



Eric Starvo Galt
... eyes painted in

B. Peterson, hospital superintendent, said they had been asked only to determine whether Ray was mentally capable of standing trial.

"He showed no more nervousness than the average person awaiting trial," Dr. Peterson said. "He was rather reserved, but we just didn't find anything unusual.

"There was nothing in his mental makeup or background to indicate anything but a recidivistic (habitual) criminal whose crimes were all associated with money. We didn't find anything to indicate he was a killer or had tendencies to kill."

The official report from the hospital said Ray had "no hallucinations or illusions, was oriented as to time, place and person." His "mood effect" was described as "somewhat tense and anxious and at times showed mild depressions, but not of psychotic proportions."

Ray's IQ was listed as 105, considered normal.

In a separate psychological report, Dec. 20, 1966, for the Missouri State Board of Probation and Parole, Ray was reported to have referred to a number of complaints such as pain in the "solar plexus (pit of the stomach), tachycardia (rapid heart action), and intracranial (inside the skull) tension."

"When we commented that these were rather large words, he said he had been reading up in the medical literature," the report said. It added that at certain times, Ray thought he had cancer or heart trouble.

RAY WAS never married, but lived for brief periods with women, the report said. problem revolves around It added: "This man's basic what appears to be an increasingly severe obsessive, compulsive trend.

"He states that at the age of 10 he awoke one night and thought he had lost his eyesight. He became quite fearful.

"These various fears confront him from time to time and in a typical obsessive way.

"He feels he must do cer-

tain things in order to undo occur and might result in what he feels is going to harm to him."

King Murder Suspect

FBI Places Ray On 'Top 10' List

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — The FBI Saturday placed the name of James Earl Ray, a Missouri prison escapee of 51 weeks being sought in connection with the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King, on its list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives."

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said Ray was a special addition to the list "to insure the widest possible dissemination" of pictures and description "to help effect his earliest possible location."

Ray, who has been sought under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, has been the subject of an intensive search since King was felled by a bullet as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis (Tenn.) motel April 4.

On Wednesday of last week, the FBI obtained a warrant in Birmingham, Ala., charging Galt with conspiring to interfere with the constitutional rights of a U.S. citizen. Friday, the law enforcement agency identified Galt as Ray, who escaped from Missouri State Prison April 23, 1967.

The FBI said it was Ray who had registered in a rooming house near the motel where King was staying

and was assigned a room near the bathroom from which the fatal shot was fired.

A comparison of the latent fingerprints uncovered in the room with 53,000 in FBI files determined Galt and Ray are identical.



RAY

has a criminal record dating from 1949. At the time of his escape from Missouri State Prison, he was serving a 20-year, habitual-criminal sentence for armed robbery and automobile theft.

In Alton, Ill., Ray's uncle, William E. Maher, revealed that Ray was the oldest in a family of nine children, three of whom were taken away from the mother and placed in orphanages or foster homes.

Maher said Ray was always a "trouble-maker" but said he knew of no racial influence in Ray's life that might have provided a motive for the slaying he is alleged to have committed.

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

Ray, now 40, was reported born in Alton, Ill. He

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TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

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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.

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TO ALL SACS PLAINTEXT

FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 1P

MURKIN

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REMEAIRTEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL ONE NINE LAST FURNISHING
BACKGROUND DATA CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY^D~~JR~~

SUBJDST SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN ANY
UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES, BURGLARIES OR ARMED ROBBERIES
(POSSIBLE ITSP VIOLATIONS) OCCURRING AFTER APRIL TWO THREE
ONE NINE SIX SEVEN. 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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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI

FROM : SA ROBERT W. WISEMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

DATE: 4/11/68

Re lead for coverage of all ports of exit from the United States.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT W. WISEMAN at West Palm Beach, Florida, on 4/11/68.

Inquiry U. S. Customs, and INS, established that neither agency maintains adequate records of departure which necessitated contacting the following named carrier agencies with the names ERIC STARVO GALT, aka GAULT; HARVEY LOWMEYER, aka LOWMYER and JOHN WILLIAMS.
WILLARD

The passenger manifests of the following carriers examined from 4/4/68 through instant date did not reflect any reference to any of the above named individuals:

"SS Grand Bahama Line" - Mr. JOHN WHITE

Bahamas Airways, Ltd. - WALTER R. ADAMS

Tilford, ~~Flying~~ Service (Charters) -
JAMES TILFORD

Palm Beach Aviation (Charters) - A. R. PIEAARSKI

Florida Airmotive, Lantana Airport (Charters) -
OWEN GASSAWAY

Inquiry did develop that Eastern Airlines Flights out of West Palm Beach must be checked at EAL, Miami.

Coastal Aviation, a non-scheduled airline is based in Orlando, Florida, and American Flyers, a non-scheduled airlines, is based Ardmore, Oklahoma, and passenger manifests for these two lines must be checked at their home base.

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AGENTS *dpw*
RA'S *dpw*
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TO : ALL AGENTS (44-1854)

DATE: *Rumley Hef*
4/22/68

FROM : SAC F. A. FROHBOSE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: MEMPHIS

Reference is made to memo from SAC, Miami, to All Agents dated 4/8/68, and captioned as above.

By airtel dated 4/19/68, the Memphis Division advised all offices as follows:

At about 6:00 PM, on 4/4/68, while standing on the second floor balcony outside Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry Street, Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was struck in the right side of the face by a single bullet fired from a 30-06 rifle. The bullet severed KING's spinal cord and death was almost instantaneous.

This investigation, predicated upon a specific request from the Attorney General of the United States, disclosed that the fatal shot had been fired from the bathroom of a cheap rooming house located at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, which bathroom was located at the rear of the rooming house, and had a window overlooking the Lorraine Motel.

