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	WANTED BY BUREAU: James Earl Ray, also known as, James McBride, James Walyon, W.C. Herron, James O'Conner, Jim, for unlawful flight to avoid custody-robbery first Fugitive Index #121426 Bureau file #88-41730 Office of Origin Kansas City information received July 27, 1967. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS Alias: James Walton WANTED BY BUREAU: Eric Starvo Galt, also known as Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, Civil Rights-Conspiracy Fugitive Index #127540 Bureau File #44-38861 Office of Origin Memphis. Information received April 19, 1968. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS			
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John Edgar Hoover
Director

REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535To: **SAC, Jackson****April 23, 1968**Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR NO. **157-9586**
FBI FILE NO. **44-38861**
LAB. NO. **D-561044 JK**Reference **Airtel dated April 16, 1968***(serial 167)*The material described below has been searched in the following file without effecting an identification: **Anonymous Letter File**

Copies have been added to this file for future reference.

The submitted material is **temporarily retained.**

MATERIAL SUBMITTED:

Q238 White envelope postmarked "New York, NY, APR 12 1968" bearing typewritten address "POLICE CHIEF OF MERIDIAN, MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI"**Q239 Accompanying carbon copy of typewritten letter dated "Good Friday, 12-th of April, 1968," beginning "please pass on to all..." and ending on reverse side "C. Amen"****ALSO SUBMITTED: Fingerprint card of C. L. GUNN****44-1609-327****① - New York****2 - Memphis (44-1987)****Page 1****(continued on next page)**

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J. Stanley

Remarks:

Specimens Q238 and Q239 were prepared with a style of pica type, utilized on both Remington and Underwood typewriters. The typewriting on the submitted evidence is not identical with other typewritten material in this case.

Specimens Q238 and Q239 will be returned with the results of the fingerprint examination. The ALSO SUBMITTED material is retained.

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TELETYPE

TO DIRECTOR

FROM NEWARK (44-854)

MURKIN

RE NEW HAVEN TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR FOUR TWENTY-THREE LAST CONCERNING NAMES JOHN WILLARD AND J. WILLARD RECEIVING FAWCETT PUBLICATIONS IN TOMS RIVER AND FAIRLAWN, NJ.

CONCERNING JOHN WILLARD FORMERLY OF TEN ATLANTIC CITY BLVD., BAYVILLE, NJ, PATROLMAN, CHARLES DE MAY, BERKELEY TWP. PD, BAYVILLE, NJ, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN JOHN WILLARD FOR THREE YEARS. HE IS NOT IDENTICAL TO THE SUBJECT AND HE RECENTLY PURCHASED AN AUTOMOBILE DISTRIBUTORSHIP LOCATED ON RT. THIRTY SEVEN AND WASHINGTON ST., TOMS RIVER, NJ.

CONCERNING J. WILLARD, FOURTEEN-TWENTY SEVEN CHANDLER DR., FAIRLAWN, NJ, HE IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED WITH J.P. STEVENS CO., ONE FOUR ONE LANZA AVE., GARFIELD, NJ, AND HAS BEEN SINCE NINE NINE SIXTY SIX. HE HAS RESIDED IN THE NJ AREA SINCE NINETEEN SIXTY SIX. HE IS EMPLOYED AS A CHEMIST AND HIS DOB IS FIVE

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TWENTY TWO THIRTY FOUR. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED
RE THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS, UACB.

MAIL COPIES FURNISHED BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, NEW HAVEN, AND
NEW YORK.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

FROM : SA EDWARD R. CHORY # 23

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: April 24, 1968

On April 23, 1968, the below listed individuals connected with the listed business concerns were contacted and they advised they had never used the Code 20R-3 or had any knowledge of a concern that used this code:

EUGENE GOLDSTEIN	SNOW WHITE CLEANERS, 8662 Flat-
	lands Avenue, Brooklyn.
MELVIN RABINOWITZ	UNI Drive In Cleaners, 1715
	Utica Avenue, Brooklyn
YVONNE HERON	BIG A Cleaners, 1629 Ralph Ave.,
	Brooklyn
ARTHUR OTTAIANO	OCTAGON LAUNDRY, 2120 Menahan St.,
	Queens
NICK NESTORA	BIG SIX DRIVE IN CLEANERS, 60-28
	Queens Blvd, Queens
MILDRED SOLOMITO	ALL STAR SHIRT LAUNDRY, 89 Gerry
	Street, Brooklyn.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

serial 799

ReBuairtel to NY, 4/23/68, enclosing a copy of a letter dated 4/15/68, whose return address was shown as 3225 Union Blvd., East Islip, NY.

