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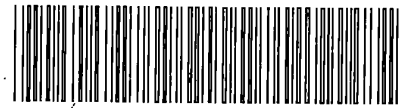
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC NY 44-1609

FROM : SA John F. Shanley # 2/3

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR : OO: ME

DATE: 4/9/68

Pls make 40 copies of Bureau teletype to all Continental Offices dated 4/9/68

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SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

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Re: Subject ERIC STARVO GALT

Each agent to whom this memo is addressed is instructed to immediately telephonically contact each bank assigned to him and determine any information available concerning suspect GALT.

Under no circumstance should anyone be told this investigation is in connection with captioned matter.

Instant lead should be covered immediately upon receipt of this memo.

- ① New York (44-1609)
- 1- SA CJ ALLEN (6Banks) - *Neg.*
- 1- RL ARNOLD (6 Banks)
- 1- JP BOLAND (6 Banks) - *Neg*
- 1- J BRADSHAW (6 Banks) - *Neg*
- 1- FL CASHIN (6 Banks) - *Neg (Stokes)*
- 1- ER CHORY (6 Banks) - *Neg*
- 1- PM CONRAD (6 Banks) - *Neg*
- 1- JJ CUMMINGS (6 Banks) - *Neg*
- 1- VJ CUNNINGHAM (6 Banks) - *Neg*
- 1- VP DOHERTY (6 Banks) - *Neg*
- 1- CF DZIERZANOWSKI (6 Banks) - *Neg*
- 1- GM HAND (6 Banks) - *Neg*
- 1- JE HENEHAN (6 Banks) - *Neg*
- 1- JM JONES (6 Banks) - *Neg (Riving)*
- 1- HW KILGORE (6 Banks) - *Neg*
- 1- FJ LONERGAN (5 Banks) - *Neg*
- 1- JP MAYER (6 Banks) - *Neg*
- 1- W MORSE (6 Banks) - *Neg*
- 1- WC NASH (5 Banks) - *Neg*
- 1- CG OLVER (5 Banks) - *Neg*
- 1- JF SHANLEY (5 Banks) - *Neg*
- 1- OE SMITH (3 Banks) - *Neg*
- 1- JE SNIEGOCKI (4 Banks) - *Neg*
- 1- PJ STOKES (3 Banks) - *Neg*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date: _____

Mr. ALBERT BAILEY, Administrative Staff, Pan American Airways, Kennedy Airport, was contacted and advised that he could not locate any ticket for a Mr. RICHARDSON on Pan American Airways flight number 287 which departed from Kennedy Airport on April 5, 1968, at 8:15 pm to San Juan. He advised that this is very unusual, but on occasions this does happen. He was unable to furnish any additional information in connection with this matter.

On 4/18/68 at Telephonically at New York File # NY 44-1609-349
by SA PAUL M. CONRAD/pmc Date dictated 4/18/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/17/681

Mr. ALBERT BAILEY, Administrative Staff, Pan American Airways, Kennedy Airport, was contacted and furnished the following information:

He advised his records reflect that on March 18, 1968, REGINA HAGSPIEL booked passage on Pan American Airways flight number 287 which departed from Kennedy Airport on April 5, 1968, at 8:15 pm to San Juan. His records reflect that REGINA HAGSPIEL is to return on flight number 294 which departs San Juan at 2:30 pm on April 23, 1968 and arrives at Kennedy Airport 5:05 pm the same date.

When this reservation was taken REGINA HAGSPIEL advised the Reservation Clerk that she was residing at 105 East 20th Street, New York City, and her telephone number was listed as area code 212 OR 9-9475.

He advised that he could not locate any ticket at the present time for a person using the name of RICHARDSON who occupied seat number 25B on Pan American Airways flight number 287 which departed from Kennedy Airport, New York, en route to San Juan, Puerto Rico. He advised that there was a possibility that this ticket may have been misplaced or filed with another flight which left Kennedy Airport on April 5, 1968 and he would check all of his records on this date in an attempt to locate a ticket for Mr. RICHARDSON.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/11/681

Mrs. IRMEARG HAWIE, File Supervisor, Pan American Airways, Departure Building, Kennedy Airport, was contacted and furnished the following information:

She advised that her records reflect that there was a Pan American flight from New York to San Juan, Puerto Rico, leaving New York at 8:15 pm on the evening of April 5, 1968. This flight number was Pan American Airways number 287. Her records reflect that RAMON CASTILLO was a passenger on this flight and occupied seat number 25A which is next to the window on the left hand side of the airplane. Her records reflect that a Mr. (First Name Unknown) RICHARDSON occupied seat number 25B and directly next to him was seated REGINA HAGSPIEL who occupied seat number 25C which was an aisle seat. She stated that the ticket for REGINA HAGSPIEL was booked on March 18, 1968, under the name of REGINA HOGFPIL and her ticket number was 026,162,129,345.