At about 3:00 PM, on 4/4/68, an individual using the name JOHN WILLARD had rented Room 5-B in the rooming house at 422½ South Main Street and had paid one week's rent. After hearing the rifle shot at about 6:00 PM, on that same day, other tenants in the rooming house observed a man presumably identical with WILLARD, fleeing from the rooming house carrying a large package which was subsequently abandoned by him on the sidewalk in front of the Canipe Amusement Co., 424 South Main Street Memphis. A neighborhood

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investigation in the vicinity of 424 South Main Street disclosed that the subject had fled from the scene in a white Mustang.

Found abandoned in front of 424 South Main Street was a 30-06 Remington model 760 rifle which was determined to have been 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 New 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 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, 1967, from a private person in response to a newspaper ad. He paid a total of \$1,995 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 feet 11 inches, his weight as 170 lbs., 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 9:00 AM, on 4/5/68.

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

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.

By teletype dated 4/19/68, the Bureau furnished the following information regarding JAMES EARL RAY and an associate WALTER TERRY RIFE to all offices:

JAMES EARL RAY, aka EARL JAMES RAY, W. C. HERRON, EARL JAMES, JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES O'CONNER, JAMES WALTON, JAMES WALYON, determined by the Bureau to be identical with ERIC STARVO GALT, against whom a Federal complaint was filed in connection with the fatal shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

JAMES EARL RAY, inmate, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, escaped the penitentiary on April 23, 1967. Investigation indicated RAY concealed himself in a bread box and escaped from the truck making a delivery to an auxiliary farm. RAY was serving 20 years on a charge of armed robbery - 1st degree and for operating a vehicle without the owner's consent. On 7/20/67, a Federal complaint, authorized by AUSA WILLIAM A. KITCHEN, Western District of Missouri, Kansas City, Missouri, was filed before USC, Jefferson City, Missouri, charging RAY with violation of Title 18, Section 1073, USC, and a warrant was issued.

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JAMES EARL RAY and WALTER TERRY RIFE, on 3/7/55, burglarized the U. S. Post Office at Kellerville, Illinois, and stole 66 blank U. S. Postal Money Orders which they passed during 3/55 in numerous states, with the result that both were sentenced in United States District Court, Kansas City, Missouri, on 7/1/55, to the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. Subject RAY has been described as a loner and RIFE apparently is one of his few close associates, suggesting the possibility they could have been associates in the murder of Dr. KING.

The following description of JAMES EARL RAY, as furnished by the FBI Identification Division, under FBI No. 306 443 A, is set out:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	March 10, 1928 or 1929
Place of Birth	Decatur, Quincy, or Alton, Illinois
Height	Approximately 5 feet 10 inches
Weight	174 pounds (in September, 1966)
Complexion	Ruddy
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Build	Medium
Occupations	Laborer and baker
Scars and Marks	Small scar on center of forehead and scar in palm of right hand
Military Record	JAMES EARL RAY Serial No. 16163129. Enlisted in U. S. Army, February, 1946, at East St. Louis, Illinois, and served on active duty until December 23, 1948, at which time given General Discharge as Private 1st Class

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at Camp Kilmer,
New Jersey, 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.

The following is a description of WALTER TERRY
RIFE, FBI No. 455 876 6, as obtained from the files of
the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	44
Date of Birth	April 19, 1924
Height	5 feet 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches
Weight	161 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue gray

Pursuant to Bureau teletype dated 4/22/68, all
Agents are requested to contact all sources and informants
for any positive information regarding this matter. Any
positive information obtained should be furnished to
SA DAVID N. JELLISON.

SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH
DEADLY WEAPON, HAS BEEN CONFINED IN STATE HOSPITAL, FULTON,
MO., IN 1966, AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)

FROM : SA PATRICK A. PHILBIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

Re Bureau airtel to all offices dated 4/19/68

The following Dry Cleaning firms were recontacted by SA PATRICK A. PHILBIN on 4/22/68, concerning a yellow thermo seal tag with the # 2 0 R 3 on it:

Ocean City Clearners
200 N.E. 2nd St. Delray Beach, Fla.

Acme Cleaners and Laundry
STANLEY ELLENBOUGH

SUNRAY CLEANERS
NATHAN SLOMOWITZ

Swift Dry Cleaners
Delray Beach, Fla.
RAY RUFFING, Owner.

BOCA RATON LAUNDRY & CLEANERS
30 SE 1st Street
Boca Raton, Fla.
JOSEPH FREDERICKS

None of the above were able to furnish any information regarding the above mentioned yellow tag. They all advised that it was not their tag. Also, they all advised they used all numbers in their marking code and no letters.

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TO : SAC (44-1854)

FROM : SA EDWARD J. DAHL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

Re Bu airtel to all offices dated 4/19/68

On 4/22/68, Mr. WILLIAM W. OUZTS, Owner, Perrine Dry Cleaners, 9920 SW 168th Street, Richmond Drive, Perrine, Florida, advised that his company has never used yellow marking tape.

He said that the only marking system utilized by his plant is a letter followed by a series of numbers. He said the system utilizing numbers followed by letters is used to designate a week out the year, etc.

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TO : SAC , MIAMI (44-1854)

DATE: 4-22-68

FROM : SA ROBERT W. WISEMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re IP airtel to Miami dated 4/16/68

The anonymous letter enclosure to reairtel suggests as suspect Cuban male, age 25, name SCHOONER (Haynwill-illegible) of Lake Worth, Florida.

