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sold to one HARVEY LOWMEYER on 3/30/68 by Aeromarine Supply Co., Birmingham, Alabama.

Investigation at Memphis disclosed that an individual had purchased a set of binoculars at the York Arms Company in Memphis on 4/4/68. These binoculars were among the material abandoned with the rifle and recovered in Memphis. Also recovered was a brown and green herringbone bedspread. The items abandoned in Memphis were all wrapped in this bedspread. The blue bag which was inside the bedspread contained numerous items, among which were the binoculars and a set of underwear consisting of a T-shirt and shorts. The T-shirt and shorts are those on which appears the laundry mark which has been a matter of interest in this case.

A search of motel records in the Memphis area disclosed that an individual using the name ERIC S. GALT had spent the night of 4/3/68 at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, and was driving a 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama License 1-38993. Investigation at Birmingham disclosed that this automobile had been purchased by ERIC S. GALT on August 30, 1968, from a private person in response to a newspaper ad. He paid a total of \$1995 cash. While in Birmingham he furnished the address of 2608 South Highland Avenue, Birmingham. This is also the address which appeared on a driver's license issued to him by the State of Alabama. The driver's license identifying data listed his birth date as July 20, 1931, his height as 5'11", his weight as 170 and his eyes blue and hair brown.

The automobile in question, the white Mustang bearing the Alabama tags mentioned above, was recovered in Atlanta on 4/11/68 and determined to have been abandoned there prior to 9 a.m. on 4/5/68.

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In connection with the evidence submitted by Atlanta, Birmingham, and Memphis, identifiable latent prints were recovered. It was on the basis of these latents that identification was made of JAMES EARL RAY. In handling future leads, all offices should be particularly interested in securing an identifying number, military, police, or FBI, in connection with suspects so that the necessary check can be made through the Identification Division.

On 4/17/68, AUSA R. MACEY TAYLOR, Birmingham, authorized the filing of a complaint charging ERIC STARVO GALT with a conspiracy to violate Section 241, Title 18, U. S. Code, and

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recommended bond in the amount \$50,000. On that same date, SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE filed a complaint before USC MILDRED F. SPRAGUE, Birmingham, and warrant was issued that same date.

For further information re JAMES EARL RAY, all offices are directed to press release furnished them by the Bureau on 4/19/68.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed to the Bureau are six copies and to each office one copy of the following photographs:

JAMES EARL RAY, Missouri Department of
Correction #00416, dated 3/17/60 and
9/8/66

WALTER TERRY RIFE, Kansas City SO #29636
FBI #4558766

Stand up photographs of RAY on the left, Kansas City SO
#29637 and RIFE, Kansas City SO 29236, taken 3/28/55.

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TO DIRECTOR /MAIL/ AND MIAMI /44-1854/
FROM JACKSONVILLE /44-769/ 3P

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RE CHARLOTTE TEL TO JACKSONVILLE APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST.

RE TELETYPE READS AS FOLLOWS:

TODAY, N. C. HIGHWAY PATROL TROOPER HARRY L. WILLIAMS, CATAWBA COUNTY, N. C., SEVENTEEN YEARS EXPERIENCE, ADVISED AFTER VIEWING PHOTOGRAPH OF ERIC STARVO GALT WHICH APPEARED IN TODAY'S PAPER, THAT HE RECALLED ON NIGHT OF APRIL NINE LAST, NCHP WAS CONDUCTING ROAD CHECK AT NEWTON, N. C. BETWEEN NINE AND NINE THIRTY PM WHITE MALE DRIVING FIFTYFIVE OR FIFTYSIX DODGE, FOUR DOOR, THREE TONE, WAS STOPPED AT ROAD CHECK. CAR HAD OFF WHITE TOP, DARK GREEN ON SIDES, HOOD AND TRUNK AND OFF WHITE BOTTOM. CAR HAD SIXTYEIGHT FLA. LICENSE WITH PREFIX ONE ZERO W DASH, FOLLOWED BY FOUR OR FIVE DIGITS NOT RECALLED. DRIVER WAS IN CAR ALONE AND CAR WAS HEAVILY LOADED WITH LUGGAGE, POSSIBLY FIVE OR SIX SUITCASES.

DRIVER PRODUCED A VALID FLA. DRIVERS LICENSE. DOES NOT RECALL
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NAME ON LICENSE, BUT SAID IT WAS UNCOMMON NAME IN THIS AREA AND WAS A VERY SHORT NAME WITH ABOUT FOUR LETTERS. LICENSE REVEALED THE DRIVER WAS EMPLOYED AS AN AIRPLANE PILOT, AND HE ASKED DRIVER WHAT AIRLINE HE FLEW FOR AND DRIVER NAMED AN AIRLINE, NOT WELL KNOWN, WHICH WILLIAMS CANNOT RECALL. AIRLINE HAD TWO NAMES.

ON SEAT NEXT TO DRIVER WAS A FOLDED MAP OF SEVERAL SOUTHEASTERN STATES, WHICH WAS NEATLY MARKED SHOWING A ROUTE FROM SOMEWHERE IN DEEP CENTRAL GA. TO WYTHEVILLE, VA., AND WILLIAMS ASKED DRIVER WHERE HE WAS GOING AND DRIVER STATED HE WAS GOING TO WYTHEVILLE TO VISIT FRIENDS AND WAS THEN GOING TO CHARLESTON OR BLUEFIELD, W. VA., TO VISIT FRIENDS AND OR RELATIVES. HE DID NOT MENTION ANYONE BY NAME. HE INSTRUCTED DRIVER AS TO HOW TO GET ON HIGHWAY SEVENTEEN, NORTH.

WILLIAMS STATED, AFTER LOOKING AT PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT, HE IS CERTAIN THAT GALT WAS THE DRIVER OF THIS CAR. HE SAID THERE IS NOT DOUBT IN HIS MIND THAT THIS WAS GALT. HE STATED THE DRIVER'S CHEEKS WERE NOT AS FULL AS IN THE PHOTOGRAPH. HE HAD SHARP FEATURES AND HIS FACE WAS NARROWER AND LONGER THAN IN THE PHOTOGRAPH. HE HAD A LONG, NARROW, POINTED NOSE AND LARGE EARS. FACE WAS LESS FLESHY THAN PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT. HE DESCRIBED DRIVER AS AGE ABOUT THIRTY, NOT LARGE FRAME, BROWN HAIR, NOT DARK, WHICH WAS SHORT, RECEDING AND MUCH SHORTER THAN IN PHOTOGRAPH AND BRUSHED STRAIGHT BACK. DID NOT VOLUNTEER INFORMATION BUT ANSWERED QUESTIONS. GAVE IMPRESSION OF BEING PRECISE AND IMMACULATE. WAS WELL

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GROOMED AND NEAT.

TROOPER MARVIN WRIGHT, NCHP, WAS PRESENT AT THE ROAD CHECK AND DESCRIBED THE CAR AS FADED GREEN. HE DID NOT TALK WITH DRIVER, BUT RECALLED TROOPER WILLIAMS MENTIONING THE CAR HAD FLA. LICENSE BEGINNING WITH ONE ZERO W AND DRIVER HAD AN EXTREMELY SHORT NAME.