She also stated that her records reflect that the passenger RICHARDSON was booked as a "stand-by" and could not furnish any additional information in connection with this matter. She stated that for further information concerning these three individual tickets, this information could be obtained from a supervisor assigned to the Passenger Revenue Service, Pan American Building, 200 Park Avenue, 4th Floor, New York, New York.

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On April 24, 1968, Miss REGINA HAGSPIEL was contacted at her place of employment the Zum Zum Restraunt where she is employed as a waitress. She advised that she was on Flight #287 which departed Kennedy Airport on April 5, 1968, enroute to San Juan. She was traveling alone and the person seated next to her in the plane was a white male. During this flight this individual seated next to her engaged her in ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ a conversation which was of a general type dicussion. She viewed the photography of JAMES EARL RAY after which time she stated that the picture displayed to her did not resemble the man who was seated next to her in the plane. She could not furnish ~~XXXX~~ any information concerning this individual because she ~~x~~ had been drinking prior to her boarding the plane and this individual also bought her a drink on the flight. When she arrived at San Juan she departed the plane and relatives meet her at the airport. She has not seen the individual who was seated next to her after ~~xx~~ leaving the plane in San Juan and could not furnish any additio~~XX~~nal ~~XX~~ information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM : SA HEINRICH VON ECKARDT #31

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTSS

At 10:50am on this date, the Dominican Consul General RAMON CASTILLO telephonically contacted the NYO and asked to be contacted at his office immediately by Bureau agents as he had information of national importance.

He was interviewed at the Dominican Consulate, 1270 Avenue of the Americas, NYC, by SAS HEINRICH VON ECKARDT and JOHN A. BEHRINGER at 11:30am to 12:15pm. at which time he furnished the following information:

Last night while reading the Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, newspaper "Listin' Diario" edition of 4/9/68, he noticed a composite drawing of the alleged assassin of MARTIN LUTHER KING and he thought it resembled someone he had seen recently. This morning, while reading the NY Spanish language newspaper "El Tiempo" he saw another composite drawing of the same individual which confirmed his impression that he had recently seen this person. He then remembered that this person had a striking resemblance with a man who was seated next to him on the evening of April 5, 1968, on a Pan American flight from New York to San Juan, Puerto Rico, leaving NY at 8:15pm. (possibly PAA flight 287, but Castillo was not sure of the flight number). He ~~remembered~~ remembered this man as he appeared to be extremely nervous, more so than the usual air traveller. He noted that this man ordered and drank in rapid succession 6 to 8 double scotchs on the rocks. During the flight this man attempted to engage CASTILLO in conversation but CASTILLO limited the conversation to a minimum due to CASTILLO 's limited English. CASTILLO remembered that when the man noticed that CASTILLO was reading a Dominican newspaper, "El Caribe", he began his conversation by asking CASTILLO how conditions were in the Dominican Republic. CASTILLO replied that things were progressing satisfactory. In order not to appear impolite, CASTILLO continued the conversation by asking the man if he was going to Santo Domingo. The man said he was not, but was going to San Juan where he wanted to spend a vacation.

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The man then asked CASTILLO what he thought of Puerto Rico, to which CASTILLO replied that it was a very nice island and the people are friendly. The man then asked CASTILLO what he thought of the assassination of the Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING. CASTILLO said that he thought this was a horrible crime. The man made no further mention of KING after this. CASTILLO said that this was the extent of their conversation. CASTILLO stated that when the plane arrived in San Juan, he, CASTILLO, got off the plane before this man but noticed this man got off the plane also and the last time he saw him this man was walking toward the air terminal building. CASTILLO noted that this man did not appear to be intoxicated when he last saw him. No one seemed to be accompanying this man when CASTILLO last saw him.

CASTILLO stated that he ~~saw~~ occupied a window seat on this flight, the unknown man occupied the middle seat and an unknown woman occupied the aisle seat. These seats were in the Economy ~~Flight~~ section of this flight, toward the front of the plane. The only conversation that CASTILLO noted between the unknown man and unknown woman was when the man ordered ~~himself~~ one of his drinks, the woman asked him to order a drink for her also. The woman drank two double scotches on the rocks, which the unknown man paid for. The woman smoked incessantly, even during periods when the "No Smoking" sign was lighted. The man offered CASTILLO a Lark cigarette. The woman smoked extra long king size cigarettes, brand name unknown.

CASTILLO stated that all conversation was done in the English language between himself and the unknown man, but CASTILLO stated that his English is so limited that he was unable to tell whether the man spoke with any type of accent.

CASTILLO described the unknown man as follows:

Age:	45 to 47 years of age
Height:	5"9"
Weight:	170 lbs.
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Possibly dark brown (Castillo not sure of this)
Eyes:	Color unknown
Complexion:	Light, appeared to have a slight yellowish tint
Race:	White
Clothing:	Well dressed, dark grey tropical weight suit, appeared to be well groomed, color of shoes, shirt and tie not recalled.
Scars or marks:	None visible. Did not wear glasses. did not have mustache. Hands appeared to be well groomed, not the hands of a laborer. Had a high forehead. The ears in the composite picture in "El Tiempo" are very similar to unknown man.

