.
PAUL PETERSON, Cashier

Shell Lake State Bank, Sarona, Wis.
ROBERTA JOHNSON, Manager

Dairyland State Bank, Exeland, Wis.
FRANK VREELAND, Manager

Peoples National Bank, Hayward, Wis.
ALVIN MADSEN, Cashier

Chippewa Valley Bank, Winter, Wis.
GEORGE OLSON, Cashier

Chippewa Valley Bank, Raddison Office, Raddison, Wis.
GEORGE OLSON, Chshier of parent bank, Winter

Citizens State Bank, Birchwood, Wis.
EDWARD PARTIN, Cashier

Washburn State Bank, Washburn, Wis.
WAYNE BODIN, Cashier (also Bayfield Station)

Washburn State Bank, Bayfield, Wis.
WAYNE BODIN, Cashier

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Northern State Bank, Ashland, Wis.
NORMAN WARREN, Cashier

Northern State Bank, Glidden, Wis.
NORMAN WARREN, Cashier (Branch bank of Ashland)

Northern State Bank, Mason, Wis.
NORMAN WARREN, Cashier (Branch bank of Ashland)

Northern State Bank, Mellen, Wis.
NORMAN WARREN, Cashier (Branch bank of Ashland)

Northern State Bank, Butternut, Wis.
NORMAN WARREN, Cashier (Branch bank of Ashland)

Union National Bank, Ashland, Wis.
LEO MARTELL, Vice-President

Poplar State Bank, Poplar, Wis.
PHILIP ZASTROW, Manager

Workers Mutual Savings Bank, Superior, Wis.
JOEL DAHL, President

Wisconsin State Bank, Superior, Wis.
GEORGE FRODESEN, Vice-President

Community Bank & Trust Company, 1214 Tower Avenue,
Superior, Wis.
ROBERT TIERNEY, Vice-President

National Bank of Commerce, Superior, Wis.
ORVILLE OMBERG, Cashier

Superior National Bank, Superior, Wis.
JOHN TRAUTT, Vice-President

First National Bank, Superior, Wis.
JOHN BANKS, Jr., Vice-President and
WILLIAM FENNESSEY, Assistant Vice-President

Superior Savings and Loan Association, 1130 Tower Ave.
Superior, Wisconsin
JOSEPH WHITE, Secretary-Treasurer

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Superior Co-op Credit Union, Superior, Wis.
ROBERT ENGSTROM, Manager

Bank of Spooner, Spooner, Wis.
FRED PATCHIN, Vice-President

First Bank of Grantsburg, Grantsburg, Wis.
WESLEY OLSON, Cashier

First State Bank of Grantsburg, Siren, Wis.
GEORGE LOOMIS, Manager

First Bank of Grantsburg, Webster, Wis.
LUCY WESTER, Manager

Security State Bank, Port Wing, Wis.
Mrs. CHARLES DIAMON, Teller (Inquiry of parent bank)

Security State Bank, Port Wing, Iron River Station
Iron River, Wis.
Mrs. CHARLES DIAMON, Teller

State Bank of Drummond, Drummond, Wis.
NORMAN NIELSEN, Cashier

On 4/12/68, the following were contacted by
SA HUHTA:

AT SUPERIOR, WISCONSIN

MI 579-C

MI 669-C

FRANK LAVELLE, CS

CS MI 225-S

All negative.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA ROBERT C. DEAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Attached is negative check for banks in the State of Wisconsin.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
ROBERT C. DEAN:

The following individuals advised that a review
of the records of their respective agencies for savings
accounts, checking accounts, loans, and safety deposit
box records did not disclose any information identifiable
with the name ERIC STARVO GALT:

HARRY BERG, Asst. Cashier
Woodford State Bank,
Woodford, Wis.
4/12/68

LARRY R. KREBS, 4/12/68
Assistant Cashier,
Bank of South Wayne,
South Wayne, Wis.