The following sources contacted 4/22/68 developed no such named individual:

Current 1967 City Directory of Lake Worth
PD records of Lake Worth
SO records of Palm Beach County
CB of Palm Beach County

No further investigation indicated.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND MIAMI
FROM CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

MURKIN

PETER S. GILCHRIST, CHARLOTTE, NC, ADVISED APRIL TWELVE
LAST HE WAS TRAVELING FROM ATLANTA TO HOUSTON VIA EAL FLIGHT
ONE THREE THREE. HE LEFT ATLANTA AT ELEVEN ZERO FIVE A..M.
HE ADVISED UPON VIEWING JAMES EARL RAY'S PHOTOGRAPH, THAT HE
WAS SURE THAT RAY WAS THE PASSENGER ON THIS FLIGHT. HE SAID
THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS TRAVELING WITHOUT LUGGAGE. ONLY DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN RAY AND PASSENGER WAS COLOR HAIR. INDIVIDUAL ON
PLANE HAD BLOND HAIR. HE ADVISED THERE WERE FORTY-FIVE TO
FIFTY INDIVIDUALS ON THE FLIGHT BUT INSOFAR AS HE KNOWS, THIS
INDIVIDUAL WAS THE ONLY PERSON TO LEAVE THE PLANE AT HOUSTON.

GILCHRIST DID NOT KNOW THE NAME OF THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS USING.

MIAMI, THROUGH EAL RECORDS ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE INDIVIDUALS
NAMES ON THIS FLIGHT FROM ATLANTA TO HOUSTON AND SET OUT
APPROPRIATE LEADS.

AM COPIES TO ATLANTA AND HOUSTON.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1854)

DATE: 4/21/68

FROM : SPC ROBERT M. LEBEL

SUBJECT: MURKIN.

RE EDWARD JAMES RAY.

At 4:31 PM, instant, one SAMUAL RIVERO, 1450 NW 111th Street, Miami, tel # 688-6044, telephonically advised the following:

Around 3:00 PM, instant, while working at his place of employment, Hudson service station, approx. address 85th St. and NW 7th Ave., Miami, he observed two W/M unsubs, one fitting the description of EDWARD JAMES RAY, driving a 1952-3 blue dodge, Alabama license 312-9188. One of occupants of vehicle asked RIVERO if he knew of a way to by-pass the city proper and make connection with U.S. Highway 41.

RIVERO further advised he believed unsubs may be enroute Tampa, Fla., area.

RIVERO requested if any further info re above requested, please contact at his residence.

Miami indices negative re Alabama license 312-9188.

Above for info.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND MIAMI
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

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RE MIAMI TEL APRIL TWENTYTWO, INSTANT.

TALMADGE NORRIS, ROUTE FOUR, GADSDEN, ALABAMA, ADVISED
PURCHASED ONE NINE SIX EIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE THREE ONE - TWO NINE
ONE EIGHT EIGHT FOR WIFE'S BROTHER, JAMES BRASELTON, IN NOVEMBER,
SIXTYSEVEN, AT WHICH TIME BRASELTON RESIDED WITH NORRIS. LICENSE
PLATE FOR A ONE NINE FIVE NINE BLUE RAMBLER. BRASELTON LEFT
GADSDEN DURING DECEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN, STATING HE WAS GOING TO TEXAS
BUT PLACE IN TEXAS UNKNOWN TO NORRIS, AND HAS NOT HEARD FROM
BRASELTON SINCE HE LEFT. BRASELTON HAS NO REGULAR TRADE BUT TAKES
ODD JOBS AROUND FILLING STATIONS AND LABORER'S WORK. NORRIS STATES
BRASELTON HAS TWO BROTHERS NAMED MURPHY AND PETER BRASELTON WHO
RESIDE ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS, BUT ADDRESSES AND TYPE OF WORK THEY
FOLLOW UNKNOWN TO HIM. MABLE BRASELTON, WIFE OF MURPHY BRASELTON,
WORKS IN HOSPITAL IN ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS, NAME UNKNOWN TO NORRIS.
NORRIS DESCRIBES JAMES BRASELTON AS WHITE MALE, AGE THIRTYFIVE,

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FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE SEVEN ZERO LBS., LIGHT BROWN HAIR AND
BROWN EYES. NORRIS ADVISED IF HE HEARS FROM BRASELTON HE WILL
ADVISE.

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Date: 4/22/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), CHARLOTTE (44-1365)
AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)(P)

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RE CHARLOTTE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, AND MIAMI,
APRIL TWENTYTWO INSTANT.

CHARLOTTE STATES PETER S. GILCHRIST, CHARLOTTE, N. C.,
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EAL RECORDS FOR FLIGHT ONE THREE THREE, ATLANTA TO
HOUSTON, APRIL TWELVE LAST, INDICATED TWENTYEIGHT PASSENGERS
DEPARTED HOUSTON INCLUDING GILCHRIST.

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Approved: *F.A.F. flh*
Special Agent in Charge

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ATLANTA AT EAL, DETERMINE FLIGHT PERSONNEL OF FLIGHT
ONE THREE THREE, ATLANTA TO HOUSTON, APRIL TWELVE LAST,
AND EXHIBIT PHOTO OF SUBJECT IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT
ON THIS FLIGHT.

MIAMI HAS LIST OF PASSENGERS USING EAL TICKETS AND
TICKET NUMBERS FOR EXCHANGE PASSENGERS IF NECESSARY THESE
PERSONS BE IDENTIFIED AND INTERVIEWED.

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), JACKSONVILLE (44-769), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN.

RE CHARLOTTE TEL TO JACKSONVILLE, APRIL EIGHTEEN, LAST, AND JACKSONVILLE TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL NINETEEN, INSTANT.

RE NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE AND FIFTYSIX DODGE BEARING FLA. LICENSE PREFIX NUMBER TEN W- OBSERVED BY HIGHWAY PATROL NEWTON, N. C.