The forehead, looks and lips of composite in "El Tiempo" bear strong resemblance to unknown man.

CASTILLO described the unknown woman as follows:

Age:	30 years old
Race:	White
Height:	5'5"
Weight:	130 lbs.
Hair:	Dark brown

He could not further describe this woman.

CASTILLO noted that the same stewardess served the unknown man all of his drinks, therefore she may be able to furnish further descriptions of unknown man and woman.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK ((44-1609)

FROM : HERBERT W. KILGORE (A) #23

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/20/68

Re: ~~REDACTED~~ Miami teletype to Bureau 4/19/68

On 4/20/68, Mr. HAL NUGENT, Eastern Airlines, Kennedy Airport, NY, NY, Telephone No. 995-2440 advised telephonically that Pilots ~~REDACTED~~ E.L. FOSS and ^{D.W. GROSSMAN} ~~EDHARTMAN~~ are scheduled to depart from Kennedy Airport at 5:55 PM this date. He said that they usually arrive at the airport one hour prior to the departure of the flight. He said that pilot E.D. HARTMAN is presently out on a trip.

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/20/68

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Mr. E.D. ~~WILSON~~ HARTMAN, Pilot, Eastern Airlines, advised telephoncially that he was on Flight #915 on 4/6/68 from NY to Atlanta to New Orleans to Mexico City. He said that he was in and out of the cockpit since he was second officer but he does not recall seeing anyone similar to the person known as JAMES EARL RAY, whose picture he has seen in the newspapers. Mr. HARTMAN advised that he resides at 11 Wooley Lane, Apt. 3 J, Great Neck, New York.

The following was conducted by SA James P. Boland & Lawrence Playford on 4/20/68:

The following stewardesses were shown photographs of Ray, aka Sabt and could not recognize him as being on their flights or anyone resembling him:

✓ Miss Suellen Lorch, 435 E. 79th St. Apt 12C - flight 106 4/5/67 - Arrived Atlanta 12 noon left 12:55 PM

✓ Joan Evelyn Huezda, 500 E 79th St. Apt. 1127, - flight 915 4/6/68 left Atlanta about 10 AM.

✓ Diane Sarah Trembley 220 E 54th St Apt 4B - flight 106 - arrived Atlanta 12 noon - left Atlanta 12:55 PM
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✓ Mr. Donald Grossman, Pilot, Eastern
Airlines, advised telephonically on 4/22/68,
that he was on flight 106 to
~~an~~ Montreal on 4/5/68. He said
he has seen pictures of James
Earl Ray in newspapers and
he does not recall seeing him
on the flight to Montreal. He
said that he does not have much
reason or opportunity to observe passengers.

~~EAL Stenmark~~

✓ Carol Ann Scott, 2626 Homecrest

Brooklyn, N. Y., Telephone No. 949-2500

advised telephonically on 4/25/68, that

she has seen the photo of the

suspect in the Killing of Dr. Martin

Luther King, Jr. in the newspapers.

She stated that she did not recognize the photo as a passenger on Eastern Airlines Flight #915 to Mexico City on 4/6/68. She said that the flight was full and very hectic. She said that she just returned from Mexico City again.

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AIRTEL REGULAR MAIL

TO: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Re Chicago airtel 4/19/68.

Check with MVD, Madison, Wis., indicated 3 references for the name WILLIAM FERBER, and no references for name WILLIAM FARBERS.

3 listings for FERBER include WILLIAM H. FERBER, DOB 12/11/18, who resides S63W13041 W. Janesville, Hales Corners, Wis. He is described as white male, brown hair, brown eyes, 5 ft. 7 in., 165 lbs.

WILLIAM A. FERBER and WILLIAM G. FERBER were eliminated on basis of their DOB which were respectively 9/9/93 and 5/16/49.

Credit Bureau of Milwaukee advises WILLIAM H. FERBER has owned address at Hales Corners, Wis. since 1952 and is self-employed owning Ferber Mfg. Co., Hales Corners, Wis. since 1948. FERBER's credit is poor as he went bankrupt in 1960. He claims to earn \$12,000 per annum.

Identification Bureau check, Milwaukee PD, lists 3 traffic violations for WILLIAM H. FERBER dated 3/20/56, 8/1/60 and 9/1/63. Chief of Police HAROLD NHELAN, Hales Corners, advised FERBER arrested 2/27/65 for operating with expired driver's license.

In view of traffic violations occurring during period wherein subject JAMES EARL RAY was confined, no further action contemplated in this matter, and FERBER not being interviewed.

2-Chicago Regular Mail

- 1-Atlanta (info) AM
- 1-Memphis (info) AM
- 1-New York (info) AM
- 1-Milwaukee

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TO: SAC, SACRAMENTO

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

MURKIN

RE CALIFORNIA LICENSE ETP ONE NINE NINE.