The NYO conducted investigation regarding ERNEST STANLEY GALT on 4/10-11/68, and succeeded in eliminating him as subject instant matter. This investigation did disclose that GALT owned a summer residence at Saltaire, Fire Island, NY, and this is the listing shown for ERNEST S. GALT in the Suffolk County NY telephone book.

For the information of the Bureau, the following description of GALT was obtained through interview and observation:

Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	9/13/28
POB	Brooklyn, NY
Height	5'10"
Weight	185 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Grey
Marital status	Married

3- Bureau
1- New York

JFS:RAR
(5) *Ran*

1- Supv. #23 *Ran*

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NY 44-1609

Residence	13 Midwood Rd. Rockville Center, NY
Summer home	Fire Island, NY
Father	ERNEST STANLEY GALT, SR. DOB: 6/15/95 POB: England Deceased June, 1966

NY will attempt to identify the correspondent in instant matter and orally acknowledge receipt of his letter.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Million Offered to Kill King, Says a Ray Pal

By WILLIAM FEDERICI

A report of a "million-dollar bounty" offered by a "businessman's association" has intensified the FBI's investigation of a conspiracy in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

A former cellmate of fugitive James Earl Ray, hunted as King's assassin, told the FBI in a Georgia jail "that a quick nervous sneer" came across Ray's face when a new man told of the bounty for killing King. Convicted murderer Raymond Curtiss quoted Ray as saying: "I'll collect that if I ever get out of here."

The new evidence of a possible conspiracy prompted FBI agents to return to Whitfield County jail, near Dalton, Ga., and the Tennessee state line, where they questioned Curtiss Sunday and Monday nights.

Grapevine Spreads Word

Sheriff Gerry Mauldin, warden of the jail, said:

"Word that Ray Curtiss knew the fellow Ray, wanted by the FBI, came to me through the prison grapevine. I sent for him and he told me how he knew him. I called the FBI and they sent men in both Sunday and Monday nights."

Curtiss, awaiting appeal on a murder conviction, told the agents that he knew Ray (also known as Eric Starvo Galt) in Kansas City, Mo., jail, in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., and in the Missouri State Prison at Jefferson City. It was from Missouri that Ray escaped last April. It was also in Missouri that Ray made the statements concerning the bounty.

Recalls Statement

"We were all standing in the exercise yard about a week after President Kennedy was killed and a new man just brought into prison told us about the bounty," Curtiss told authorities.

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

In describing Ray to authorities, Curtiss said he was addicted



James Earl Ray
A million-dollar killer?

to "dope," a "loner" and a "guy only interested in money."

"I remember," Curtiss said, "on the day the President was killed, Ray turned to me and said: 'Well, somebody made a pretty penny on that.'"

Silent About "New Man"

Although Curtiss refused to divulge to anyone except the FBI who the "new man" was and what he thought the "businessman's association" was, it was learned that agents have uncovered sub-

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2 Daily News.

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Author:
Editor:
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Character:
or
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stantial leads and are questioning the "new man."

"Ray," the tall, rawboned Curtiss said, "bragged that he always carried a gun when he was outside. He wasn't the type anyone would call a troublemaker, but he was tough."

Ray never seemed concerned about racial matters, Curtiss reported, and never had any trouble with Negroes in prison.

"Long conversations were not part of Ray's makeup," Curtiss said, "but if he was planning something, you can bet he made thorough plans."

Gun Under False Name

Curtiss also told the FBI that Ray had told him that, if he wanted to kill someone, he would buy a gun under a false name, and have everything ready for an escape.

"He used to talk a lot about escaping to New Zealand, Brazil and Argentina," the convict said.