BROWARD COUNTY TAG AGENCY, FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA., ADVISES THAT SINCE THEY ARE NOT COMPUTERIZED, IT WOULD REQUIRE PHYSICALLY PULLING AND OBSERVING SOME ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND REGISTRATION CARDS IN ORDER TO SEGREGATE FIFTYFIVE AND FIFTYSIX DODGE AUTOMOBILES REGISTERED IN BROWARD CO., FLA. INDICATES THAT THIS WOULD BE AN UNBELIEVABLY PREPOSTEROUS TASK, SINCE THESE RECORDS WOULD BE LOCATED IN FIVE DIFFERENT AGENCIES. INDICATIONS ARE THAT SINCE THE STATE AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION BUREAU IN TALLAHASSEE IS COMPUTERIZED, POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT THIS STATE AGENCY COULD POSSIBLY OBTAIN A READ OUT OF SUCH AUTOMOBILES FOR THE ENTIRE STATE, AND THAT THE TEN W- CARS COULD THEN BE OBTAINED FROM THIS READ OUT.

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AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, THE NAME GALT AND ALIASES, NEGATIVE BROWARD COUNTY RELATIVE TO AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION AS WELL AS DRIVER'S LICENSE.

JACKSONVILLE AT TALIAHASSEE, FLA., IS REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN IF SUCH A READ OUT CAN BE OBTAINED.

THE BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM ARE REQUESTED TO REVIEW CONTENTS OF REFERENCED TELETYPES, NOTING THAT ALTHOUGH THE HIGHWAY PATROLMAN STATES HE RECOGNIZES GALT FROM HAVING OBSERVED HIM TEN DAYS AGO, HE SETS FORTH A SERIES OF PHYSICAL FEATURES, ETC., WHICH CERTAINLY WOULD NOT LOGICALLY ENABLE HIM TO MAKE THE POSITIVE STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO HIM.

IN THE EVENT THAT JACKSONVILLE CANNOT OBTAIN A READ OUT IT IS REQUESTED THAT THIS LEAD BE EVALUATED BY THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN AND THE BUREAU, AND MIAMI ADVISED IF A PHYSICAL REVIEW OF TAG AGENCY RECORDS IN FT. LAUDERDALE SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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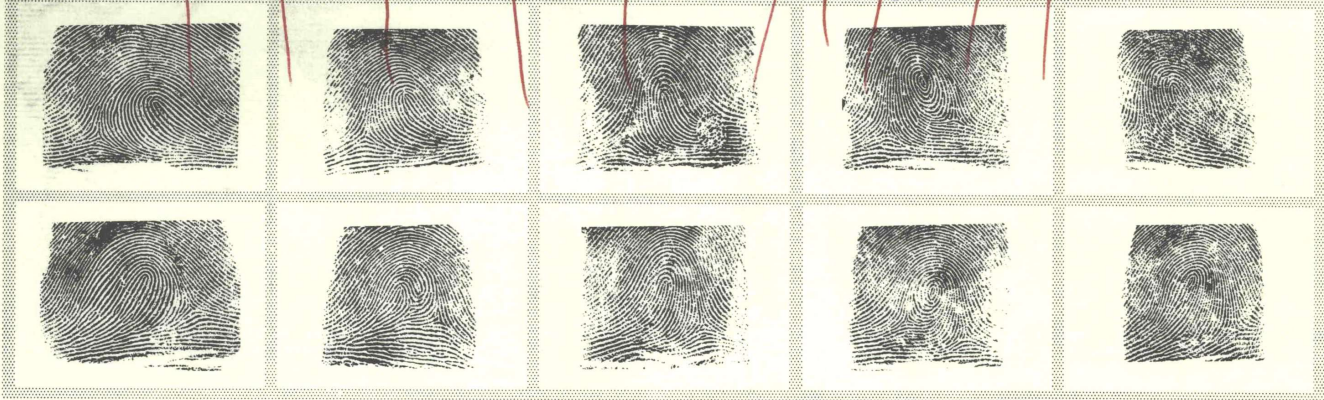
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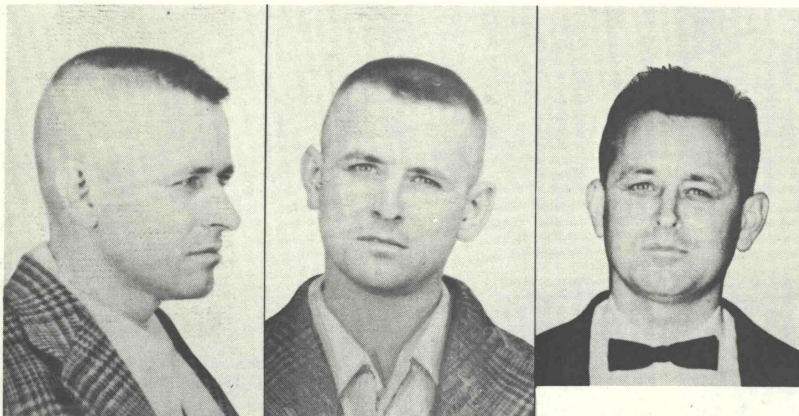
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ALIASES: Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim"



Photographs taken 1960

Photograph taken 1968
(eyes drawn by artist)



James Ray *name made*

DESCRIPTION

AGE: 40, born March 10, 1928, Alton, Illinois
HEIGHT: 5' 10"
WEIGHT: 163 to 174 pounds
BUILD: medium
HAIR: brown, possibly cut short
OCCUPATIONS: baker, color matcher, laborer
SCARS AND MARKS: small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand
EYES: blue
COMPLEXION: medium
RACE: white
NATIONALITY: American
REMARKS: noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending

CRIMINAL RECORD

Ray has been convicted of burglary, robbery, forging U. S. Postal Money Orders, armed robbery, and operating motor vehicle without owner's consent.