DETECTIVE THOMAS CUSANELLI, NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED HE OBSERVED AN INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING JAMES EARL RAY DRIVING TOWARDS BROOKLYN FROM MANHATTAN, NEW YORK TODAY. INDIVIDUAL WAS DRIVING A TAN DODGE, ABOUT NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR, WHICH HAD CALIFORNIA LICENSE, EITHER ETP ONE NINE NINE OR EPT ONE NINE NINE.

SACRAMENTO DETERMINE REGISTRATION DATA FOR ABOVE LICENSE AND SET OUT LEAD TO IDENTIFY DRIVER OF VEHICLE.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 1- New York (44-1609)
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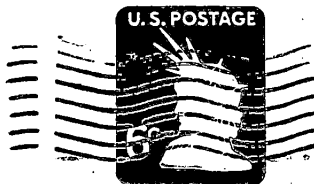
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237 W 127th St.
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The Federal Bureau of Investigation
201 East 69th Street
n. y. n. y. 10021

April 21

Dear Sirs:

It is possible that David
McGee of 404 Berkshire Rd, Charlotte,
N.C. might have information regarding
Dr. King's assassination.

This is based on second-hand
information and maybe way
off base.

I do not want to become
involved in this, nor do I
want my name mentioned.
However, I do not like anono-
mous letters and I feel it
necessary to inform you of this
possibility.

Joyce Davis
237 W 13th St.
N. Y. N. Y. 10011

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The King Suspect: His First Crime

By JERRY COHEN

LOS ANGELES—The criminal career of James Earl Ray, the man suspected of killing the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, began in downtown Los Angeles early on an October evening 18 years ago.

He tried to steal a typewriter from the third floor office of the Forum Cafeteria.

The assistant manager caught him in the act and scuffled with him. Ray got away—but not for long.

As he fled across a parking lot, an attendant heard the assistant manager's cries and grabbed Ray.

The two struggled. Ray broke free, but a bank savings book and his Army discharge papers fell to the pavement from his torn shirt pocket.

That happenstance, and an extraordinary coincidence, led to the first arrest in Ray's long career of lawlessness—a span of misconduct which allegedly reached a climax in Memphis April 4, when Dr. King was assassinated.

On Oct. 11, 1949, four days after the incident at the Forum Cafeteria, the parking lot attendant recognized Ray emerging from a bank.

He attracted the attention of nearby policemen, who arrested Ray and matched him up with the bank book and Army papers.

Ray, whom the FBI has identified as the "Eric Starvo Galt" sought for Dr. King's assassina-

tion, was given 90 days in the county jail and placed on two years probation by Superior Court Judge W. Turney Fox, now retired.

Judge Fox's leniency was based on the report of Deputy County probation officer Herbert W. Audit and the plea of deputy Public Defender Richard S. Buckley, who represented Ray, who was unemployed at the time and broke.

Audit today is in the Probation Dept.'s Santa Monica office, while Buckley has risen to head of the Public Defender's office.

Buckley, in appealing for probation when Ray appeared Dec. 30, 1949, before Judge Fox for sentencing, said:

"... I feel he not only is eligible for probation but that he is a fit subject for probation... this man is in a position to stand on his own feet, and apparently has done so for a period of time..."

"He apparently is thrifty, acquired some savings and also did fairly well in the Army. In view of these circumstances, I feel he is a good risk on probation..."

"I think you have a point there," Judge Fox told Buckley.

Then the judge turned to Ray and informed him that as a condition of his probation:

"I want you to stay out of drinking places and not indulge in the use of alcoholic liquor or frequent or go to places where it is the principal order of sale..."

Audit, the probation officer,

had noted that Ray "spends much time on dates with girls" and admitted to "occasional excessive use of intoxicants."

His remarks, and those of the judge, have an ironic echo today, since women and liquor appear to have played major roles in the subsequent life of Ray, who was only 21 at the time.

Audit also observed that Ray appeared to be of normal intelligence, was a Roman Catholic but did not attend church, attended movies two or three times a week and likes to read magazines and common ordinary books."

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Raised in Illinois

Ray, who had been in Los Angeles only two days when he got into trouble at the Forum Cafeteria, was the oldest boy in a family of three, Audit reported to Judge Fox.

The probation report also disclosed that:

He was reared by his parents in Alton and Quincy, Ill., across the Mississippi River from St. Louis.

His father died in 1946, by which time young Ray had quit high school in Ewing, Mo., across the river from his home. He got only as far as the ninth grade.

Ray joined the Army Feb. 19, 1946, got a general discharge—still a private—on Dec. 23, 1948.

He spent most of that time in Germany, and during part of his service career there he was assigned to the military police.

After his discharge, he apparently lived at home on his serv-

iceman's readjustment pay, and when that expired moved to Chicago, where he got a job operating a mold in a rubber plant while attending a TV repair school five nights a week.

He earned \$55 a week, but was laid off work in September, 1949. He remained in Chicago only a few days before heading for Los Angeles.