In telling about his friendship with Ray, Curtiss said: "When I was hospitalized for six weeks with hepatitis, Ray came to visit with me every day."

Curtiss said he didn't "connect Ray with King's killing until he saw his picture on a TV set." "I didn't even know he had escaped Missouri prison," he said.

"If others were involved in a plot to kill King," Curtiss said, "Ray will carry the secret to his grave."

Lawyer Backs Curtiss

Former Georgia Rep. Irwin Mitchell, Curtiss' lawyer, told THE NEWS last night:

"I firmly believe what Curtiss told the FBI is the truth. He has nothing to gain and he's smart and savvy enough to know he couldn't fabricate the story he's telling."

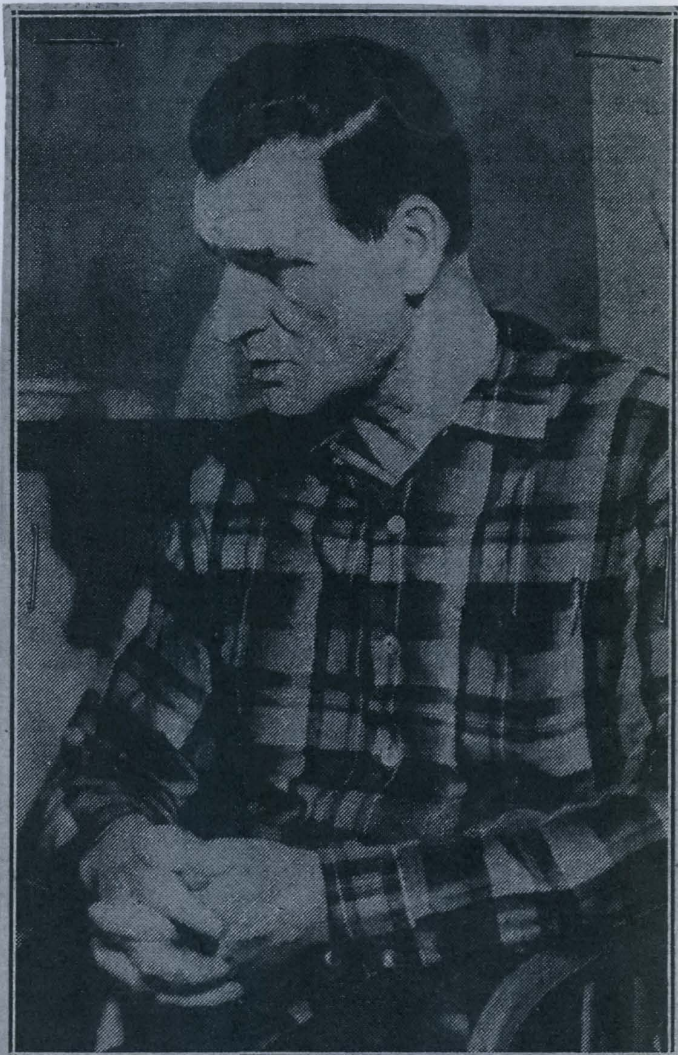
The lawyer also said that the FBI men "were apparently very impressed with what Curtiss told them."

In Memphis, Tenn., where King was slain on April 4, the FBI refused to confirm or deny that it was investigating a possibility that the hunted man was dead.

According to authorities in Atlanta, Ga., Ray registered in the Briarcliff Hotel there under the name of Galt on the weekend after the slaying. Three water glasses, supposedly used by Ray and two females who visited him, were impounded by the FBI after a desk clerk identified a photograph shown by agents.

The FBI in Los Angeles was reportedly trying to find a blonde woman who was dating Ray before he disappeared from Southern California.

The FBI would offer no statements regarding the investigation or Curtiss' information.



UPI Telephoto
Raymond Curtiss, 40, convicted killer and former cellmate of James Earl Ray, says Ray planned to collect \$1 million King bounty.

ASST. DIR.

SAC I

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SAC III

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SUPV.

4-24-68

Airtel

To: SAC's, Jackson (157-9586) - Enc. (3)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Jackson airtel 4-16-68, submitting an envelope, Q238, and accompanying letter, Q239, sent to the Chief of Police, Meridian, Mississippi.