CAUTION

RAY IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Ray as Eric Starvo Galt with conspiring to interfere with a constitutional right of a citizen (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241). A Federal warrant was also issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging Ray with Interstate Flight to Avoid Confined for the crime of Robbery (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073).

**IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE.
TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.**

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SAA HENRY E. WILSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference is made to memo by SA JACK L. MARSHALL dated 4/20/68 in regard to a telephone call from JIM CRAWFORD.

On April 22, 1968, JAMES CRAWFORD, Assistant Fountain Manager, Liggett Drug Store, 400 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach, Florida, was contacted by the writer at his place of business.

CRAWFORD stated that at about 6:30 PM on Sat. April 20, 1968, an unknown white male, who looked like the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY which has appeared in Newspapers was in the Drug Store alone. This person appeared to be depressed. When he came in he asked the waitress for a menu and then placed it on its edge and sat staring at it for a considerable period of time. While staring at the menu and also later he had a habit of rubbing the right side of his face with the palm of his right hand.

CRAWFORD further advised this unknown person looked as if he had spent some time recently in the sun. His face and forearms were sunburned but not badly. He was wearing a red spotted short sleeved sport shirt.

CRAWFORD stated the only description he could give of the unknown white male is that he was between 37 and 45 years of age and has a white mark of approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter below and behind his left ear. *SCAR*

CRAWFORD made available the check of this unknown white male and stated he believes this person at least picked up the check to look at it. CRAWFORD advised he knows this check was also handled by the waitress SANDY (LNU) and himself.

CRAWFORD stated that should he see this person again, he would attempt to engage this person in conversation and obtain some information about him. He stated he does not know where this person went, nor the method of transportation after he left the store.

It should be noted that the address of this Drug Store is in the heart of the tourist area of Miami Beach, Fla.



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The following investigation was conducted by
SA STUART GODWIN, JR., April 11, 1968, at Miami, Florida:

C. A. RIGGS, Marine Officer, Marine Division, Bureau of Customs, advised Customs maintains crew and passenger lists for all arriving commercial vessels at ports of entry in South Florida; lists of passengers only for departing foreign flag vessels; crew lists only for departing American flag vessels, and for pleasure vessels only lists of all persons on board for arrivals only. He stated no clearance was necessary on the departure of a pleasure vessel.

He furnished copies of form entitled "Record of Vessels Engaged in Foreign Trade - Cleared or Granted Permit to Proceed." This list covered all departures from the Port of Miami from April 4, 1968 through April 10, 1968. He also made available the appropriate lists concerning each vessel.

He also furnished copies of form entitled, "Record of Vessels Engaged in Foreign Trade - Entered Or Arrived Under Permit to Proceed." This list covered all such vessels that entered or arrived during the period April 4, 1968 through April 10, 1968. He made available the appropriate lists concerning each vessel.

In addition, he made available a list of all pleasure craft which arrived and was cleared by Customs during the period April 4, 1968 through April 9, 1968. He also made available for examination the appropriate lists concerning each vessel.

The foregoing lists made available by Mr. RIGGS were examined in detail, and it was found none of them listed anyone with the following last names:

GALT

LOWMEYER

LOWMYER

WILLARD

A. E. VOLENSKY, Assistant Chief Inspector, Outside Division of Inspection and Control, U. S. Bureau of Customs,

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Dodge Island, made available the alphabetical listing of passenger baggage declarations for all persons departing the Port of Miami via Chalk Airlines during the period April 1, 1968 through April 10, 1968. These declarations failed to list anyone with any of the last names previously mentioned.

MARIANO FAGET, Marine Clerk, Marine Desk, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), advised his records would contain only the names of aliens departing on foreign flag clearances and the notification of any change in the crew of a foreign flag vessel. His records were reviewed and were found to duplicate those maintained by the Bureau of Customs and the shipping lines, which are set out below, but which were checked prior to the interview of FAGET.

It was determined further from FAGET that the following are the cruise ships operating on regular schedules out of the Port of Miami:

"SS Ariadne"
(Eastern Steamship Company)

"Bahama Star"
(Eastern Steamship Company)

"Jamaica Queen"
(Canadian Gulf Line)

"Sunward"
(Shaw Brothers Shipping Company)

"Cabo Izarra"
(Eller and Company)

The "Cabo Izarra" neither arrived nor departed during the pertinent period. The "SS Ariadne", "Bahama Star" and "Sunward" all departed on both April 5, 1968 and April 8, 1968, and the "Jamaica Queen" departed on April 8, 1968. The passenger manifests for all of the above trips had been previously made available by Mr. RIGGS, who also had records of all crew changes.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SAs STUART GODWIN, JR., and WAYNE O. TAYLOR at Miami
International Airport (MIA) on April 15, 1968:

A list was procured from the U.S. Bureau of
Customs which shows all departing flights from MIA to
foreign destinations. The passenger manifests of each
flight were made available and were examined. No person
with any of the last names previously set forth was noted
as a passenger or crew member on any of the flights. The
list of such flights and persons contacted at each airline
will be maintained in the files of the Miami FBI Office.