He denied that he had entered the cafeteria here to steal. He

claimed he had attended a downtown movie earlier, then had climbed a fire escape into the Forum's third floor office because:

"I guess maybe I had some beers or something."

When apprehended, he denied he ever had been in trouble with the law before. A check of FBI files could establish no previous arrest record.

Los Angeles Times—Washington Post



These pictures were taken of James Earl Ray on Jan. 4, 1966, at Missouri State Penitentiary where he was serving a 20-year sentence for armed robbery. The FBI description of Ray: Five-foot-10, 163 to 174 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, small scar on forehead and right palm, left ear protrudes farther from head than right.

Associated Press Wirephoto

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A CONVICT SAYS RAY SOUGHT KING BOUNTY

DALTON, Ga., April 23 (AP) —A convicted murderer who was in prison with James Earl Ray, now hunted in the slaying of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., said today he had once heard Ray say he would be willing to try to collect \$1-million for killing the civil rights leader.

The prisoner, Raymond Curtis, who is in Whitfield County Jail pending appeal of a murder conviction, said that he and Ray were inmates at the Missouri State Penitentiary when they heard the news that President Kennedy had been assassinated.

Curtis said that a third prisoner had told them a "K-K businessman's association" was offering "a million-dollar bounty to get King."

"King was running his mouth pretty good then," Curtis went on. "Ray said, 'If there is a million-dollar bounty on King, I believe I can collect it.'"

Curtis said he had known Ray since 1955, when they shared a cell in Jackson County jail at Kansas City, Mo.

Later, he said, they had adjoining cells at Leavenworth Federal prison.

Curtis said Ray did not associate freely with other inmates. "You could pick him out of a crowd of 2,000 men in the prison yard," he said. "He would be off to himself walking and his mind would be somewhere else."

"The only thing he would make a long conversation out of was when he was planning something and you were a part of it," Curtis said. "Anything he did was thoroughly planned. He never went off half-cocked."

Curtis said he had heard Ray mention "a King bounty" several times. At one point, Curtis said, Ray referred to the Kennedy assassination by saying: "Boy, probably somebody made a nice little penny off of that. I sure wish it was me."

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

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James Earl Ray's Police Record

ST. LOUIS (AP)—This is a chronology of the arrest record of James Earl Ray, sought by the FBI in the assassination of the Rev. 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 3 years, 9 months in the Fort Leavenworth, Kan., federal prison. Released April 5, 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.

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Galt or Ray, His Location's Still a Puzzle

By TIMOTHY LEE

There were no apparent indications today that the FBI was any closer to apprehending the suspected assassin of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. despite its identification of the man.

The FBI said yesterday that Eric Starvo Galt, whom it earlier had sought in the killing, is really James Earl Ray, an ex-convict high-school dropout and Army reject. He is now the target of a massive nationwide manhunt.

In addition to the federal arrest warrant charging Galt with conspiracy, another, specifying first-degree murder, has been issued by Tennessee authorities in Memphis.

FBI spokesmen minimized reports that a hitchhiker answering Ray's description had been seen about four miles from El Centro, Calif., last Monday and had told a local driver he was heading for Yuma, Ariz.

"We're not getting excited about this," an FBI aide in San Diego told the New York Post. "We just put out the notices of the report."

An FBI spokesman in Phoenix said the hitchhiker had not been seen in Yuma or elsewhere in Arizona.

Police and sheriff's agents in the Imperial Valley in and around El Centro and in Yuma also said they had been alerted by the FBI reports but had no reports of anyone's seeing the unidentified man.

The FBI said a "systematic and exhaustive search" through its fingerprint files revealed Galt and Ray—a 40-year-old drifter, loner, avid dancer and prison escapee—to be the same man.

In its first positive identification of the man sought for the slaying of King in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4, the FBI pictured Ray as a man in trouble with the law since his youth, and one who "should be considered armed and extremely dangerous."

Ray escaped from Missouri Penitentiary on April 23, 1967, while he was serving the seventh year of a 20-year sentence for a 1959 armed holdup and auto theft in St. Louis.

Prison officials said a 1966 escape attempt by Ray was foiled.

The earlier escape attempt landed Ray in a Fulton, Mo. prison hospital facility for a mental checkup.

"We gave him our Grade A, Mass I workup," recalled Dr.

Donald B. Peterson, hospital superintendent. "We found no mental disease or defect within the law."

Prison and police records showed Ray was born in Alton, Ill., son of a laborer of the same name.

Records at the Fulton facility indicated both parents were dead.

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The FBI said Eric Starvo Galt was one of a string of aliases favored by Ray in frequent brushes with the law beginning when he was 21 years old—several years after he dropped out of high school in the 10th grade.

In addition to the aliases John Willard and Harvey Lowmyer listed on the FBI fugitive warrant, the bureau said Ray also has called himself James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Heron and James O'Connor.

John Willard was the name used by the man who checked into a shoddy Memphis rooming house overlooking the Lorraine Motel, where King was fatally shot as he stood on a balcony and talked with friends.