Four latent fingerprints developed on the envelope and two latent fingerprints developed on the letter. Two latent fingerprints on the letter are identical with the fingerprints of Chief of Police C. L. Gunn, whose fingerprints were also submitted. The four latent fingerprints on the envelope are not identical with the fingerprints of Gunn, or with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G.

Q238, Q239, and the fingerprints of Gunn are enclosed.

Laboratory report separate.

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FBI CLEVELAND

100AM URGENT 4-24-68 LJJ

TO NEW YORK (44-1609)

FROM CLEVELAND (44-565) 1P

MURKIN

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO CLEVELAND, APRIL TWENTYTHREE,
LAST.

RE: UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL OBSERVED IN TUCKAHOE,
NEW YORK.

INVESTIGATION AT CLEVELAND REFLECTS THAT SIXTYSIX CHEVROLET
WITH NEW YORK LICENSE NINE TWO FIVE FIVE BU, IS OPERATED BY
WILLIAM SULLIVAN, THREE TWO TWO SIX TWO HUNDRED FOURTEENTH
PLACE, BAYSIDE, NEW YORK.

WILLIAM SULLIVAN WORKS OUT OF THE WESTCHESTER OFFICE OF
ADDRESSOGRAPH-MULTIGRAPH, ONE TWO ONE TERRYTOWN ROAD, ELMSFORD,
NEW YORK, AND HIS SUPERVISOR AT THE WESTCHESTER OFFICE OF
ADDRESSOGRAPH-MULTIGRAPH IS RAYMOND FUREY, GENERAL SALES
MANAGER.

NEW YORK WILL CONTACT WILLIAM SULLIVAN IN EFFORT TO
ELIMINATE AS SUBJECT. AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

P.

END

CORR TIME SHD BE 100PM

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FBI NEW YORK

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SA Taylor
advised 9:10 AM
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Covered serial 468
airtel to Memphis 5/2/68

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FBI OMAHA

5:43 PM CST URGENT 4/24/68 IJS

TO BUREAU NEW YORK MEMPHIS BIRMINGHAM
FROM OMAHA 44-310 1P

✓
MURKIN.

RE OMAHA TEL APRIL NINETEEN, LAST, REGARDING SUBSCRIBERS TO U.S.
CAMER UNDER THE NAMES ERIC STARVO GALT, AKA HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY
LOWMYER AND JOHN WILLARD.

EARL LANDBERT, SUBSCRIPTION MANAGER, COWLES COMMUNICATION, INC.,
DES MOINES, IOWA, ADVISED THIS DATE REVIEW OF SUBSCRIPTION LISTS
NEGATIVE REGARDING ABOVE NAMES.

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NEW YORK 09 6:03 P M MKP

SENT BY CODED TELETYPE

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TO SAN FRANCISCO, NEW YORK, AND MEMPHIS PLAINTEXT
FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 1P

✓
MURKIN.

RE HARVEY LOWMYER.

RESFTEL APRIL TWENTYTHREE, LAST.

SINCE RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS SUBJECT IN THIS CASE,
LEAD FOR NEW YORK TO INTERVIEW MARGARET G. LOHMEYER AND
MARIE GRIFFITH IS UNNECESSARY. NEW YORK DISREGARD
UNLESS SAN FRANCISCO ADVISES OF ADDITIONAL PERTINENT
INFORMATION.

END

WPK

FBI NEW YORK

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SA Ryan
advised
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9:00 AM

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710PM URGENT 4-24-68 BJP

TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

✓
MURKIN

CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORY TO INSURE THAT THERE IS FREQUENT REFERENCE TO RAY AND HIS CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

SINCE YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADVISED THAT JAMES EARL RAY IS IDENTICAL WITH ERIC STARVO GALT AND YOU HAVE BEEN FURNISHED IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS ON RAY, YOU ARE TO BE CERTAIN THAT ALL APPROPRIATE STOPS HAVE BEEN RENEWED ON JAMES EARL RAY AND UNDER ALL OF HIS KNOWN ALIASES AS SET FORTH ON THE IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS. THIS IS TO INSURE THAT THE BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED IF THE SUBJECT IS ARRESTED OR COMES TO THE ATTENTION OF AUTHORITIES WITH WHOM STOPS PLACED.