MIAMI REQUESTED TO CHECK REGISTRATION RECORDS FOR FIFTYFIVE OR FIFTYSIX DODGE BEARING LICENSE WITH PREFIX TEN W DASH, AT BROWARD COUNTY RATHER THAN JACKSONVILLE AT MVB TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATION OF WORK, LENGTHY COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING REGISTERED OWNERS, AND MORE ACCURACY NOTING COUNTY RECORDS ARE CURRENT WHEREAS MVB RECORDS ARE AS FAR AS TWO MONTHS BEHIND.

CHARLOTTE AND MEMPHIS ADVISED AM.

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☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) , ATLANTA (44-2386), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
MEMPHIS (44-1987), NEWARK, NEW YORK
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

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RE ERIC STARVO GALT. FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS OF EASTERN AIRLINES
(EAL) FOREIGN BOUND FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, APRIL FIVE
DASH SIX, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST.

FOLLOWING INFORMATION DEVELOPED EAL, MIAMI, APRIL ^{NINETEEN} EIGHTEEN
LAST RE FOREIGN BOUND EAL FLIGHTS NAMED IN RETEL.

FLIGHTS ON APRIL FIVE, SIXTY EIGHT. - FLIGHT ONE NAUGHT
SIX ORIGINATED HOUSTON TO ATLANTA TO JFK TO MONTREAL; FLIGHT
THREE TWENTY ORIGINATED ATLANTA TO PITTSBURGH TO BUFFALO TO
TORONTO; FLIGHT THREE TWO EIGHT ORIGINATED MIAMI TO ATLANTA TO
PITTSBURGH TO BUFFALO TO TORONTO; FLIGHT NINE FIVE FIVE ORIGINATED
ST. LOUIS TO ATLANTA TO MIAMI TO SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO. ON
APRIL SIX, SIXTY EIGHT, FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE ORIGINATED NEW YORK
TO ATLANTA TO NEW ORLEANS TO MEXICO CITY.

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INFORMATION DEVELOPED THAT FOLLOWING FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS ARE ASSIGNED TO FOLLOWING EAL BASES, AND LEADS ARE SET FORTH BY CREW MEMBER'S TITLE, ADDRESS AND FLIGHT FLOWN ON APRIL FIVE OR APRIL SIX, SIXTY EIGHT.

ATLANTA, NEWARK AND NEW YORK ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT LOCAL EAL OFFICE TO DETERMINE PLACE WHERE LISTED PERSONNEL CAN BE CONTACTED AND SET FORTH LEAD IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS IN RETEL TO EXHIBIT PHOTO OF SUBJECT TO THESE PERSONNEL. MIAMI CONTACTING EAL PERSONNEL ASSIGNED MIAMI AREA.

ATLANTA

CAPTAINS AND PILOTS

W. H. PATE, THREE FIVE FOUR FIVE SPRINGSIDE DRIVE, DECATUR, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY; T. H. WALTERS, TWO SIX THREE SEVEN HEDLAND DRIVE, EAST POINT, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWO EIGHT; F. H. ALLEY, FOUR ONE THREE FIVE WELCOME ALL TERRACE, COLLEGE PARK, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWO EIGHT; R. G. DISTEL, ONE EIGHT FOUR ZERO SULLIVAN ROAD, APT. J TWO, COLLEGE PARK, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY;

FLIGHT ATTENDANTS

JOCELYN LOUISE BREAKWELL, ONE EIGHT FOUR ZERO SULLIVAN

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ROAD, APT. N - NINE, COLLEGE PARK, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWO EIGHT;
MARY BONITA COULTER, THREE TWO FOUR FOUR N. FULTON AVENUE, APT.
D-THREE, HAPEVILLE, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY; RENDER EUTIS
HARRIS, ONE TWO THREE NINE HERNDON STREET, GRIFFIN, GEORGIA, FLIGHT
THREE TWO EIGHT; JILL HENSLEY, ONE ONE NINE FIVE WOODLAND AVE.,
APT. C-THREE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY; CORINTHIA
LEONORA HICKS, SIX THREE FIVE FAIR ST., UNIVERSITY PLAZA, APT.
THREE TEN, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWO EIGHT; DIANNE
ELIZABETH ROSSITER, TWO SEVEN EIGHT EIGHT DE FOOTE FERRY ROAD,
APT. TWENTY ONE DASH FOUR, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY
NEWARK

CAPTAINS AND PILOTS

T. R. CRANE, FOURTEEN AVALON LANE, MATOWAN, NEW JERSEY,
FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX; R. A. HOVCHIN, FORTY ONE WOODLAWN ROAD,
SPARTA, NEW JERSEY, FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE; C. E. STOW, THREE NINE
NINE MILLSIDE MANOR, DELRAN, NEW JERSEY, FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE

FLIGHT ATTENDANTS

RUTH LEHR CHASE, SEVENTEEN MAPLE LANE, RAINBOW LAKE, DANNVILLE N.J.
FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE; C. ZABORONEK, FORTY FOUR WOODBRIDGE AVENUE,
HIGHLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY, FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE; CYNTHIA LOUISE

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BRONSON, EIGHTY THREE DASH NINETY SIX ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH STREET, APT. TWO D, KEW GARDEN, NEW YORK, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX;
CORRINE CONNOR, THREE ZERO FIVE EAST FORTIETH STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE; JOAN EVELYN HUEZDA, FIVE HUNDRED EAST SEVENTY SEVENTH STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE; LUELLEN LOREHN, FOUR THREE FIVE EAST SEVENTY NINTH STREET, APT. TWELVE C, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX; CAROL ANN SCOTT, TWO SIX TWO SIX HOMECREST AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE; DIANE SARAH TREMBLY, TWO TWO ZERO EAST FORTY FIFTH STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX

NEW YORK

PILOTS

E. L. FOSS, JR., P. O. BOX ONE ONE EIGHT, BRIDGEWATER, CONNECTICUT, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX; E. D. HARTMAN, ELVEN WOOLEY LANE, APT. THREE J, GREAT NECK, NEW YORK, FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE; D. W. GROSMAN, FIFTY THREE SUMMITT ROAD, OAK RIDGE, NEW JERSEY, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX.

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AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM MIAMI (44-1854)(P)

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RE ERIC STARVO GALT

FOREIGN BOUND AIRLINE PASSENGERS FROM ATLANTA, GA.,
APRIL FIVE AND SIX LAST.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST.

THE FOLLOWING INFO DEVELOPED EASTERN AIRLINES
(EAL), MIAMI, APRIL NINETEEN ^{INSTANT} ~~LAST~~, RE FOREIGN BOUND PASSENGERS
ABOARD FLIGHTS NAMED RE TELETYPE. WHERE SPECIFIC INFO
NOT SHOWN TICKET WAS NOT LEGIBLE. EAL DOES NOT PRINT OUT
PASSENGERS NAMES, THEREFORE INFO OBTAINED FROM TICKETS. EAL
ADVISED RESERVATION INFO, POSSIBLE SOURCE OF ADDRESSES,
RETAINED NINETY DAYS AT ORIGIN STATION, BY DATE, FLIGHT NO.
AND NAME.

copy FLIGHT NO. ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL FIVE LAST, HOUSTON TO
ATLANTA TO NEW YORK TO MONTREAL. FOREIGN PASSENGERS:

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MR. AND MRS. M. BRUNET, TICKET ISSUED MARCH TWENTYEIGHT
LAST BY E. A. MEYER, NO. TWO ZERO TWO, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.,
FLIGHT POINT OF ORIGIN, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

MR. L. P. CARPENTIER, ISSUED MARCH ELEVEN, POINT OF
ORIGIN MONTREAL, MARCH SIXTEEN LAST.