WALDO FREITAG, President
The Bank of New Glarus
New Glarus, Wis.
4/12/68

ALBERT KNOBEL,
Vice President
Bank of Monticello
Monticello, Wis.
4/12/68

W. M. LORCH, Vice Pres.-
Cashier, Bank of Broadhead
Brodhead, Wis.
4/12/68

D. I. PIERGE, Vice Pres.
Green County Bank
Brodhead, Wis.
4/12/68

ALBERT E. NODORFT, Cashier
Mound City Bank
Belmont, Wis.
4/12/68

L. C. FUNK, Cashier
Bank of Poynette
Poynette, Wis.
4/12/68

NELLIE MAE SMITH, Asst.
Cashier, Arlington State
Bank,
Arlington, Wis.
4/12/68

DAVID HANSEN, Cashier
First National Bank
Columbus, Wis.
4/12/68

ELEANOR DAVIES, Cashier
Cambria State Bank,
Cambria, Wis.
4/11/68

WILLIAM H. HUGHES, Vice Pres.
Farmers & Merchants
Union Bank
Columbus, Wis.
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V. E. Freck, Cashier
Rio Falls River Union
Bank
Fall River, Wis.
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H. L. GESELL, Vice Pres.
State Bank of Lodi
Lodi, Wis.
4/11/68

ANTON LOHR, Vice President
First National Bank
Portage, Wis.
4/11/68

STANLEY N. HURD, Manager
Rio Fall River Union Bank
Rio, Wis.
4/11/68

E. H. LARSON, Vice Pres. &
Cashier
State Bank of Argyle
Argyle, Wis.
4/12/68

Woodhouse & Bartley Bank
CARL NEIS, Assistant Cashier
Bloomington, Wis.
4/11/68

IRMA HANSEN, Manager
Boscobel State Bank
Blue River, Wis.
4/11/68

F. C. MINK, Vice President
Badger State Bank
Cassville, Wis.
4/11/68

RICHARD HAYNES, Manager
Farmers & Merchants
Union Bank Columbus
Friesland, Wis.
4/11/68

DONALD WITT, Executive
Vice President
City Bank of Portage
Portage, Wis.
4/11/68

Dairyman's State Bank
William L. Bango, Asst.
Cashier,
Randolph, Wis.
4/11/68

S. W. OLSON, Cashier
First National Bank
Blanchardville, Wis.
4/11/68

LOREN KOECKE, Manager
Prairie City Bank
Bagley, Wis.
4/11/68

JAMES J. KROGMAN, Cashier
Bloomington State Bank
Bloomington, Wis.
4/11/68

H. L. BLAKE, Vice Pres.
Boscobel State Bank
Boscobel, Wis.
4/11/68

GEORGE F. FRANTZ, Vice-
President
First State Bank
Fennimore, Wis.
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KATHLEEN ESSER, Manager
Peoples State Bank,
Prairie du Chien
Glen Haven, Wis.
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VERNE NICKSON, Asst. Cashier
Union State Bank,
Lancaster, Wis.
4/11/68

JAMES D. SHERRY, Vice Pres.
Lancaster State Bank
Lancaster, Wis.
4/11/68

CLARENCE BOLLENT, Vice Pres.
Livingston State Bank
Livingston, Wis.
4/11/68

SIDNEY NELSON, Asst. Cashier
Citizens State Bank
Montfort, Wis.
4/11/68

STANLEY L. PATCH, Asst.
Cashier & Manager
Boscobel State Bank,
Miscoda, Wis.
4/11/68

CECIL PATCH, Manager
Peoples State Bank
Patch Grove, Wis.
4/11/68

WARD HALLORAN, Cashier
Benton State Bank
Benton, Wis.
4/11/68

ERNEST RUF, Vice President
Darlington First National
Bank,
Darlington, Wis.
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L. H. WILSON, Vice Pres.
Citizens National Bank
Darlington, Wis.
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WALTER K. TETRICK, Asst.
Cashier & Manager
Boscobel State Bank
Woodman, Wisconsin
4/11/68

D. D. PEHL, Cashier
Gratiot State Bank
Gratiot, Wis.
4/11/68

GEORGE W. BURNS, Asst. Cashier
Farmers & Merchants Bank
Shullsburg, Wis.
4/11/68

G. E. HEITZMAN, Asst. Cashier
Bank of Albany
Albany, Wis.
4/11/68

ROBERT F. NEWMAN, Vice Pres.
The Bank of Juda
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The following individuals advised that a review of the records of their respective agencies did not disclose any information identifiable with the name ERIC STARVO GALT or HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWNYER or variations of the spelling LOWMEYER. This information was obtained from the following individuals on April 11, 1968:

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Undersheriff PERCY SITCH
Grant County Sheriff's Dept.,
Lancaster, Wis.