The following investigation was conducted at
Key West, Florida on April 11, 1968, by SA WELDON L.
KENNEDY:

Records of the U.S. Bureau of Customs and INS
were reviewed for the names GALT, LOWMEYER, LOWMYER and
WILLARD, and it was determined the records were negative
regarding those names during the period April 4, 1968
through April 10, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROBERT W. WISEMAN at West Palm Beach, Florida on
April 11, 1968:

Inquiry at U.S. Bureau of Customs and INS
established that neither agency maintains adequate
records of departure, which necessitated contacting
the following-named carrier agencies regarding the names
ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as Gault, HARVEY LOWMEYER,
also known as Lowmyer, and JOHN WILLARD. The passenger
manifests of the following carriers, examined from April 4,
1968 through April 11, 1968, did not reflect any reference
to any of the above-named individuals:

"~~SS~~Grand Bahama Line"
Mr. JOHN WHITE

Bahamas Airways, Ltd.
Mr. WALTER R. ADAMS

Tilford Flying Service (Charters)
Mr. JAMES TILFORD

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Palm Beach Aviation (Charters)
Mr. A. R. PIEAARSKI

Florida Airmotive, Lantana Airport (Charters)
Mr. OWEN GASSAWAY

Inquiry did develop that Eastern Air Lines flights out of West Palm Beach must be checked at Eastern Air Lines, Miami.

Coastal Aviation, a non-scheduled airline, is based in Orlando, Florida, and American Flyers, a non-scheduled airline, is based out of Ardmore, Oklahoma. Passenger manifests for these two lines must be checked at their home bases.

Check of Eastern Air Lines at Miami covered flights leaving the country from Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Key West and West Palm Beach, Florida.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

FROM : SA STUART GODWIN, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

Re telephone call from SA RALPH RAMPTON,
Birmingham Division, 4/10/68, and Butel to all SACs,
4/11/68.

Re: Check of Ports of Entry, U. S. Bureau of
Customs, INS and Shipping Lines

Attached is an insert concerning the above
investigation.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)

FROM : SA Raymond L. O'Kelly

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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DATE: 4/23/68

At 12:35pm this date, Mr. HAROLD ROBERTS, 201 Maple Street, Fort Pierce, Florida, telephonically contacted the Miami Office from Fort Pierce and advised that he believed he saw GALT or RAY yesterday working on a tractor at Maple Grove, near the southern end of St. Lucie County. He said this man was either Ray or his twin brother,

ROBERTS said he would be at the Phippen Tractor Co., Fort Pierce, after 1pm, phone 461-7896. He is a tractor salesman. His home phone is 461 8194. He said he saw the picture of RAY after the Sunday evening FBI TV program and that is why he called.

At 1:50pm SRA HAROLD PARSONS telephonically contacted this office and was furnished with the above information.

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

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA ROGER B. COLTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re New York teletype to Miami 4/22/68.

Leads set out in retel at Sea Ranch Hotel, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, covered 4/23/68, and teletype sent Houston to identify and eliminate GALLAGHER as being identical with GALT.

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Brief description of activity or material Re MARTIN LUTHER KING and STOKELY CARMICHAEL.		Current File where original is located if not attached 134-44 Sub A 9249

Remarks:

1. Action taken: None.
2. Immediate action recommended: None.
3. Routine action recommended: Route to SA handling case.

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RE: CUBA INCITES TO RACIAL VIOLENCE

Because of the violent death of MARTIN LUTHER KING, the Cuban radio stations repeated several times the message from the Joint Committee of the Union of Communist Youth and the University Student Federation, signed by their presidents, JULIO CESAR CASTRO-PALOMINO and JAIME CROMBET BAQUERO. The following is the message:

"The youth of Cuba supports the just decision of the Negro movement to answer the reactionary repression of Yankee racist imperialism with revolutionary violence. "

This message was sent by the Cuban youth to the Negro youth of the United States through the Student Coordinating Committee for Non-Violent Action, and also says that the Cuban youth has known and shares the just indignation which moves the public opinion of the world because of the assassination of the pacifist leader, MARTIN LUTHER KING.

The message goes on to say that the assassination of LUTHER KING has served to show that Yankee imperialism does not differentiate at the hour of treacherous assassination between a fighter who preaches a violent fight like MALCOLM X and persons like LUTHER KING who adopt positions of peaceful resistance. The message likewise points out that the wave of repression by the Washington Government among the U.S. Negro population is for the sole purpose of holding back outbursts of indignation and will contribute only to increasing the growing hate of the Negro masses against the oppressive North American system as well as to intensifying revolutionary violence, the only alternative for victory presented to the peoples against the criminal and aggressive policy of the United States.

Note: it can be seen that these statements or message from the Joint UJC-FEU Committee of Cuba incite to racial violence in the United States in the same way that STOKELY CARMICHAEL does at the so-called press conference in New York. STOKELY CARMICHAEL concludes as follows: "The United States must be completely demolished so that the Negroes can survive..."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

FROM : Supervisor HOMER A. NEWMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

At 5:20 PM, Agent KEN AHERNS of the Los Angeles Division advised that info had been received by Houston Division that an individual believed to be identical with the subject is believed to have departed Houston on National Flight 47, at 2:00 PM, Sunday, en route to Los Angeles. Los Angeles lead was to exhibit photo to flight personnel aboard this flight. It is now developed that the four stewardesses have departed Los Angeles aboard National Flight 48 en route to Miami, scheduled to arrive Miami 12:40 AM, 4/23/68. Last names of stewardesses are:

LEVINE
CORBONE
HARRINGTON
McCLAIN

Individual reported boarding flight in Houston was described as 6'1", neatly trimmed goatee, brown hair, cowboy straw hat, beige trousers, wearing sunglasses.

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TO MIAMI

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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RE TELEPHONE CALL MIAMI TODAY.

RE JAMES EARL RAY LOOK-A-LIKE.