MR. M. CORRIVEAY, ISSUED MARCH EIGHTEEN LAST, BY EAL
FIELD TICKET OFFICE (FTO), NO. SIX, MONTREAL, FLIGHT ORIGIN
MONTREAL, MARCH EIGHTEEN LAST.

FLIGHT THREE TWO ZERO, APRIL FIVE LAST, ATLANTA TO
PITTSBURGH TO BUFFALO TO TORONTO. PASSENGERS:

CAPT. AND MRS. S. JAYNES, ISSUED MARCH TWENTYEIGHT,
LAST, BY EAL, CITIZENS AND SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK, BROAD
AND MARIETTA, ATLANTA, FLIGHT ORIGIN ATLANTA.

REV. C. C. BOVER, ISSUED MARCH TWENTYSIX LAST, BY EAL
MAIL TWO, ATLANTA, PAID BY NON REF. CCCS ONE FOUR SEVEN FOUR
SEVEN EIGHT ZERO FOUR FIVE, FLIGHT ORIGIN ATLANTA.

MR. A. MEATS, ISSUED MARCH ONE BY EAL-FTO NO. FIVE,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., PAID BY INVOICE ZERO ZERO SEVEN THREE ONE
ONE THREE SIX TWO TWO NINE FOUR - TWO NINE FIVE, ORIGIN

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TALLAHASSEE, FLIGHT TWO FIVE SEVEN, APRIL FIVE LAST.

MR. AND MRS. J. COLE, ISSUED DEC. TWENTYNINE SIXTYSEVEN,
BY EAL MAIL NO. EIGHT, NEW YORK, PAID BY SMT NINE FIVE TWO SIX
ONE FIVE, ORIGIN TORONTO, FLIGHT THREE TWO ONE, JAN. FIVE LAST.

FLIGHT THREE TWO EIGHT, APRIL FIVE LAST, MIAMI TO ATLANTA
TO PITTSBURGH TO BUFFALO TO TORONTO. PASSENGERS:

MR. C. BUCHER, ISSUED MARCH TWENTYFIVE LAST, TORONTO,
PAID BY AXZERO THREE ZERO - ZERO ONE ONE - FOUR FOUR EIGHT -
FIVE, CARD EIGHT ZERO ZERO, ORIGIN TORONTO, FLIGHT SEVEN FOUR
ZERO, MARCH THIRTY LAST.

MR. J. D. CORCORAN, SAME INFO AS BUCHER TICKET.

MR. C. A. MCLAYRIN, ISSUED MARCH TWENTYONE, TORONTO,
PAID BY AGENT INVOICE THREE SEVEN EIGHT FOUR, ORIGIN TORONTO,
FLIGHT THREE TWO SEVEN, APRIL TWO LAST.

MR. W. LANGDON, ISSUED MARCH TWENTYONE LAST, BURLINGTON
TRAVEL SERVICE, BURLINGTON, CANADA, PAID BY CHECK, ORIGIN
TORONTO, FLIGHT THREE TWO ONE, MARCH TWENTYONE LAST.

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MR. A. ROYLE, ISSUED MARCH TWENTYNINE LAST AT EAL - FTO NO. ONE, TORONTO, PAID BY ACQ FOUR NINE SEVEN EIGHT - WAC, HURON CHEMICALS LTD., ORIGIN MERIDIAN, MISS., SO ONE EIGHT FIVE, APRIL FIVE LAST.

MR. W. J. HUMPHRIES, ISSUED MARCH EIGHTEEN LAST, BY P. LAWSON TRAVEL, LTD., TORONTO, PAID BY CHECK, ORIGIN TORONTO, FLIGHT THREE TWO SEVEN, APRIL TWO LAST.

FLIGHT NINE FIVE FIVE, APRIL FIVE LAST, ST. LOUIS TO ATLANTA TO MIAMI TO SAN JUAN. PASSENGERS:

ORLANDO GONZALES, ISSUED APRIL FIVE LAST AT EAL - FTO NO. SEVENTY, ATLANTA, PAID BY EAQ ONE FIVE ONE ZERO ONE TWO WEA TWO THREE SEVEN TWO NINE SEVEN, P. R. AQUEDUCT AND SEWER, ORLANDO GONZALEZ, P. O. BOX SEVEN ZERO SIX SIX, SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, ORIGIN ATLANTA.

MR. MALDONADO, SAME INFO AS ORLANDO GONZALES TICKET.

MR. T. WHISBY, ISSUED APRIL FIVE LAST, BY EAL - FTO NO. THIRTYEIGHT, ATLANTA, PAID BY CASH, ORIGIN ATLANTA.

FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE, APRIL SIX LAST, NEW YORK TO ATLANTA TO NEW ORLEANS TO MEXICO CITY. PASSENGERS:

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MR. RENE ROJAS ISSUED MARCH TWENTYTHREE LAST BY
EAL - FTO NO. EIGHTYTWO, ATLANTA, PAID BY CASH, ORIGIN
GREENSBORO, FLIGHT SIX TWO NINE, APRIL SIX LAST.

E. CARNEY ISSUED APRIL THREE LAST BY EAL - FTO NO.
EIGHTYTWO, ATLANTA, PAID BY CHECK, ORIGIN ATLANTA, FLIGHT
NINE ONE FIVE, APRIL SIX LAST, FINAL DESTINATION ACAPULCO,
APRIL SIX LAST.

E. J. CARNEY, SAME INFO ~~HAS~~ E. CARNEY TICKET.

HECTOR MARISCAL, ISSUED APRIL TWO LAST, MEXICO, PAID
BY CASH, ORIGIN MEXICO CITY, EAL FLIGHT NINE ZERO FOUR/
TWO ZERO SIX, APRIL TWO LAST.

MR. P. RAGSDALE, ISSUED APRIL THREE LAST AT AGUSTA,
BY SOUTHERN TRAVEL AGENCY, INC., AGUSTA, GA., POINT OF ORIGIN
ATLANTA, FINAL DESTINATION ACAPULCO, APRIL SIX LAST, RETURN
ATLANTA APRIL THIRTEEN LAST, TOUR CODE IT - AX - EIGHT FOUR -
ZERO SIX.

Mr. D. ANDRICH, MR. H. SMITH, MR. P. GOSS, AED THREE
SAME AS RAGSDALE TICKET.

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MR. S. LOPEZ (OR MRS. LOPEZ), ISSUED APRIL THREE LAST AT BALTIMORE, PAID BY GTR , NUMBER ILLEGIBLE, ORIGIN FLIGHT SIX SEVEN SEVEN, ON APRIL THREE LAST, ALMOST ENTIRE TICKET ILLEGIBLE, MEXICO CITY FINAL DESTINATION.

THE FOLLOWING INFO RE "OFF LINE" TICKETS PER EAL COMPUTER PRINT OUT FOR FOREIGN BOUND PASSENGERS, WHO BOARDED INSTANT FLIGHTS AT ATLANTA, ON WHICH ONLY TICKET NUMBERS AND AIRLINES ARE AVAILABLE:

FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE, APRIL SIX LAST:

CENTRAL AFRICAN AIRWAYS, TICKET NO. ZERO SIX THREE - FOUR ZERO ONE - ONE TWO FOUR EIGHT THREE THREE and ONE TWO FOUR EIGHT TWO EIGHT.