Chief of Police
HANS MICKELSEN
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Monroe, Wis.
Sheriff ROY VETTERLI

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Credit Bureau of Monroe and Green
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Chief CLAY MELLOR

Chief of Police
JOHN BELL
Lodi Police Department

Chief of Police
ALFRED WALTERS,
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Chief of Police
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Sauk County Sheriff's Dept.,
Baraboo, Wis.
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Wis., Police Department, the register of deeds
for Sauk County, Wisconsin, the Credit Bureau of
Baraboo, Wis., and the Hunting and Fishing License
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County and the Darlington, Wis., PD records to
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Portage, Wisconsin (Captain HAMELE also caused the
records of the Clerk of Courts for Columbia
County, the " Finance Company Records of Portage,
Wis., the First Credit Corporation of Portage and

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the Federal Land Bank records of the City of
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FBI Alert in Florida Still Names Eric Galt

Tallahassee, Fla. —UPI— The search for the slayer of the Rev. Martin Luther King, jr., took another mysterious twist Tuesday when the FBI issued a pickup order for prime suspect Eric Starvo Galt and asked that it be transmitted to all law enforcement agencies in Florida.

The order said Galt was wanted for "civil rights conspiracy" and had used the aliases of Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard.

It made no mention of James Earl Ray, the 40 year old escapee from the Missouri state prison. FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has said fingerprints have proved Ray was the same person as Galt. "Ray and Galt are identical," Hoover said last week.

The FBI in Miami refused comment. Earlier Monday, the FBI in Washington clamped a

lid on any public progress report in the manhunt. The policy was expected to prevail until a suspect was captured or some dramatic new development occurred.

The Florida alert was the state's second in 12 days for Galt. On Apr. 11, the day a white Mustang car registered to Galt was found abandoned in Atlanta, the FBI issued a "locate and observe" order for Galt in Florida. About five hours later, it was canceled and the FBI indicated later that the order was a mistake.

A Miami police official was skeptical of the current alert's failure to mention Ray's name.

"Maybe in about another week the correction will catch up with the message," he said.

In Los Angeles, the FBI was reported trying to find a blond woman who was dating Ray before he disappeared from southern California.

The FBI office declined to comment on the report.

However, the woman was known to have been with Ray in a Hollywood bar one evening during the second week in March — one of the last times Ray was seen in the area before King's assassination.

FBI agents have been making inquiries about her in Los Angeles, giving rise to conjecture she might have traveled with Ray when he left.

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King Suspect 'Eyed Bounty'

From Sentinel Wire Services

Dalton, Ga. - A prison buddy of James Earl Ray said Tuesday that when Ray heard there was a "million-dollar bounty" on the Rev. Martin Luther King, jr., he smiled and said, "I'll collect it."

Ray, a 40 year old fugitive from the Missouri state prison, is accused by the federal bureau of investigation of assassinating King in Memphis on Apr. 4.

In the Dalton jail, Raymond Curtis, 40, awaiting appeal on a murder sentence, said he had known Ray in the Kansas city jail, in federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., and in the state prison at Jefferson City, Mo.

He described Ray as "likable," addicted to "dope," a "loner" and a man concerned only with money.

On the day President Ken-

edy was assassinated - Nov. 23, 1963 - Curtis said he, Ray and about 150 other prisoners were in an exercise yard when they heard the news.

He said Ray remarked, "Well, somebody made a pretty penny on that."

About a week later, Curtis said, he and Ray were in the yard when "a new man just in off the street" told them, "The businessmen's association has a million-dollar bounty out for Martin Luther King."

Ray smiled, Curtis said, and said, "If there's a million dollars out for King, I believe if I ever get out I'll collect it."

Curtis said he never figured out what the "new-man" meant by the "businessmen's association." He said he couldn't remember who the man was.

Authorities in Jefferson City



Raymond
Curtis

confirmed that Curtis and Ray were in prison at the same time. Authorities in Dalton said the FBI had interviewed Curtis on Sunday and again Monday night. It refused comment on the matter.

Meanwhile, the Los Angeles Times reported Tuesday that the FBI was seeking a woman in connection with the hunt for Ray. The FBI refused to comment.

The Times said it learned that the bureau was looking for a blond, blue eyed woman, about 27, who was reportedly seen with Ray in the Los Angeles area this year. She disappeared about the same time Ray did, the paper said it had found.

The two were reportedly seen together in a cocktail lounge in mid-March in the Hollywood hotel where Ray lived.

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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 ⁸⁸⁻¹⁷⁰⁰ #D90696 ⁸⁸⁻²⁴⁶⁹	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 in transfer from Joliet	robbery	1 to 2 years March 12, 1954

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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 #81071	October 10, 1959	suspicion of robbery	

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