HOUSTON ADVISED APRIL TWENTY TWO INSTANT JAMES EARL RAY LOOK-A-LIKE DESCRIBED SIX FEET ONE INCH, BROWN HAIR, NEATLY TRIMMED GOATEE, LIGHT COLORED COWBOY STRAW HAT, BEIGE LEVI TYPE JACKET, BLACK HORN RIMMED GLASSES, POSSIBLY DEPARTED HOUSTON FOR LOS ANGELES ON NATIONAL AIRLINES FLIGHT FORTY SEVEN ON APRIL TWENTY ONE LAST. STEWARDESSES LEVINE, CARBONE, HARRINGTON AND MC CLAIN WORKED THIS FLIGHT. STEWARDESSES TO RETURN MIAMI ON NATIONAL AIRLINES FLIGHT FORTY EIGHT APRIL TWENTY TWO INSTANT FROM LOS ANGELES.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION IS UNIDENTIFIED SENIOR TICKET AGENT, HOUSTON AIRPORT.

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MIAMI INTERVIEW STEWARDESSES IF ABOVE DESCRIBED
LOOK-A-LIKE ON NATIONAL AIRLINES FLIGHT FORTY SEVEN ON
APRIL TWENTY ONE LAST. DETERMINE IF LOOK-A-LIKE IDENTICAL
TO JAMES EARL RAY AND ALL INFORMATION DETERMINED REGARDING
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RE FOREIGN BOUND AIRLINE PASSENGERS FROM ATLANTA, GA.
APRIL FIVE AND SIX LAST.

RE ATLANTA TEL APRIL TWENTY-TWO LAST.

EASTERN AIRLINES, MIAMI, ADVISES RESERVATION DATA
REFERRED TO IN RE TEL WILL BE AVAILABLE MORNING APRIL
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FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL MIAMI, APRIL TWENTYTWO, LAST.

RE JAMES EARL RAY LOOK-A-LIKE.

ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE, INSTANT, NATIONAL AIRLINES (NAL) STEWARDESSES MONA LEVINE, SUSAN CARBONE, JOANN HARRINGTON AND JOANNE MCCLAIN WERE INTERVIEWED ON ARRIVAL OF NAL FLIGHT FORTYEIGHT AT MIAMI. THESE STEWARDESSES ADVISED THAT THEY HAD BEEN ABOARD NAL FLIGHT FORTYSEVEN ON APRIL TWENTYONE, LAST, BUT ALL STATED THEY HAD NOT SEEN OR NOTICED ANY PERSON ON SAID FLIGHT DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: SIX FEET ONE INCH, BROWN HAIR, NEATLY TRIMMED GOATEE, LIGHT COLORED COWBOY STRAW HAT, BIEGE LEVI TYPE JACKET, WEARING BLACK HORN-RIMMED GLASSES.

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THEY WERE EXHIBITED PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER T. RIFE AND STATED THAT NO ONE ON FLIGHT FORTYSEVEN ON APRIL TWENTYONE, LAST, HAD RESEMBLED EITHER PHOTO TO THE BEST OF THEIR RECOLLECTION.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

For the information of receiving offices, Subject JAMES EARL RAY, Aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by the Atlanta Office to date has not established mode of transportation utilized by RAY after 4/5/68 through checks with transportation companies, car rental agencies, etc.

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AT 44-2386

All receiving offices are requested to check car recoveries within their respective divisions of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and consider same to have been possible mode of transportation for Subject RAY. The same consideration should be given to any cars recovered in the near future that were stolen from the State of Georgia after 4/4/68. In those instances where cars were stolen from Georgia and where the transporter of same cannot otherwise be accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

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Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Miami airtel 4-17-68, submitting palm prints of SA David N. Jellison and fingerprints and palm prints of Kathryn Hobson for elimination purposes.

Latent prints previously reported on the evidence submitted by the Miami Office, Q124 through Q126, are not identical with the palm prints of SA Jellison or the fingerprints and palm prints of Hobson. The palm prints of SA Jellison are being retained permanently in Latent Fingerprint Section. Fingerprints and palm prints of Hobson are being retained temporarily in the Latent Fingerprint Section.

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FBI NEW YORK

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, TTAMPA, AND MIAMI 44-1854
FROM NEW YORK 44-1609

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WHILE ON A LAY DASH OVER IN NEW YORK CITY, PAN AMERICAN AIRLINES PURSERETTES MISS NICOLLE O'CONNOR AND MISS PETERA CHUITA, HOME BASE MIAMI, FLORIDA, STATED THAT ON THURSDAY, APRIL EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, AT SIX FORTY FIVE P.M. PAN AMERICAN FLIGHT NUMBER FOUR FOUR ONE WHICH ORIGINATED IN MIAMI, LEFT MIAMI FOR CARACUS, VENEZUELA; RIO DE JANEIRO; AND SAO PAULO, BRAZIL. THERE WERE SIX PASSENGERS IN THE TOURIST SECTION OUT OF MIAMI. OF THESE, THREE IN THE FIRST CLASS SECTION AND SIXTEEN OR SEVENTEEN IN THE TOURIST SECTION WENT THE COMPLETE TRIP AND DEPARTED THE PLANE AT SAO PAULO.

THREE OF THOSE IN THE TOURIST SECTION WHO WENT FROM MIAMI TO SAO PAULO WERE WHITE MALE SOUTHERNERS WHO WERE TRAVELLING
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TOGETHER. ONE OF THE THREE FIT THE HENERAL DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY. HE IDENTIFIED HIMSELF TO THE PURSERETTES THROUGH A BUSINESS CARD AS DENNIS HOLDT, OWNER OF HOLT MOTORS, TWO ONE ZERO SEVEN U.S. HIGHWAY NINETEEN SOUTH, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA, TELEPHONE NUMBER FIVE THREE ONE DASH TWO NINE THREE NINE. HE TOLD THE PURSERETTES THAT HE LEFT CLEARWATER THAT DAY AND FLEW FROM TAMPA TO MIAMI BUT THAT HE DID NOT TELL ANYONE HE WAS LEAVING. HE LEFT THE PURSERETTES WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT HE DID NOT KNOW JUST WHERE HE WAS GOING OR WHY HE WAS FOING AND SEVERAL THINGS HE SSAID WERE INCONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS STATEMENTS MADE BY HIM. HE SAID HE WOULD BE IN SAO PAULO FOR THREE WEEKS TO A MONTH.