ALITALIA - LINEE AEREE ITALIANE TICKET NO. ZERO FIVE FIVE - FOUR SEVEN SEVEN - FOUR ONE TWO FIVE THREE SEVEN.

FLIGHT THREE TWO ZERO, APRIL FIVE LAST:

UNITED AIRLINES TICKET ZERO ONE SIX - TWO ONE THREE - TWO SEVEN EIGHT THREE THREE NINE.

FLIGHT THREE TWO EIGHT, APRIL FIVE LAST:

AIR CANADA TICKET NO. ZERO ONE FOUR - THREE NINE ZERO -

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FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)

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RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL EIGHTEEN, LAST,
AND MIAMI TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL EIGHTEEN, LAST.

RE INVESTIGATION CONTINENTAL DANCE STUDIOS.

BERNARD REIN, IMPERIAL IMPORTS, MIAMI, FLA., EMPLOYER
OF VINCENT CUTOLO, ADVISED THAT CUTOLO AND HIS WIFE,
JACQUELINE CUTOLO, CURRENTLY STAYING AT TWO ZERO ZERO
CRUTCHFIELD AVE., NASHVILLE, TENN., TELEPHONE TWO FIVE SIX DASH
TWO THREE FOUR EIGHT.

MEMPHIS AT NASHVILLE, TENN., WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AS
SET FORTH IN REFERENCED KNOXVILLE AND MIAMI TELETYPES.

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FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: ME)

Key West
FT. Pierce
West Palm
Fl. Land
Homestead
Naples

Re Albany airtels 4/10/68 and 4/11/68, setting forth concerns who purchased Thermo-Seal marking machines, and Bureau teletype to Memphis, 4/12/68.

The FBI Laboratory advised that pillowcase and bed sheet were found in trunk of 1966 white Mustang registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, which was located at Atlanta 4/11/68. These items contain Thermo-Seal laundry tapes of approximately same size as tapes on items previously recovered, but are yellow in color and contain code, "20R-3." In opinion of Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York, the tapes were produced by a different machine than previous tapes since the first three characters are 15 point type and the last two characters are 18 point type.

The Textile Marking Machine Company suggests the twenty in above code would be the lot number, the R may mean that this was a return of a batch of laundry, and the three is the bundle number.

LEADSALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

Will recontact laundries determined to be operating Thermo-Seal Marking Machines in an effort to locate laundry using the code, "20R-3."

2 - All Continental Offices *mm*
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TO: SAC, ALBANY
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

ReButel to ME 4/17/68.

For information of all offices, the Bureau by retel requested of the Memphis Division as follows:

"Please furnish following information on above matter compiled or estimated through 4/30/68, and thereafter submit cumulative 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 Bucars used on case. Include mileage for cars traveling to and from other field offices on special assignment and any personally-owned cars.
- 3) Any unusual or out-of-ordinary costs, such as cost of chartering airplane, rental of special office space, leased telephone lines, etc. These should be itemized and cost of each item shown.

① - Each Office *mm*
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Approved: *R.G. Jensen*
Special Agent in Charge

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- 4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case during month for which report is submitted.

You should promptly request all Bureau offices involved in this case to furnish information requested herein to you and it should be included in your report."

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

1042PM IMMEDIATE 4-19-68 LLD

TO ALL SACSEXCEPT KANSAS CITY, ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN
MESSAGE RELAY PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR 5P

MURKIN. 00: MEMPHIS.

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA. EARL JAMES RAY, W. C. HERRON, EARL JAMES,
JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES O'CONNER, JAMES WALTON, JAMES WALYON, JIM
- FUGITIVE; UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST, BUFILE 88-41730. 00: KANSAS
CITY, KC FILE 88-9449; DETERMINED TODAY BY BUREAU TO BE IDENTICAL
WITH ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM FEDERAL COMPLAINT FILED APRIL
SEVENTEEN LAST IN CONNECTION WITH FATAL SHOOTING OF DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR.

JAMES EARL RAY, INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON
CITY, MO., ESCAPED PEN APRIL TWO THREE, SIXTY-SEVEN. INVESTIGATION
INDICATED RAY CONCEALED HIMSELF IN A BREAD BOX AND ESCAPED FROM
TRUCK MAKING DELIVERY TO AN AUXILIARY FARM. RAY WAS SERVING TWENTY
YEARS ON CHARGE OF ARMED ROBBERY - FIRST DEGREE AND FOR OPERATING A
VEHICLE WITHOUT OWNER'S CONSENT. ON JULY TWENTY, SIXTY-SEVEN,
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FEDERAL COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY AUSA WILLIAM A. KITCHEN, WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY, MO., FILED BEFORE USC, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., CHARGING RAY WITH VIOLATION TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION ONE ZERO SEVEN THREE, USC. WARRANT ISSUED. C
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INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS, AND KANSAS CITY OFFICES IN UNPRODUCTIVE EFFORT TO LOCATE THIS FUGITIVE. KANSAS CITY IS INSTITUTING A FULL AND COMPLETE REINVESTIGATION IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND DATA, RELATIVES, AND ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT, WHO MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO ASSIST IN HIS LOCATION.

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IN THIS CONNECTION, JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ON MARCH SEVEN, FIFTY-FIVE, BURGLARIZED THE U. S. POST OFFICE AT KELLERVILLE, ILL., AND STOLE SIXTY-SIX BLANK U. S. POSTAL MONEY ORDERS WHICH THEY PASSED DURING MARCH, FIFTY-FIVE, IN NUMEROUS STATES, WITH THE RESULT THAT BOTH WERE SENTENCED IN U.S.D.C., KANSAS CITY, MO., ON JULY ONE, FIFTY-FIVE, TO USP, LEAVENWORTH.
END PAGE TWO

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KANSAS. SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A LONER AND RIFE APPARENTLY IS ONE OF HIS FEW CLOSE ASSOCIATES, SUGGESTING POSSIBILITY THEY COULD HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATES IN MURDER OF DR. KING, AND INVESTIGATION ALSO INSTITUTED IN KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO SPRINGFIELD MARCH ELEVEN LAST TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFO RE RIFE AND TO LOCATE HIM FOR INTERVIEW. THIS INVESTIGATION SHOULD ALSO BE RECOVERED AND EXPEDITED TODAY, IT BEING NOTED RIFE AND RAY HAVE BACKGROUND HISTORY IN THE QUINCY, ILL., AREA.

PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ARE BEING FORWARDED AMSD TO BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES.