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.

The FBI said the fugitive's acquaintances called him a loner who likes beer and vodka, favors country and western music and speaks with a rural twang. The loner tag seemed to conflict with the FBI description of him as an "avid dancer."

In more obvious conflict was the FBI's Wednesday statement saying Galt "took dancing lessons" in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965—a time when Ray was still imprisoned in Missouri.

A bureau spokesman said the earlier Galt description should have said he "reportedly" took the dancing lessons, rather than stating flatly that he had.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
RE: MURKIN

Serial 313

Re Miami tel 4/23/68; New York tel to Miami 4/22/68.

RE: G. J. GALLAGHER
SUSPECT

On this date SHIRLEY MAYON, maid, residence of G. J. GALLAGHER, 5505 Briar Drive, Houston, advised GALLAGHER and wife presently in Florida on vacation. GALLAGHER is an executive of an oil company at Houston. Maid and sister-in-law, Mrs. WHITE, advised of above and stated no resemblance between JAMES EARL RAY and GALLAGHER.

GALLAGHER being eliminated as suspect.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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RE: Richmond airtel, 4/19/68.

RE: SUSPECT GEORGE WIEDEMAN, Aka. Jack

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Re cards were sent in jest and typified by DONNELLY's sense of humor.

DONNELLY is being eliminated as a suspect in captioned matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-1609)

FROM : SA JOSEPH E. HENEHAN (23)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/25/68

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The attached investigation was conducted by SA JOSEPH E. HENEHAN pursuant to Chicago airtel of 4/19/68.

Leads were not set out to National Ballroom Operators Association, De Moines, Iowa and National Association of Dance Masters, as Milwaukee airtel of 4/23/68, eliminated FERBER as a suspect.

serial 356

On 4/24/68 ANITA GOLDITCH, Subscription Department, Dance Magazine, Incorporated, 268 W. 47th St., NYC, was contacted and advised that a review of subscribers in Chicago, Milwaukee did not disclose any in the name of WILLIAM FERBER or WILLIAM FARBERS. A similar check for JAMES EARL RAY and his known aliases was negative. All subscribers are listed by city and not alphabetically.

A check with officials of Dance Magazine, Inc. disclosed they were not aware of the National Association of Ballroom Dancers nor any such organizations that issue an orange membership card.

HELEN WICKS REID, (C1-640430) founder of National Dance Teachers Association advised she was not aware of a National Association of Ballroom Dancers nor any organization that issued an orange membership card.

She pointed out that there was a National Ballroom Operators Association, Box 624, Des Moines, Iowa and National Association of Dance Masters, 32 W. Randolph, Chicago, Illinois. Neither of these issued orange membership cards.

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On 4/24/68, VERA DALOLEISH, Secretary, Ballroom Dancers Association, 756 Seventh Ave (Tempo Dance Studio) advised that she was not aware of a National Ballroom Dancers Association. Her organization was only in New York City did not issue membership cards and had only 75 members. She knew all the members and none were similar to JAMES EARL RAY.

In view of Milwaukee airtel no further investigation being conducted.

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**NEW ORLEANS MOTEL
RECALLS GALT STAY**

NEW ORLEANS, April 24 (Reuters)—The Provincial Motor Hotel said today that a man identifying himself as Eric Starvo Galt registered there Dec. 17, 1967, and stayed until Dec. 19.

Galt was the name used by James Earl Ray, alleged assassin of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In another development, Louis Lomax wrote in an article circulated today by the North American Newspaper Alliance that Ray had used the name of "Galt" when he came to New Orleans to meet a local industrialist with whom he had previous telephone contact.

Mr. Lomax said that Ray, a 40-year-old escapee from the Missouri state penitentiary, traveled around the country after meeting the unnamed industrialist, and finally went to Memphis, Tenn., where Dr. King was assassinated last April 4.

Meanwhile, the F.B.I. was reportedly looking for a woman identified only as "Jerri" and described as a blue-eyed blonde who knew Ray as Galt in Hollywood, Calif.

She was said to have frequented the Sultan Room at the Rabbit's Foot Lounge in Hollywood, and dated Ray before he left Southern California.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-3886)
(ATT: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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On 4/24/68, RICHARD PARDI, Comptroller, Computing Technology, Inc., 26 Park Place, Paramus, New Jersey, telephone 265-4040 telephonically contacted NYO and provided information concerning an electronic scanning device utilizing computers for ballistic examinations. He offered to make this procedure available to the FBI for ballistic examination of the bullet and gun used in the assassination in captioned civil rights matter.

Mr. PARDI said he understood through newspapers that ballistic tests to date were not conclusive. His company has developed a procedure whereby a computer optical scanner, using numerical systems programmed into computers is so sensitive that all surface changes are noted. He is of the opinion that tests with such equipment would be conclusive where other methods have failed.

He explained that with the computer system it is not necessary to depend on the human eye, nor light nor

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microscopes. The computer system examination has been conducted by a very capable program man within his organization.