OFFICES COVERING DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS FLIGHTS SHOULD HAVE RENEWED STOPS AND SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD BE DISPLAYED APPROPRIATELY.

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ALL OFFICES SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION
AT ALL "HIPPIE" ROOMING HOUSES AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS TO
OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER CONCERNING RAY.

APPROPRIATE LEGATS BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

CORR PG1 L1 WD4 SHD RD MAINTAINED

END

WPK

FBI NEW YORK

R RELAY

FBI NEW YORK

FBI DENVER

11-08M URGENXXXAM URGENT 4-24-68 BID

TO DIRECTOR, (44-38861), NEW YORK (44-1609), AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM DENVER (157-203) 2P

MURKIN

RE: UNIDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH OF MINUTEMAN.

RE NEW YORK AIRTEL TO BUREAU, DATED APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

ON APRIL TWENTY THREE LAST, PHOTOGRAPHER,
CARL IWASAKI, ONE FOUR SIX FIVE MONROE STREET,
DENVER, ADVISED CANNOT RECALL NAME OF INDIVIDUAL
IN PHOTOGRAPH FURNISHED DENVER OFFICE BY NEW YORK. HE
FELT PICTURES WERE MOST LIKELY TAKEN AT MEETING
HALL OF MINUTEMEN IN COLLINSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

HE FELT THE WRITER, WILL JARVIS, MIGHT KNOW
IDENTITY OF UNIDENTIFIED MAN.

MR. IWASAKI STATED HE TOOK NUMEROUS PICTURES, ALL
IN POSSESSION OF TIME, INCORPORATED, NEW YORK
CITY, AND A THOROUGH REVIEW OF ALL PICTURES MIGHT POSSIBLY
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CONTAIN ONE ON WHICH THE IDENTITY OF UNIDENTIFIED
MAN IS SET FORTH.

HE ALSO STATED HE RECALLED SEEING SPECIAL
AGENT OF FBI IN COMPANY OF THESE MINUTEMEN AND
THAT THIS SPECIAL AGENT MIGHT POSSIBLY KNOW IDENTITY
OF MAN IN PHOTOGRAPHS. HE STATED HE COULD
NOT REMEMBER THE SPECIAL AGENT-S NAME BUT THAT HE DEFINITELY
RECALLS HIM AS BEING AN AGENT FROM HAVING SEEN HIM ON MORE
THAN ONE OCCASION DURING THE COORS KIDNAPING CASE IN
COLORADO. HE STATED THAT BECAUSE HE RECOGNIZED HIM, HE WAS
CAREFUL NOT TO PHOTOGRAPH HIM.

IT IS NOTED THAT IN RE NEW YORK AIRTEL, THE NAME OF
SA JACK ROBERTS WAS MENTIONED BY CHIEF REESE DOBSON, ST.
CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS A MAN HE BELIEVED TO BE WORKING
UNDER COVER AMONG THE MINUTEMEN.

SAME LEADS AS SET OUT IN RE AIRTEL SHOULD BE COVERED
BY APRINGFIELD AND NEW YORK.

MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM ADVISED AIRMAIL.

END

RDS

FBI NEW YORK

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TRUE COPY

Youngstown, O.
April 15 - 1968.

Mr J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: Please do not think me a crank. But in looking at the large picture - who is peeking from the drape.

I am also enclosing sketch (from our local paper) that very much resembles a man that was on TV in a showing of The American Alcoholic over WFMY - 21 between 10:00 PM & 11 P.M. It was made at an Alcoholic Clinic in Atlanta, Gorgia. It showed this man in jail - also before the judge (being released) also showed him crossing street and entering a bar with another man (looked like other one had blond hair - about 1/2 head shorter than the man I am mentioning. Also showed them coming out of bar & drinking from bottle. When Judge called his name he mentioned the name Rudolph 3 or 4 times. I could not quite get the last name - sounded like Helon or Mallon. Judge was quite plump. Do not know who he was either. Man is classified as an alcoholic. I could be very wrong but I could not help noticing the resemblance to description of dress, heighth etc. that has been in our paper.