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FOLLOWING IS DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY AS FURNISHED BY FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION UNDER FBI NO. THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE A: WHITE MALE, DOB MARCH TEN, TWENTY-EIGHT OR TWENTY-NINE, AT DECATUR, QUINCY OR ALTON, ILL.; APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET TEN; ONE SEVEN FOUR LBS., IN SEPTEMBER SIXTY-SIX; RUDDY COMPLEXION; BLUE EYES; BROWN HAIR; MEDIUM BUILD; OCCUPATIONS LABORER AND BAKER; SCARS AND MARKS--SMALL SCAR ON CENTER OF FOREHEAD AND SCAR IN PALM OF RIGHT HAND. ADDRESSES--ST. LOUIS, MO., MARCH SIXTY, TWO ZERO ONE FIVE PARK, ST. LOUIS, MO., OCTOBER FIFTY-NINE; QUINCY, ILL., JULY FIFTY-FIVE, MARCH FIFTY-FIVE, AND APRIL FIFTY; HOTEL QUINCY, QUINCY, END PAGE THREE

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~~ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE; VICTOR HOTEL, QUINCY, ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE;~~
~~EIGHT FIVE THREE WEST FULLERTON, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY FIFTY-TWO; EIGHT~~
~~ZERO FIVE ALBY STREET, ALTON, ILL., JULY FIFTY-ONE. FPC--SIXTEEN,~~
~~M OVER M, NINE OVER FOUR, U OVER W, 000 OVER IOI, TWELVE, REF NINE~~
~~OVER TWELVE. NCIC FPC--ONE SIX ONE THREE ONE ONE ZERO ZERO ONE TWO~~
~~ONE TWO I I ONE TWO I I ONE SEVEN. MILITARY RECORD--JAMES EARL RAY,~~
SN ONE SIX ONE SIX THREE ONE TWO NINE, ENLISTED U. S. ARMY FEBRUARY
FORTY-SIX, AT EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL., AND SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY UNTIL
DECEMBER TWENTY-THREE, FORTY-EIGHT, AT WHICH TIME GIVEN GENERAL
DISCHARGE AS PRIVATE FIRST CLASS AT CAMP KILMER, N. J., BY REASON
OF INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. RECORDS
ALSO INDICATE HE RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR GONORRHEA AND SYPHILIS WHILE
A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY.

FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI NO.
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FOUR FIVE FIVE EIGHT SEVEN SIX SIX, AS OBTAINED FROM FILES OF USP,
LEAVENWORTH: WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY-FOUR, DOB APRIL NINETEEN,
TWENTY-FOUR, FIVE FEET NINE AND ONE HALF, ONE SIX ONE LBS., BROWN
HAIR, EYES BLUE GRAY.

KANSAS CITY IS SETTING OUT ALL PERTINENT LEADS TODAY BY
TELETYPE AND TELEPHONE FOLLOWED UP BY TELETYPE CONFIRMATION.
ALL LEADS MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS WITH BUREAU,
KANSAS CITY, AND MEMPHIS BEING KEPT ADVISED BY APPROPRIATE
COMMUNICATION OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

SUGGEST BUREAU MAKE IMMEDIATE COMPARISON OF ANY LATENT
FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED DURING KING INVESTIGATION WITH THOSE
OF WALTER TERRY RIFE TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN.
LEGAT MEXICO CITY AND OTTAWA ADVISED.

SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH DEADLY
WEAPON, HAS BEEN CONFINED IN STATE HOSPITAL, FULTON, MO., IN
SIXTY-SIX, AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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URGENT 4/20/68 CLD

TO DIRECTOR AND MIAMI 844-1854)
FROM NEWARK (44-854)

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS,
NEWARK AND NEW YORK, FOUR NINETEEN LAST.

RE ERIC STARVO GALT. FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS OF EASTERN
AIRLINES (EAL) FOREIGN BOUND FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA,
APRIL FIVE DASH SIX LAST.

PAGES THREE AND FOUR RE TEL SET OUT LEAD RE FLIGHT ATTENDANT
CYNTHIA LOUISE BRONSON, EIGHTY THREE-NINETY SIX ONE HUNDRED
EIGHTEENTH ST., APT. TWO D, KEWGGRDENS NEW YORK, FPR FLIGHT
ONE ZERO SIX.

EAL, JFK AIRPORT, NYC, ADVISES BRONSON NOW IN MIAMI
AREA AND SCHEDULED TO DEPART MIAMI ON FLIGHT TWO TWO ZERO
ONE, TEN FORTY PM, FOUR TWENTY INSTANT, TO ARRIVE JFK, NYC,
ONE AM FOUR TWENTY ONE NEXT.

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PAGE THREE LISTS UNDER CAPTAINS AND PILOTS, T.R.
CRANE, FOURTEEN AVALON LANE, MATAWAN, N.J., FLIGHT ONE ZERO
SIX. SAME SOURCE ADVISES CRANE DEPARTED JFK, NYC, SEVEN TWENTY
AM, THIS DATE, ON FLIGHT TO MONTREAL, AND DEPARTED MONTREAL
AT NINE FIFTY AM, THIS DATE, RETURN JFK AND IMMEDIATELY DEPART
FOR MIAMI, FLIGHT SEVENTEEN, TO ARRIVE MIAMI AT TWO THIRTY
NINE, THIS DATE. MIAMI HANDLE BRONSON AND CRANE AND EXHIBIT
PHOTOS.

MAIL COPIES TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS AND NEW YORK.

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Date: 4/22/68

PLAIN TEXT

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SAS, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740),
MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND MOBILE

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN

RE AUTOMOBILE BEARING ALA. LICENSE THREE ONE TWO DASH NINE
ONE EIGHT EIGHT, DRIVEN BY INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING SUBJECT,
MIAMI, FLA., APRIL TWENTYONE, LAST.

SAMUEL RIVERO, WHO IS EMPLOYED AT HUDSON SERVICE STATION,
NW EIGHTYFIFTH ST., AND SEVENTH AVE., MIAMI, ADVISED THAT ON
APRIL TWENTYONE, LAST, HE OBSERVED TWO WHITE MALES, ONE
FITTING THE DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT RAY, DRIVING A FIFTYTWO
OR FIFTYTHREE BLUE DODGE AUTOMOBILE WITH ALA. LICENSE AS ABOVE.
ONE OF THE OCCUPANTS INQUIRED AS TO ROUTE TO HIGHWAY FORTYONE
BYPASSING MIAMI.

MOBILE AT MONTGOMERY, DETERMINE REGISTERED OWNER OF ABOVE
LICENSE PLATE AND SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEAD TO IDENTIFY AND/OR
ELIMINATE.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

FROM : LANE M. BONNER

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO:MEMPHIS)

DATE: 4/22/68

At 1:05 pm, 4/19/68, Det. KELLIA, Hollywood, Florida PD, telephonically advised information received that an individual resembling published descriptions of ERIC STARVO GALT has been seen in the vicinity of a firearms display located at the Hollywood Shopping Mall, Hollywood. He described this person as follows:

Race	White
Height	6'
Age	25-30
Other:	Wearing straw hat; Black boots; and white shirt; ears Right ear protudes

Above information telephonically furnished SA EUGENE MC KINNEY at 1:30 pm, 4/19/68.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

(OO: Memphis)

Re Miami teletype to Omaha dated 4/18/68, and
Omaha teletype to Miami dated 4/18/68.

RE IOWA LICENSE NUMBER 8/9-3681.

Owner of vehicle bearing above captioned license
tag located in Miami, Florida, and has been eliminated as
a suspect in this matter.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SAA HENRY E. WILSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Reference is made to Miami Teletype to Omaha and Omaha Teletype to Miami both dated April 18, 1968.

✓ On April 19, 1968, Mr. W. A. MEABE, Manager, Universal CIT, 485 N. W. 42nd Avenue, Miami, Florida, advised the writer that the 1967 Ford Mustang bearing 1967 Iowa License 8 over 9-3681 was sold on January 29, 1968 to L. E. CASKEY Motor Company, 1368 N. W. 36th Street, Miami, Florida. He has no idea as to who CASKEY might have sold this automobile.