According to PARDI this procedure has been demonstrated to the NYCPD and published in one of the scientific journals. He said the NYCPD is attempting to obtain sufficient funds with which to procure and utilize this procedure.

PARDI stated that by letter he previously offered the use of this system to the FBI in Washington, D.C.

An information copy of this airtel is being furnished to Newark in the event it is deemed advisable by the Bureau to have PARDI contacted in Paramus, New Jersey for additional information.

PARDI said his company has expended thousands of dollars in developing this procedure but at the present time it is not being utilized. He said he is not seeking any publicity for his company in offering to make it available to the FBI.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Chicago airtel to Milwaukee, 4/19/68 and Milwaukee airtel to Chicago, 4/23/68.

Investigation at New York City disclosed that National Associations of Ballroom Dancers is unknown to officials of Dance Magazine Inc. and Ballroom Dancers Association. Also, no organization known that issues orange membership cards. Ballroom Dancers Association is a local club with approximately 75 members. Official advises she knows all members and none are similar to JAMES EARL RAY. No subscriptions for RAY of FARBER located.

Two other organizations were mentioned as possibilities they were: National Ballroom Operators Association, Box 624, Des Moines, Iowa and National Association of Dance Masters, 32 W. Randolph, Chicago, Illinois. Neither of these are known to issue orange membership cards. No leads being set out in view of Milwaukee establishing WILLIAM FERBER received traffic violations during period RAY was in jail.

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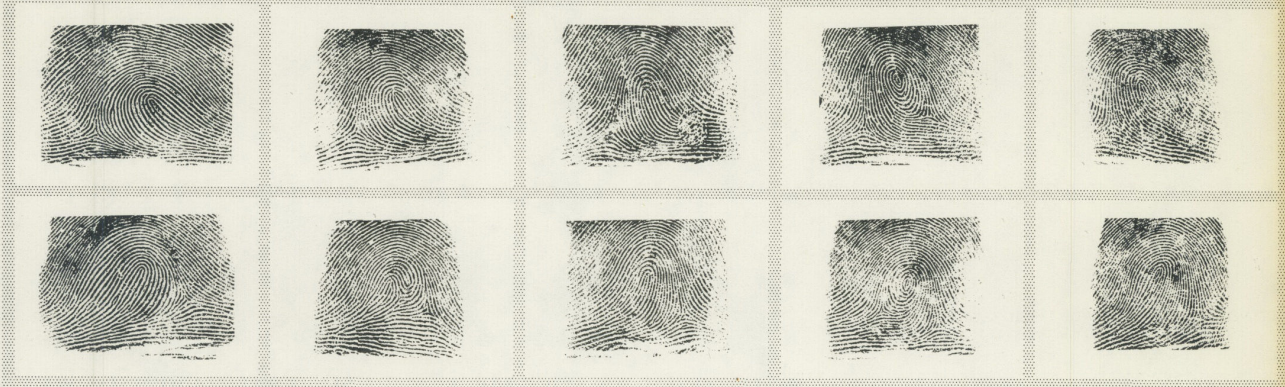
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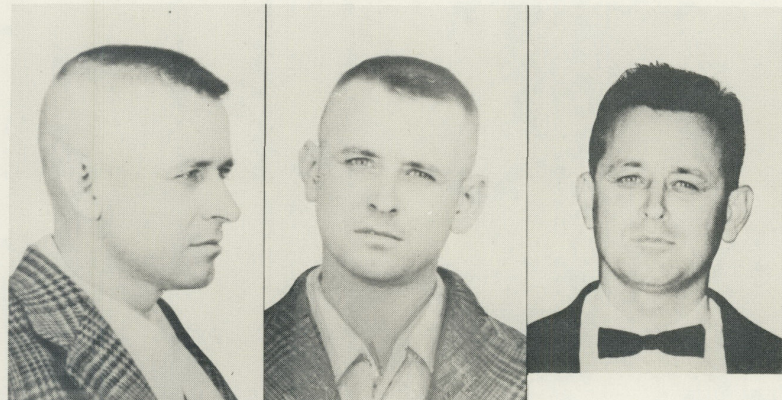
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ALIASES: Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim"



Photographs taken 1960

Photograph taken 1968
(eyes drawn by artist)