HE WAS ASSIGNED SEAT NUMBER FOUR B OUT OF MIAMI. HE SAID BOTH HIS FRIENDSTRAVELING WITH HIM WERE PREACHERS.

PREACHER NUMBER ONE WAS SIX FEET TWO INCHES ABOUTTHIRTY TWO YEARS OLD, BIG FEET AND HANDS, FAT BUILD, GRAY AND BLACK HAIR WITH A BIG GREY WAY IN THE FRONT. HE WAS ASSIGNED SEAT NUMBER FOUR A OUT OF MIAMI.

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PREACHER NUMBER TWO WAS ABOUT FORTY FIVE YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, MUSKY BUILD BUT NOT FAT. BIG CHEST AND ARMS. HIS HEAD SEEMED TO SET IN HIS SHOULDERS. BROWN OR BLACK HAIR. HIS SEAT NUMBER IS NOT KNOWN. HE SAT ALONE AND NO CONVERSATION WAS HAD WITH HIM.

CHUITA TOOK A PICTURE OF HOLT; THE FILM WHICH HAS NOT BEEN DEVELOPED, CAN BE OBTAINED FROM NICLOLLE O'CONNOR, TWO SEVEN EIGHT ZERO TIGER TAIL AVENUE, COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA, TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR FOUR SIX DASH ONE FIVE NINE EIGHT OR PETERA CHUITA, ONE ONE ZERO EAST TENTH STREET, APARTMENT TWENTY, HIALEAH, FLORIDA, TELEPHONE NUMBER EIGHT EIGHT SEVEN DASH FIVE SIX ZERO TWO IF IT IS NEEDED.

TAMPA, AT CLEARWATER, DETERMINE IF DENNIS HOLT HAS RECENTLY DEPARTED THE CLEARWATER AREA FOR A SOUTH AMERICAN TRIP OR ELSEWHERE.

A COPY OF THIS TELETYPE HAS BEEN DESIGNATED OR MIAMI FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION IF THE STORY AS TO DENNIS HOLT OF CLEARWATER IS NOT VERIFIED BY TAMPA.

RAY IS TO BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY MAIL.

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FBI MIAMI

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MIAMI

FROM : SA DAVID N. JELLISON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)

DATE: 4/23/68

Re: Continental Dancing School Checks

On 4/18/68, all dancing schools, Miami, Florida, were contacted with regards to WILLIAM LAMPHERE. All advised they have never heard of WILLIAM LAMPHERE or any variations of that name.

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CHARLOTTE (44-1365)
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC MIAMI (44-1854)

- MURKIN

RE FLIGHT CREW, EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE THREE THREE,
ATLANTA TO HOUSTON, APR. TWELVE LAST.

RE MIAMI TEL APR. TWENTY-TWO LAST.

NAMES AND HOME ADDRESSES OF CREW, CAPTIONED FLIGHT,
ALL BASED ATLANTA, ARE FOLLOWING:

CAPT. WILLIAM R. BOMAR, ONE SEVEN ZERO SIX NISKEY LAKE
TRAIL, S.W., ATLANTA, GA.

PILOT PAUL EDWARD THOMPSON, TWO THREE ONE SIX CRESTKNOLL
CIRCLE, DECATUR, GA.

PILOT DONALD R. SMITH, SIX ZERO TWO ONE ARGYLE DR.,
FALLS CHURCH, VA.

FLIGHT ATTENDANT JOE L. DUNCAN, TWO EIGHT FIVE NINE
DE LOWE DR., EAST POINT, GA.

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FLIGHT ATTENDANT MARILYN A. NAWROCKI, SEVEN ONE ZERO
EAST COLUMBIA, APT. NINETEEN, COLLEGE PARK, GA.

FLIGHT ATTENDANT JUDITH ANN TENISON, ONE FOUR THREE
EIGHT EAST VESTA AVE., EAST POINT, GA.

ATLANTA DETERMINE LOCATION AND SET LEADS TO EXHIBIT
PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT.

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FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

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RE SUSPECT AND FLIGHT CREWS OF EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL)
FOREIGN BOUND FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA, GA., APRIL FIVE, LAST.RE MIAMI TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL NINETEEN, LAST,
SEVEN FORTY-SEVEN P.M.CREWS OF EAL FLIGHT NINE FIVE FIVE AND N.Y. TO MONTREAL
LEG OF FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX ARE BASED IN MIAMI. ALL CREW
MEMBERS EXCEPT THOSE UNAVAILABLE ON VACATION, ETC., HAVE
BEEN INTERVIEWED AND SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUSPECT RAY, WITH
NEGATIVE RESULTS. MAJORITY OF CREW EACH FLIGHT INTERVIEWED.① - Miami (44-1854)
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638PM URGENT 4-23-68 RMF

TO MIAMI

FROM CHICAGO /44-1114/

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DENNIS SWANSON, NBC NEWS, ADVISED ANONYMOUS CALL RECEIVED THIS DATE STATING SUBJECT RAY IN PERRINE, FLORIDA, UNDER ASSUMED NAME AND WEARING DISGUISE. CALLER ADVISED WOULD CALL BACK BY FIVE PM, CENTRAL STANDARD TIME WITH ALIAS BEING USED. SECOND CALL NEVER RECEIVED.

MIAMI THROUGH ESTABLISHED SOURCES ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE ANY RECENT ARRIVALS FITTING SUBJECT RAY'S DESCRIPTION IN PERRINE, FLA.

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FBI MIAMI

*Newman advised
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238-2536
C. Kelly advised 8:10
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