On April 19, 1968, Mr. L. E. CASKEY was contacted at his place of business, 1362 N. W. 36th Street, Miami, Florida. CASKEY stated he sold the 1967 Ford Mustang bearing 1967 Iowa License 8 over 9-3681 on April 15, 1968, to South Miami Motors, 16540 S. Dixie Highway, Miami, Florida.

On April 19, 1968, Mr. ROBERT PLUMLEE, 7160 S. W. 21st Street, Miami, Florida, was contacted at South Miami Motors, 16540 S. Dixie Highway, Miami, Florida. PLUMLEE advised he was driving the 1967 Red Ford Mustang bearing 1967 Iowa License 8 over 9-3681 on the evening of April 17, 1968. Further that he is the son of the owner of South Miami Motors. PLUMLEE denied having been in Memphis, Tenn. except when he was a small child, about 20 years ago. Further that he had no involvement in the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

The following description of PLUMLEE was obtained by observation and interrogation:

Name	ROBERT L. PLUMLEE
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of birth	August 16, 1945
Place of birth	Suffolk, Va.
Height	6' 2"
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Brown, curly
Eyes	Light brown
Military	Florida National Guard NG 246 67 983
Peculiarities	Extremely high cheek bones

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND NEW YORK
FROM MIAMI (44-1854) 1P

MURKIN.

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, NEWARK,
AND NEW YORK, FOUR NINETEEN, LAST, AND NEWARK TEL TO BUREAU AND
MIAMI, FOUR TWENTY, INSTANT.

RE SUSPECT AND FLIGHT CREWS OF EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL) FOREIGN
BOUND FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, APRIL FIVE - SIX, LAST.

CAPT. CRANE LOCATED MIAMI THIS DATE, HOWEVER, CYNTHIA LOUISE
BRONSON NOT LOCATED IN MIAMI AND EASTER AIRLINES OFFICIALS, MIAMI,
BELIEVE BRONSON WILL BE AT HER RESIDENCE, EIGHT THREE NINE SIX, ONE
ONE EIGHT STREET, APT. TWO D, KEW GARDENS, NEW YORK, AFTER TWO AM,
FOUR TWENTYONE, NEXT.

NEW YORK EXHIBIT PHOTOS OF SUSPECT TO BRONSON.

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FBI NEW YORK

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TO MIAMI

FROM NEW YORK 44-1609 PLAINTEXT 2P

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: MEMPHIS

RE INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRST NAME UNKNOWN GALLAGHER.
THEODORE SULLIVAN, BETHPAGE, NEW YORK, ADVISED THE NEW
YORK OFFICE THAT HE AND HIS WIFE RECENTLY SPENT A WEEK AT
THE SEA RANCH HOTEL, LAUDERDALE DASH BY DASH THE DASH SEA,
FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA. WHILE THERE THEY MET FIRST NAME
UNKNOWN GALLAGHER WHO OCCUPIED ROOM NUMBER TWO ZERO SIX
AND WHO ARRIVED APRIL SIXTEEN LAST AND DEPARTED APRIL
NINETEEN LAST.

SULLIVAN STATED THERE WAS A STRIKING RESEMBLANCE
BETWEEN GALLAGHER AND A PUBLISHED PHOTOGRAPH OF ERIC
STARVO GALT.

MIAMI, AT FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, CONDUCT APPROPRIATE
INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY AND ELIMINATED FIRST NAME UNKNOWN
GALLAGHER.

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MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

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FBI MIAMI

FBI WASH DC

353PM URGENT 4/11/68 CAB

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P.

MURKIN

INVESTIGATION HAS ESTABLISHED THAT AN INDIVIDUAL USING
THE NAME ERIC STARVO GALT WAS IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON
APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, REPORTEDLY DRIVING A NINETEEN
SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG WITH ALABAMA LICENSE ONE DASH
3 8 9 9 3 THREE EIGHT NINE NINE THREE. THE BUREAU IS ANXIOUS TO
LOCATE THIS INDIVIDUAL FOR QUESTIONING IN CONNECTION WITH
THIS MATTER.

ALL OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF EXIT FROM THE COUNTRY
SHOULD INITIATE A CHECK TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT ERIC
GALT HAS DEPARTED THE COUNTRY.

ALL OFFICES ARE TO CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE POLICE
DEPARTMENTS IN YOUR TERRITORY TO INSURE THAT ALL LAW
ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ARE COVERED BY AN ALL POINTS BULLETIN
TO THE EFFECT THAT ERIC STARVO GALT IS WANTED FOR QUESTIONING
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*Sh. Stankovic Arnold
Sade co Dept of Public Safety
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BY THE FBI.

GALT IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, HEIGHT FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS, EYES BLUE, HAIR BROWN, DATE OF BIRTH JULY TWENTY, NINETEEN THIRTYONE, ACCORDING TO HIS DRIVERS LICENSE.

GALT'S CAR IS DESCRIBED AS A NINETEEN SIXTYSIX WHITE HARD-TOP MUSTANG, SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE TAG ONE-THREE EIGHT NINE NINE THREE, VIN SIX T ZERO SEVEN C ONE NINE ZERO SIX FOUR SEVEN. CAR HAD FOUR INDIVIDUAL RED PLASTIC FLOOR MATS, MUFFLER PAINTED SILVER WHEN PURCHASED BY GALT IN AUGUST SIXTYSEVEN.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD IT BE INDICATED TO ANYONE AT ANY PLACE THE NATURE OF THE CASE IN WHICH GALT IS WANTED FOR QUESTIONING BY THE FBI.
END

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/19/68

THOMAS ROOD, 1827 South U. S. #1, Vero Beach, Florida; mailing address, Post Office Box 1913, Vero Beach, Florida, was interviewed at his residence. He furnished the following information:

He is not currently employed and has not been employed since he resigned his position with the Hartford Insurance Group with whom he worked as an insurance adjustor from October, 1966, through April, 1967.

ROOD broke a rib shortly following his resignation and was "laid up" for four weeks. He then became involved in marital difficulties with his wife, RITA NOE ROOD from whom he separated in July, 1967, and who divorced him in August, 1967. Following his divorce he was unable to find a suitable position and remained unemployed until December 1, 1967, when he entered the Veterans Administration Hospital on Montrose, New York. He was treated at the hospital for his general physical run down condition and for his condition due to a nervous disorder. He was released from the hospital on January 3, 1968. He straightened up his personal affairs in New York State, including the sale of his former residence at 70 Jervin Drive, Stony Point, New York, and he came to Vero Beach, Florida, at the end of January to reside with his mother and stepfather.

He has resided with his mother and stepfather since the end of January, 1968, and has taken no trips out of Vero Beach, which have lasted more than one day.

ROOD advised that he had not been outside the State of Florida, since the end of January, 1968. He did not recall his activities on March 29 and 30, 1968, but he did recall that on April 4, 1968, he slept until

On 4/12/68 at Vero Beach, Florida File # Miami 44-1854 -198
by SAS DAVID C. CALLAN & RONALD TODD Date dictated 4/16/68

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about noon. He spent the afternoon out at either the beach or the public library, and he believed that he rented an adding machine for his mother from O'Hare's Business Machine Company in Vero Beach, Florida. He was home for dinner and stayed at his residence on the evening on April 4, 1968.