Please do not mention this letter to anyone as we are already living in fear all over America of the violence going on.

Yours Truly

Miss Sylvia Irving
4055 South Ave
Youngstown, O 44512

P.S. I did investigation work years ago. That is what makes me very observing. This man seems to be a Flop house patron.

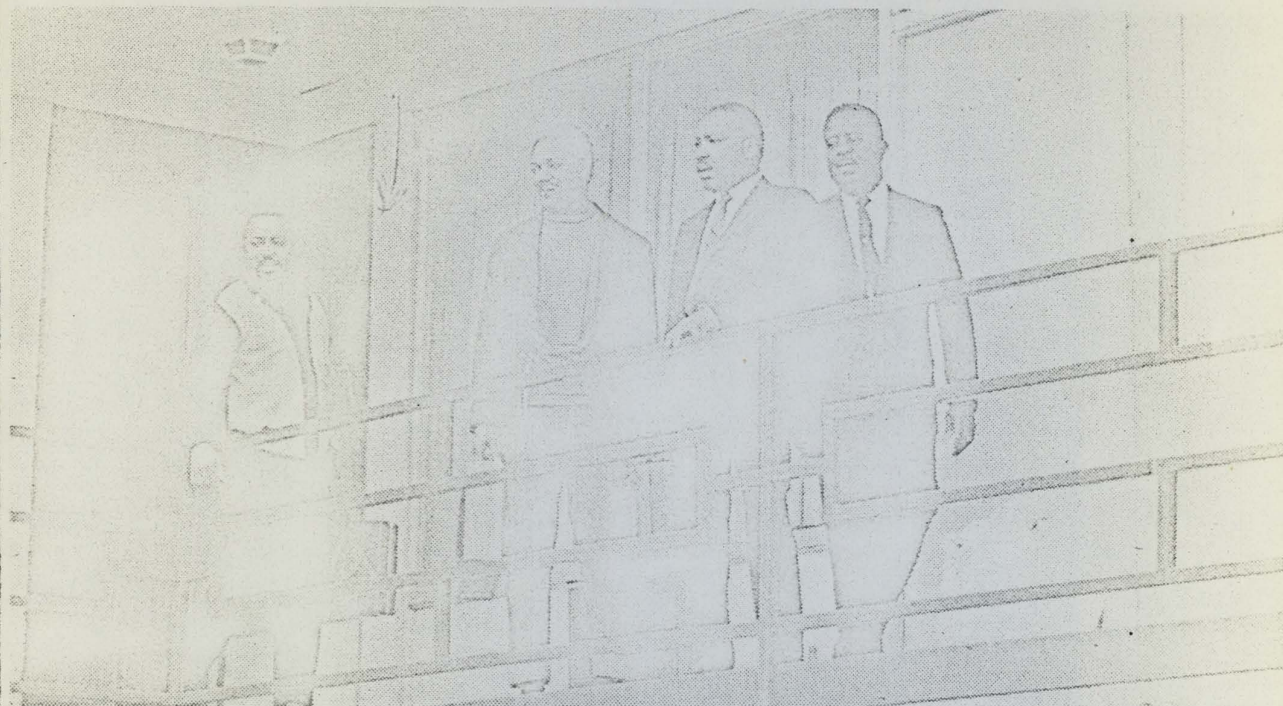
Will you let me know if you receive this.