James Ray

DESCRIPTION

AGE: 40, born March 10, 1928, Alton, Illinois
HEIGHT: 5'10" EYES: blue
WEIGHT: 163 to 174 pounds COMPLEXION: medium
BUILD: medium RACE: white
HAIR: brown, possibly cut short NATIONALITY: American
OCCUPATIONS: baker, color matcher, laborer
SCARS AND MARKS: small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand
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 Confinement 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.
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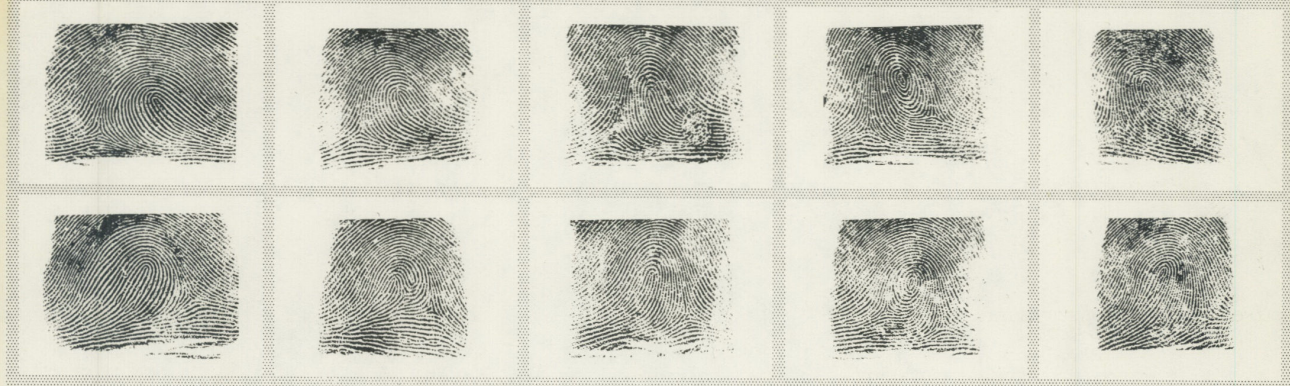
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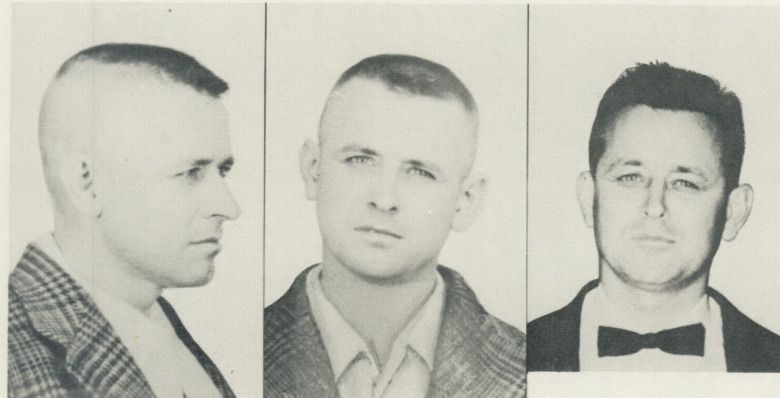
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ALIASES: Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim"



Photographs taken 1960

Photograph taken 1968
(eyes drawn by artist)



James Ray

DESCRIPTION

AGE: 40, born March 10, 1928, Alton, Illinois
HEIGHT: 5' 10" EYES: blue
WEIGHT: 163 to 174 pounds COMPLEXION: medium
BUILD: medium RACE: white
HAIR: brown, possibly cut short NATIONALITY: American
OCCUPATIONS: baker, color matcher, laborer
SCARS AND MARKS: small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand
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.

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

Identification Order 4182
April 20, 1968

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An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom wanted notices have been posted in the FBI's Identification Division, succeeded in determining that Galt and Ray are identical.

A Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a United States citizen. Ray is also sought for unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement after conviction for armed robbery, based on a Federal warrant issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri. He had been confined at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, in March, 1960, with a 20-year sentence following conviction for armed robbery and operating a motor vehicle without permission of the owner. In September, 1966, while serving the sentence, he was confined for a time in the maximum security ward at the State Hospital, Fulton, Missouri. He was reported missing from the Missouri State Penitentiary since April 23, 1967.

Ray, who has an arrest record dating back to 1949 and has been convicted of burglary, armed robbery and forging United States Postal Money Orders, has also been confined in the Los Angeles County Jail, the Joliet and Pontiac, Illinois, State Prisons and the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

He served in the Army between February, 1946, and December, 1948, received a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and breaking arrest and was given a General Discharge due to ineptness and lack of adaptability for military service.

Ray is a 40-year-old white male, reportedly born in Illinois on March 10, 1928. He is approximately 5'10" inches tall, weighs from 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and brown hair which he has worn cut short. He has a small scar on the center of his forehead and a scar on the palm of his right hand. He has been described as having a straight, narrow nose and straight and even teeth and to have a nervous habit of occasionally tugging at an ear lobe. His left ear protrudes noticeably.

Acquaintances describe him as a "loner" and "drifter" whose language and diction reflect a "rural" quality and indicate he has had limited education.

He is reportedly a fan of western and country music, drinks vodka and beer, dresses neatly and claims past employment as a merchant seaman and cook on Mississippi River vessels. He is known to have worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

He is known as an avid dancer who has taken dancing lessons. He also completed a course at a school of bartending in the Los Angeles area early in 1968.

Ray should be considered armed and extremely dangerous. Anyone with information concerning this fugitive is requested to immediately contact the nearest office of the FBI, the telephone number of which may be found on the first page of local telephone directories.



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