ROOD is described from observation and interview as follows:

Name:	THOMAS ROOD
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
DOB:	5/2/33
POB:	Colchester, Vermont
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	130 pounds
Hair:	Reddish brown
Eyes:	Hazel
Scars and Marks:	None
Occupation:	Insurance adjustor
Residence:	1827 South U. S. #1 Vero Beach, Florida
Former residence:	7 Jerven Drive, Stony Point, New York
Former Employment:	Hartford Insurance Group, New York, N. Y.
Relatives:	
Mother:	Mrs. MARGARET SARGENT same address
Stepfather:	Mr. MURRAY SARGENT, same address
Former wife:	RITA NOE ROOD, 183 Rice Avenue, Staten Island, New York
Daughter:	KERRY, age 8, same as above

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Daughter:	Laurie, age 5 same as above
Grandmother:	DOROTHY NOURSE, Colchester, Vermont
Brother:	GEORGE MILO ROOD, 37 Madison Avenue, New York City, New York
Arrest Record:	He admitted being arrested in 5/66 on a Driving While Intoxicated charge at West Harvestraw, New York
Military Service:	Formerly in U. S. Army, had U. S. Army SN 51302463

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA JACK L. MARSHALL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

PEARL BOST telephonically, advised on this date that she lives at Joe Smith's Trailer Park on Route 29 in Immokalee, Fla. She said that for the past week and a half, two men and a woman have lived at the trailer park in the trailer next to hers. She said one of these men resembles JAMES EARL RAY, and the other one, his brother. They have a new Plymouth with Illinois license AX 2920.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)

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FROM : SA JACK L. MARSHALL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

JIM CRAWFORD, Assistant Soda Manager, Liggett's Drug Store, 400 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach, advised that at approximately 6:30 pm, a person who strongly resembled the photos of JAMES EARL RAY in the newspapers, was in the drug store. CRAWFORD said he would hold the check in the event fingerprints are desired.

Crawford works the 3:00 pm - 11:00 pm shift.

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NO DANCING LESSONS?

Galt an Escaped Con Named Ray, FBI Says

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — The FBI said Friday that the "Eric Starvo Galt," who is sought across the nation in the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is in fact James Earl Ray, who escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary a year ago.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said a systematic search 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."

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.

The discrepancy, federal sources said, arose from an error into the investigation of the background of "Galt."

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

deliberated 20 minutes, Ray attempted to escape from the court room 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.

The FBI handed out two pictures of Ray taken in 1960. In several ways, they matched pictures of Galt taken in 1968. In both pictures, deep lines ran from the subjects' 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 individual whom he alleged to be his brother." It said the conspiracy "continued until on or about April 5, 1968, to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate Martin Luther King Jr."

King was slain on the porch of a motel in Memphis on April 4. He was shot from ambush by a man in a run-down rooming house across the street. The man escaped

in a white Mustang, later found abandoned in Atlanta.

No mention of the alleged brother was made in the new announcement. It was reported Thursday that an informer, cooperating with the FBI led to a belief that King's slayer was in California.

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

Police in Los Angeles said a wanted poster issued by Missouri authorities in the search for Ray as a prison escaper said he had two brothers, John Ray of 1918 Park Ave., St. Louis, and Jerry W. Ray of Wheeling, Ill.

Records in Madison County, Ill., said Ray was born to James and Lucy Maker in Alton, Ill.

Records of the Seafarer's International Union at Chicago

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go listed a "J. E. Ray" as a member.

Ray was identified in the FBI announcement as having used the aliases of Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmeyer, 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 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 U.S. 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.

The FBI attributed a number of characteristics to Galt which it did not mention in its announcement of Ray.

It said Galt had a nervous habit of pulling on an ear-

lobe, a taste for beer and vodka and a love for dancing.

It had identified Galt by profession as a cook on Mississippi River vessels and as a seaman. It said Ray worked as a baker, laborer and "color matcher."

No mention was made of Galt's graduation last March 2 from a Los Angeles dancing school in the announcement about Ray.

But the physical description issued under Galt's name fit Ray. Galt was described as having given his age as 36; Ray was reported as 40.

Galt was described as white, between 5 feet 8 inches

and 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighing between 160 and 170 pounds. Ray was described as white, approximately 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighing between 163 and 174 pounds with blue eyes and brown hair.

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 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 March 19, 1928, at Alton, Ill. The FBI said he claimed to have attended school through the 10th grade in Alton.

Galt was said on Wednesday to have used language and diction reflecting a "rural" quality and Hoover said his speech suggested "that he probably does not have a high degree of education."

Hoover said Ray had joined the Army in February, 1946, and was given a general discharge in December, 1948, due to ineptness and a lack of ability to adapt to military life. During his service days, he was sentenced to



ESCAPED CONVICT James Earl Ray has been identified by the FBI as the Martin Luther King assassination suspect known as Eric Starvo Galt. At left is picture of Ray taken in 1959 when he was arrested in St. Louis for robbery. Center photo shows Ray in 1966 while serving time in the Missouri State Penitentiary. At right is a 1968 photo of the man known as Galt. The eyes were drawn in on the '68 photo by an FBI artist.

three months at hard labor for being drunk and breaking arrest.

Ray was named as a federal fugitive in an FBI complaint filed on July 20, 1967, charged with illegal flight.

"Ray should be considered armed and extremely dangerous," the FBI said.

In addition to being convicted on two armed robbery charges for holding up the St. Louis supermarket, Ray was convicted of automobile theft and was sentenced to 20 years.

A mental examination in the fall of 1966 showed him to have no personality difficulties not common to confined men, Warden Swenson said.

Ray Called 'A Loner' In Prison

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — (UPI) — James Earl Ray, identified Friday by the FBI as the man sought in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was known as a "loner" to officials at the Missouri State Prison, where he escaped April 23, 1967.

Warden Harold Swenson said Ray presented no special problems as a prisoner, except for two escape attempts.

In 1966, he escaped from his cell and spent several chilly nights hiding in the prison's ventilating system before he was discovered.

His later successful escape apparently was carefully planned.

Ray was working in the food service system at the main prison, and hid in a bread truck which was leaving the walled area.

In the fall of 1966, Ray was sent to the state mental hospital at Fulton for evaluation, not commitment. The Fulton Hospital maintains maximum-security facilities for convicts in need of mental treatment, but Ray was returned to the main prison after study by psychiatrists.

Swenson said Ray displayed no personality troubles or adjustment difficulties not common to confined men.

"He just had the usual type of troubles," the warden said.

Swenson called Ray "an evasive type of person."

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

Prison records showed he was born March 19, 1928 at Alton, Ill., and that he had a long police record in several states.

At the time of his escape, the warden said, he was serving three concurrent terms, on two counts of armed robbery and one of automobile theft. Under the state's Habitual Criminal Act, the combined sentences amounted to 20 years.

Here's Ray's Long Record Of Arrests

ST. LOUIS — (AP) — This is a chronology of the arrest record of James Earl Ray, sought by the FBI in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, compiled by the St. Louis police department:

OCT. 11, 1949 — Burglary arrest and conviction in Los Angeles; served eight months in the county jail and released on probation.