Thank you

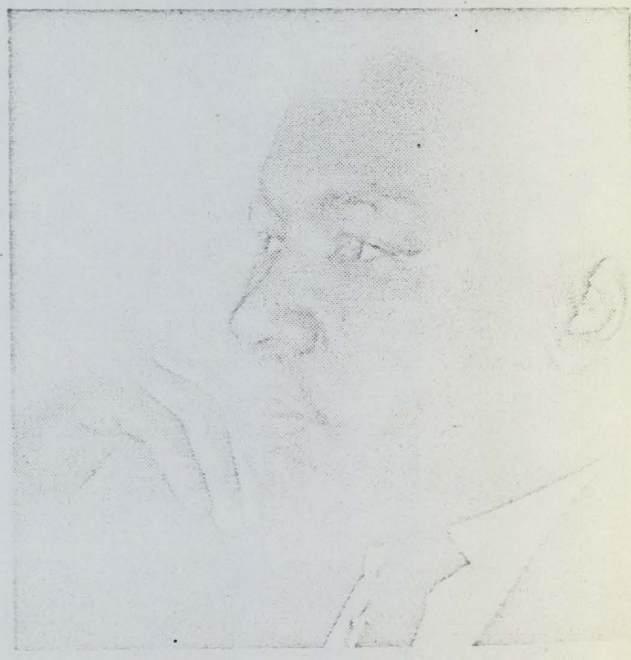
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KING ON THE BALCONY WHERE HE WAS SHOT—Rev. Martin Luther King stands on the balcony of the Memphis motel at approximately the spot where he was shot by an assassin Thursday night. This picture was made Wednesday, shortly after King arrived in Memphis. Standing next to King, tieless, is Jesse Jackson, an associate, to whom King was talking the instant he was shot Thursday. At right is Rev. Ralph Abernathy. Man at left is not identified.



—Associated Press



—Associated Press Wirephotos

ARTIST'S VIEW OF KILLER—
Mexican Police Headquarters
artist Sergio Jaubert's recre-
ates physical features of a
man suspected of killing Dr.
Martin Luther King Jr., in
Memphis, Tenn., last week.
Drawing was based on des-
cription supplied by FBI
authorities.

April 13, 1968

Miss Sylvia Irving
4055 South Avenue
Youngstown, Ohio 44512

Dear Miss Irving:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated
April 15, 1968, with enclosures.

Thank you for your interest in bringing this matter
to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

- 2 - SAC, Atlanta - Enclosures (6)
- ② - SAC, Cleveland - Enclosures (6) *Pando*
- 1 - SAC, Memphis - Enclosures (3) - For Information

NOTE TO SACS: Cleveland, at Youngstown, Ohio, will determine
specific television program correspondent refers to and, if feasible,
the identity of the Alcoholic Clinic in Atlanta, Georgia, so that
Atlanta may attempt to identify Rudolph Helon or Rudolph Hallon.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)
RE: MURKIN

Re letter from Director, 4/18/68, to Miss SYLVIA IRVING, 4055 South Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio (copies furnished Atlanta, Memphis, and Cleveland).

Enclosed for New York for background information are copies of above referenced letter, as well as a copy of letter of Miss SYLVIA IRVING to Director, dated 4/15/68, along with attachments to her letter.

On 4/23/68, Mr. MITCH STANLEY, WFMY-TV, Channel 21, 101 West Boardman Street, Youngstown, Ohio, advised he believed the TV program regarding "The American Alcoholic" was narrated by CHET HUNTLEY through NBC news, New York City, New York, and he thought it had been televised on Channel 21, on Friday, 4/12/68, from 10:00 PM to 11:00 PM. He had no additional details.

STANLEY suggested NBC News, New York, New York, be contacted for additional details, which would disclose the identity of the Alcoholic Clinic in Atlanta, Georgia.

LEAD

NEW YORK:

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- 2 - Memphis (RM) (Info)
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- 2 - Cleveland

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Stanley

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will contact NBC News and ascertain identity of the Alcoholic Clinic in Atlanta, Georgia, so Atlanta may attempt to identify a person called RUDOLPH HELON or HALLON, who appeared in this program and whom Miss SYLVIA IRVING believed to resemble sketches of GALT.

*Discontinue
re Memphis
teletype to Bureau
4/25/68
J*



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Atlanta, Georgia
April 24, 1968

Title COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR.

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference RACIAL MATTER

Atlanta Memorandum dated and captioned
as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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SECRET

Atlanta, Georgia
April 24, 1968

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RACIAL MATTER

On April 22, 1968, a confidential source advised he had recently learned that subsequent to the death of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., Bernard Lafayette, Program Administrator, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and Hosea Williams, Director of Voter Registration and Political Education, SCLC, have on more than one occasion commented to SCLC Executive Staff members that it can be anticipated other members (not identified) of SCLC's Executive Staff might die as a result of violence in the continuing civil rights struggle. They have pointed out that the continuing civil rights struggle will require the utilization of economic pressures (not specified) which will result in conflicts of interests in the Nation's economy.