APRIL 18, 1950 — Arrested for vagrancy at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. No record of conviction.

JULY 23, 1951 — Arrested in Alton, Ill., for no operators license and no city license.

MAY 6, 1952 — Arrested in Chicago and convicted of robbery a month later and sentenced to the Illinois penitentiary at Joliet for one to two years. Transferred to state prison at Pontiac, Ill., and released from there March 12, 1954.

AUG. 30, 1954 — Arrested for burglary in Edwardsville, Ill.

MARCH 23, 1955 — Arrested by Missouri highway patrolman in Hannibal, Mo., for breaking and entering of a Kansas City post office. Convicted of forging government documents postal money orders and sentenced to three years, nine months in the Fort Leavenworth, Kan., federal prison. Released April 15, 1958.

OCT. 10, 1959 — Arrested in St. Louis for armed robbery. Convicted and sentenced to 20 years in prison.

APRIL 23, 1967 — Discovered missing from Missouri State Penitentiary.

JULY 20, 1967 — The FBI filed a complaint charging Ray with unlawfully fleeing Missouri to avoid confinement.

Hunted Man's Long Record

By The Associated Press

James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, who is being sought in the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is a man described as a loner. Yet he is known as an avid dancer.

He has been convicted of armed robbery and automobile theft, but less than a year ago he applied for and received a legal license to drive a newly purchased white Mustang.

Ray has lived as far west as California, as far south as New Orleans — and in Memphis, Tenn., where on April 4, 1968, King was assassinated.

Here is the most current information available on Ray:

Description: Height, 5 feet 10; weight, 163 to 174 pounds. Brown hair. Blue eyes. A small scar on his forehead and right palm. His left ear protrudes farther than his right ear does. White male about 40.

Relatives: Born in Alton, Ill., March 10, 1928, son of a laborer of the same name. Hospital records in Fulton, Mo., indicate his parents are deceased but prison records list his mother as Mrs. Lucille Ryan at 1913 Hickory St., St. Louis. A brother, Jerry, reportedly has an address of Box 22, Wheeling, Ill.

Aliases: Two aliases listed on FBI warrant — John Willard and Harvey Lowmyer. Other names used are James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Connor.

Education: High-school dropout in 10th grade. Graduate of International School of Bartending in Hollywood, Calif., on March 2, 1968. Took dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965, in Birmingham during September and October 1967, and in Long Beach, Calif., from December 1967 to February 1968.

Military Record: Served as an enlisted man in the U.S. Army from February 1946 to December 1948 when he was given a general discharge for ineptness and lack of adaptability. While in the Army he received a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and "breaking" arrest.

Criminal record: In 1949 served eight months in county jail in Los Angeles on a burglary charge. In 1952 convicted in Chicago of armed robbery and served two years in state prisons at Joliet and Pontiac, Ill. In 1955 convicted of forging U.S. postal money orders in Missouri and confined to Fort Leavenworth, Kan., penitentiary until 1958. In 1960 sent to the Missouri State Penitentiary for a 20-year sentence for armed robbery and car theft in St. Louis and, on April 23, 1967, escaped.

Occupation: Has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher. On a driver's license application he put "merchant seaman, unemployed." Claimed to have been a cook on a Mississippi riverboat and to have worked in shipyards.

Mental history: Sent for mental observation in connection with a charge of attempted escape from Missouri State Penitentiary. Hospital officials found "no mental disease or defect within the law."

Pastimes: Beer and vodka drinker. Fond of hillbilly and Western music. Avid dancer.

Characteristics: Rural speech. Nervous habit of pulling at an ear lobe with left hand. Described as quiet, a loner, and a neat dresser.

Last known address: 2068 Highland, a boarding house, in Birmingham.

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The Many Faces Of King Slay Suspect

King Killer Suspect Dangerous, FBI Says

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The FBI, in its first positive identification of the man sought since the April 4 assassination of Martin Luther King in Memphis, Tenn., says James Earl Ray "should be considered armed and extremely dangerous."

There was no indication the FBI was any closer to catching Ray than it was Wednesday when it put the name Galt on a fugitive warrant charging him "and an individual whom he alleged to be his brother" with conspiring to deprive King of his civil right to travel from state to state.

The FBI has said Eric

Starvo Galt purchased a .30-06 rifle in Birmingham five days before the assassination. That rifle, with a telescopic sight intact, was recovered outside the rooming house just after the assassination.

The FBI did not make clear where it got the fingerprints which it matched against its files to show Galt is actually Ray.

But speculation was the prints may have been left in the rooming house, on the rifle or on a 1966 white Mustang — since impounded in Atlanta — that witnesses reported seeing leaving the vicinity of the shooting.



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Ray-Galt Identification

Muddled in Conflict

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — (AP) — The mystery of who fired the shot that killed Martin Luther King Jr. became even more muddled Sunday as further conflict came to light over the identification of the mysterious Eric Starvo Galt as an escaped convict named James Earl Ray.

The FBI issued a conspiracy warrant last Wednesday for Eric Starvo Galt. Two days later the agency said a comparison of fingerprints found in the King investigation revealed that Galt in

reality is James Earl Ray, a 40-year-old escapee from a Missouri prison.

A murder warrant issued here in Galt's name subsequently was amended to carry the name of Ray.

The second identity was only the latest in a series of puzzles which have surrounded the investigation.

Witnesses who said they saw the alleged assassin leave the flophouse from which the fatal bullet was

fired said he appeared to be between 26 and 32 years of age. The FBI's Wednesday announcement said Galt had given his birth date as July 20, 1931 — which would make him 36. Friday the FBI said Ray was 40.

THE FBI also said Galt was said to be an avid dancer and took dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965, in Birmingham during September and October of 1967 and in Long Beach, Calif., from December 1967 to February 1968.

But during the time Galt allegedly took dancing lessons in New Orleans, Ray was serving part of a 20-year term for armed robbery in the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City.

At the time Galt was attending a bartending school in California, a duplicate Alabama driver's license was mailed to him at a rooming house in Birmingham.

The woman who runs the flophouse here said the man to whom she rented a room just three hours before King was slain had a southern drawl. Also, the FBI said Galt liked country and Western music and drank beer and vodka.

But in Jefferson City, an inmate of the Missouri prison, who said he "ran around" with Ray, said Ray — listed as a native of Illinois — did not have a southern accent.

"Jim didn't drink, except a little prison home brew," said the convict, who asked not to be identified. "He never talked about himself very much and never expressed any liking for music, dancing and he was too tight to gamble."

Galt seemingly was a free spender. Aside from the dancing lessons, which cost



James Earl Ray
... 1966 photo

him about \$500 in California alone, he paid \$2,000 cash for a white Mustang that is now impounded in Atlanta, and paid to attend the bartending school.

"He was tight as a tick," the Missouri convict said of Ray. "Boy, if you owed him money, even a few cents, he'd bug you to death."

first pictures of Ray were published. They usually talk about an inmate after he's us any feedback after the done something. They really

The penitentiary inmate said he did not think Ray was the kind of man who would kill for profit. And the warden, Harold Swenson, said, "It's odd, but I won't believe he did it (killed King) until it is proven."

"None of the inmates gave blab about it. But while he's doing something, you don't hear a word."

RAY WAS examined at State Hospital No. 1 at Fulton, Mo., from Sept. 8, 1966, to Oct. 17, 1966. Dr. Donald

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