With reference to the death of Reverend King, some members of the SCLC Executive Staff feel the shooting of Reverend King was the work of a mentally unbalanced person. While others appear to have an open mind regarding this matter, a minority of the staff feel it is quite plausible that the shooting of Reverend King was directly or indirectly instigated by President Lyndon B. Johnson and/or members of his administration. In support of this line of thinking these members maintain that Reverend King's status as a powerful civil rights leader, his staunch opposition to the Viet Nam War, and potential to embarrass the current administration through SCLC's pending Poor People's Campaign, have undoubtedly irked the President and his administration for an appreciable time.

Source could furnish no further details regarding the above matter, but expressed the opinion that such thinking might be the result of an emotional reaction to a catastrophe, coupled with a distrust of "the establishment".

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HOSEA WILLIAMS

During October, 1964, a confidential source advised that on October 3, 1964, RUTH BAILEY, then an employee of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, (SCLC), Harlem, New York Office, while discussing several SCLC personalities with one CONNIE CAMPBELL, referred to WILLIAMS. BAILEY said WILLIAMS had mentioned to her (date not specified) that on a prior occasion (date not specified) HUNTER PITTS O'DELL had told him more about politics than he could read.

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HUNTER PITTS O'DELL

In July, 1962, HUNTER PITTS O'DELL, also known as JACK H. O'DELL, was considered by the Communist Party, USA, as a member of its National Committee.

HUNTER PITTS O'DELL told EDWINA SMITH December 27, 1963, he would not go back to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference on the same basis because he is now a "left person" and if they cannot accept him the way he is then they will have to forget about him.

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FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

MURKIN.

RE CLEVELAND AIRTEL APRIL TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYEIGHT.

REFERENCE AIRTEL REQUESTS NEW YORK OFFICE MAKE CONTACT AT NBC NEWS AND DETERMINE IDENTITY ALCOHOLIC CLINIC IN ATLANTA SO ATLANTA THEREAFTER MAY IDENTIFY PERSON WHO APPEARED ON PROGRAM BELIEVED TO RESEMBLE SKETCHES OF GALT.

MEMPHIS OF OPINION NEW YORK NEED NOT HANDLE LEAD AS ATLANTA CAN THROUGH SOURCES DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS ALCOHOLIC CLINIC AND CAN ELIMINATE ON BASIS OF RECORDS THERE WHETHER OR NOT PERSON BY NAME RUDOLPH HELON OR HALLON WHO REPORTEDLY APPEARED IN PROGRAM IS IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

MEMPHIS PERSONNEL WHO RECALLED SEEING PROGRAM BELIEVE PERSON OF INTEREST WAS PERSON CALLED RUDY WHO HAD EXTENSIVE ARREST RECORD FOR ALCOHOLISM AND WAS ONE WHOM CAMERA FOLLOWED INTO LIQUOR STORE. ATLANTA RESOLVE. AIR MAIL COPY TO CLEVELAND.

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RE NEW YORK TEL APRIL TWENTY THREE LAST RE CALIF LICENSE
E P T ONE NINE NINE.

DOUGLAS ARTHUR DOWLING HAS RECORD AT KERN COUNTY SO,
BAKERSFIELD, CALIF, AND NOT IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT. DOWLING
ELIMINATED ON BASIS OF PHOTO AND FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION.
INQUIRY OF RELATIVE AT BAKERSFIELD REVEALED DOWLING HAD BEEN
IN NEW YORK DURING PAST MONTH WITH SIXTY DODGE. TELCALL
RECEIVED FROM DOWLING TODAY STATING HE WAS IN ARKANSAS
EN ROUTE TO BAKERSFIELD AND HAD BEEN IN NEW YORK DRIVING
HIS SIXTY DODGE.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

TIME SHLD BE 1044AM

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